

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 8 July 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 3 July 2025 – 6 July 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Perth – 3 July 2025

Race 3 - The Secure Air Parks Edinburgh Airport Parking Handicap Chase (Class 4)

Kevin Sexton, the rider of HARDY DIAMOND placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from 3 out. He will be suspended for 7 days on 24, 25, 27 July and 16, 18, 20 and 21 August 2025.

Kempton - 3 July 2025

Race 2 - The Unibet Zero% Mission Nursery Handicap (Class 5)

Adam Farragher, the rider of the winner MAGIC BOX (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Farragher has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 22 July – Thursday 24 July 2025 inclusive.

Sandown - 4 July 2025

Race 3 - The 50 Years Together Coral Dragon Stakes (Listed)(Class 1)

Callum Shepherd, the rider of the winner STAYA, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Shepherd 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 on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 July 2025.

Race 5 - The Davies Insurance Solutions Gala Stakes (Listed)(Class 1).

Colin Keane, the rider of the winner WINDLORD, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 14 days from Tuesday 22 July – Monday 4 August 2025 inclusive. He was also fined £350.

Jamie Spencer, the rider of CASH (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height on two occasions. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 22 July – Monday 28 July 2025 inclusive.

Haydock - 4 July 2025

Race 2 - The Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa Blackburn Handicap (Class 5)

Daniel Tudhope, the rider of PERCY'S DAYDREAM, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 July – Friday 25 July 2025 inclusive.

Leicester - 5 July 2025

Race 3 - The Dark Horse Chardonnay Handicap (Class 6).

Rhys Clutterbuck, the rider of OFFIAH'S BOY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 July – Friday 25 July 2025 inclusive.

Carlisle - 5 July 2025

Race 2 - The PricedUp.Bet Handicap (Class 5)

Elizabeth Gale, the rider of A MERE BAGATELLE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Gale has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 3 days on 24 July, 25 July and 27 July 2025.

Race 7 - The Grand Central Caledonia Finale Handicap (Class 5).

Nicola Currie, the rider of BALLASIO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from two furlongs out. This breach incurs a 4-day suspension. As Currie was referred to the Judicial Panel on 24 March 2025 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. She will therefore be suspended for 13 days from Tuesday 22 July – Sunday 3 August 2025 inclusive.

Market Rasen - 6 July 2025

Race 3 - The Dino Day Charity Umbrellas Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Lilly Pinchin, the rider of the winner, STROLL ON BYE (IRE), was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the second last hurdle. She will be suspended for 7 days on 24, 25, 27 July and 16, 18, 20 and 21 August 2025.

Race 4 - The paactfamily.com The Unseen Novices' Handicap Chase (Class 5).

Tom Cannon, the rider of LORD MAHER (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from the second last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days: 24 July, 25 July, 27 July, and 16 August 2025.

Committee:

Shaun Parker (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Adam Barker