

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 09 January 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 05 January 2026 – 07 January 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 06 January 2026:

Race 5 - The Bet £10 Get £40 With BetMGM Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Edward Greatrex, the rider of R P MCMURPHY, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Greatrex has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Friday 23 and Saturday 24 January 2026.

Lingfield Park 07 January 2026:

Race 1 - Midnite Aint Your Grandads Bookie Handicap (Class 6)

Robert Havlin, the rider of the winner, ARC ZOOSVE, 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 23, Saturday 24, Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 January 2026.

Kempton Park 07 January 2026:

Race 7 - Industry Leading In-Play Markets At Unibet Handicap (Class 6)

Donagh Murphy, the rider of VOIX DE BOCELLI, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 23, Saturday 24, Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 January 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adrian Sharpe

Adam Barker