

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

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

Pontefract 05 October 2026:

Race 6 - The GOOD BISCUIT - PONTE PREMIERSHIP CHAMPION HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

David Nolan, the rider of the winner, SELECTION (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 09, Monday 19, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October 2026.

Wolverhampton 05 October 2026:

Race 9 - The DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP NOVICE STAKES (CLASS 4)

Hector Crouch, the rider of the winner, GROW OLD WITH ME (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Crouch 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, Friday 23 and Monday 26 October 2026.

Huntingdon 06 October 2026:

Race 6 - The ADVERTISE AT HUNTINGDON RACECOURSE IN 2026/2027 "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5)

Sam Twiston-Davies, the rider of HARBOUR MUSIC, placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount to respond from passing the wings of what would be the final hurdle. Allowing for the fact Twiston-Davies 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, Sunday 18 and Tuesday 20 October 2026.

Leicester 06 October 2026:

Race 1 - The WILLPOWER GROUP APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Jack Dace, the rider of DASHING DICK (IRE), 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 as follows; Friday 23, Monday 26, Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 October 2026.

Seamus Cronin, the rider of SNAIFY, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this

was to be Cronin's fifth suspension within the previous 6 months for a breach of the whip rules, Cronin was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Phillip Spottiswood