

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 07 October 2025 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 02 October 2025 – 05 October 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Nottingham 02 October 2025:

Race 6 - The PricedUp.Bet Grassroots Series Middle Distance Final Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 2)

Nicola Currie, the rider of CIARA PEARL, placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six approaching two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 October 2025, inclusive.

Southwell 02 October 2025:

Race 2 - The Paul Ferguson's Jumpers To Follow Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)

James Bowen, the rider of the winner PEEJAYBEE (FR), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Bowen has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days from Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 October 2025.

Ascot 03 October 2025:

Race 1 - The Thames Materials Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (For Male Amateur Riders) (Class 4)

Mr Cian Murphy, the rider of I STILL HAVE FAITH, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 October 2025, Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 November 2025.

Ascot 04 October 2025:

Race 1 - The BetMGM British EBF October Stakes (Listed Race) (Fillies & Mares) (Class 1)

Tyler Heard, the rider of the winner CAJOLE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Heard has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 October 2025, inclusive.

Race 2 - The BetMGM Rous Stakes (Listed Race) (Class 1)

Clifford Lee, the rider of BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25, inclusive and Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 October 2025, inclusive.

Redcar 04 October 2025:

Race 7 - The Market Cross Jewellers Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

David Nolan, the rider of THE CRAFTY MOLE (GB), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25, inclusive, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October 2025.

Newcastle 04 October 2025:

Race 8 - The Sky Sports Racing Sky 415 Fillies' Handicap (Class 5)

Andrew Breslin, the rider of the winner SAMRA STAR (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25, inclusive, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October 2025. One of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Georgina Cartwright