

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 10 February 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 February 2026 – 08 February 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 05 February 2026:

Race 5 - The Midnite, Building The Future Of Betting Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Edward Greatrex, the rider of HALIPHON, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 February 2026, inclusive, and Monday 02 and Tuesday 03 March 2026.

Newcastle 06 February 2026:

Race 2 - The SBK: Betting Without The Bull Handicap (Div I) (Class 5)

David Nolan, the rider of the winner, FLOWSTATE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Nolan 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 Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 February 2026, inclusive.

Lingfield Park 07 February 2026:

Race 1 - The Always Gamble Responsibly At BetMGM Apprentice Handicap (Class 6)

Mikkel Mortensen, the rider of MISTER MOET (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 February 2026, inclusive.

Warwick 07 February 2026:

Race 8 - The Total Metal Recovery Mares' Open National Hunt Flat Race (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB Race)(Class 5)

Luke Scott, the rider of the winner, POPTON POINT (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Scott 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 24 and Wednesday 25 February 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Georgina Cartwright