

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 08 May 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 04 May 2026 – 06 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Beverley 04 May 2026:

Race 4 - The We Love A Bank Holiday Handicap (Class 5)

David Nolan, the rider of the winner, ALFA DUPLICATE (IRE), 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; Friday 22, Saturday 23, Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Race 6 - The Churchill Tyres Handicap (Class 6)

Ben Robinson, the rider of FREDDY ROBINSON, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 22, Saturday 23, Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Kempton Park 04 May 2026:

Race 3 - The McCaffertys Bars Maiden Stakes (GBB Race) (Div II) (Class 4)

Neil Callan, the rider of TRINCULO, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 22, Saturday 23, Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Chester 06 May 2026:

Race 5 - The American Holidays Handicap (Class 3)

David Allan, the rider of GO VINCE GO (IRE), place fourth, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place approximately 2 furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Allan has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied but as Allan was referred to the Judicial Panel for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days was imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. He will be suspended for 12 days as follows; Friday 22, Saturday 23, Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May 2026, and Monday 01, Tuesday 02 and Wednesday 03 June 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Steven Drowne, Philip Spottiswood