

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 07 September 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 September 2026 – 06 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Haydock Park 03 September 2026:

Race 1 - The 100% Racing TV Profits Back To Racing Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 5)

Mr Daniel Perrin, the rider of SPIRIT CATCHER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six inside the final three furlongs. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; 23, 27, 28, 30 September 2026 and 02, 06, 12 October 2026.

Newcastle 03 September 2026:

Race 4 - The Christmas Parties At Newcastle Racecourse Handicap (Class 5)

Dylan Hogan, the rider of the winner, HOME SECRETARY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 September 2026, inclusive.

Ascot 04 September 2026:

Race 7 - The Sodexo Live! Handicap (Class 4)

Shane Foley, the rider of the winner, FIRST LEGION (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 September 2026, inclusive.

Worcester 04 September 2026:

Race 3 - The CopyBet For Premier League Profit Boosts Open National Hunt Flat Race (Cat 1 Elimination) (GBB Race) (Class 5)

Kielan Woods, the rider of the winner, DARK TIDE RISING (IRE), was found to have used his whip when his mount was clearly winning. Allowing for the fact Woods has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 September 2026, inclusive.

Race 4 - The John Burke Mares' Maiden Hurdle (Arc Summer Novices' Brush Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Callum Pritchard, the rider of ELATED, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven approaching the final hurdle. Allowing for the fact Pritchard 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, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September 2026.

Ascot 05 September 2026:

Race 3 - The tote £75K Guaranteed Placepot Today EBF 'Confined' Mdn Fillies' Stakes (Run No More Than Once) (GBB) (Class 2)

Connor Planas, the rider of DANNAHUE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact Planas 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, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September 2026.

Haydock Park 05 September 2026:

Race 3 - The Best Odds On The Betfair Exchange Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 2)

Clifford Lee, the rider of GALILEAN QUALITY (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 September 2026, inclusive.

Newcastle 05 September 2026:

Race 3 - The QuinnBet Extra Place Novice Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Conor Whiteley, the rider of LEAGUE OF JUSTICE (USA), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Whiteley's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Whiteley was referred to the Judicial Panel.

York 06 September 2026:

Race 7 - The Coopers Marquees Apprentice Handicap (Class 4)

Mikkel Mortensen, the rider of CANVAS, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 22 to Friday 25 September 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Gregory Pearson

Michael Eyre

Henry Pelly

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Lingfield Park 03 September 2026:

Race 7 – The Get Raceday Ready Handicap (Class 5)

Conor Whiteley, the rider of the winner, COME ON OVER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact Whiteley has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 September 2026, inclusive.