

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 07 August 2026 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards and their own independent review of races run from 03 August 2026 – 05 August 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ripon 03 August 2026:

Race 2 - The Napoleons Casino And Restaurant Leeds Fillies' Novice Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Clifford Lee, the rider of ROYALE UNION (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Lee has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August 2026.

Windsor 03 August 2026:

Race 5 - The Talk Sport Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Callaum Hutchinson, the rider of FREEDOM BAY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Hutchinson has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August 2026.

Lingfield Park 04 August 2026:

Race 4 - The John Cunliffe OBF 80th Birthday Handicap (Class 6)

Jack Gilligan, the rider of the winner, ELVETHAM (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Sunday 23 to Wednesday 26 August 2026, inclusive.

Brighton 05 August 2026:

Race 2 - The JenningsBet In Deal Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Molly Gunn, the rider of the winner, RIVER WHARFE, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 21 to Thursday 27 August 2026, inclusive.

Pontefract 05 August 2026:

Race 1 - The Honda Wakefield Super-N Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 6)

Miss Alice Cooke, the rider of QUIRKE ON PAROLE, placed third, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond approaching the final half furlong. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Sunday 23, Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Monday 31 August 2026.

Yarmouth 05 August 2026:

Race 6 - The Bet Central Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Taryn Langley, the rider of BANANA, placed fourth, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs. She will be suspended for 4 days from Sunday 23 to Wednesday 26 August 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Adam Barker