

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 09 September 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 04 September 2025 – 07 September 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 04 September 2025:

Race 1 - THE SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 519 FILLIES' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Jamie Spencer, the rider of the winner, OPERA WAVE, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height on 3 occasions. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 23 September to Thursday 2 October inclusive.

Race 4 - THE AT THE RACES APP EXPERT TIPS MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)

Callum Shepherd, the rider of the winner, BELLA PERLA (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Shepherd has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 September inclusive.

Ascot 06 September 2025:

Race 6 - THE RACING TO SCHOOL REACHES 250,000 HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Harry Davies, the rider of the winner, BROSAY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Davies has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days; Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September.

Fred Daly, the rider of JUBILEE WALK, placed second, 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 from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 September inclusive.

York 07 September 2025:

Race 2 - THE SKY BET SUPER SUB SPRINT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

Ethan Tindall, the rider of VINTAGE CLARETS, unplaced, 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 from Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 September inclusive.

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

York 07 September 2025:

Race 7 - THE SKY BET, FOR THE FANS MILE APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Cian Horgan, the rider of, RAJPOUR (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Horgan has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 September inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Henry Pelly

Shaun Parker