

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 10 June 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 05 June 2025 – 08 June 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Hamilton 05 June 2025:

Race 7 - The #cleanstay At Hampton By Hilton Handicap (Class 6)

Andrew Mullen, the rider of PACO'S PRIDE, 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 Mullen 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 June 2025, inclusive.

Ffos Las 05 June 2025:

Race 4 - The Subaru Crosstrek Handicap Hurdle (Class 5).

Ellis Collier, the rider of MIND HUNTER, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25, Friday 27, and Monday 29 June 2025.

Race 6 - The Celtic Subaru Supporting Ffos Las Racecourse Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Isabel Williams, the rider of the winner BALKARDY (FR), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last. Allowing for the fact that Williams has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June 2025.

Dylan Johnston, the rider of TWIST OF FATECATCH (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the second last. Allowing for the fact that Johnston 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 as follows; Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25, and Friday 27 June 2025.

Bangor-On-Dee 06 June 2025:

Race 5 - The Clwyd Special Riding Centre Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Conor O'Farrell, the rider of AL SAYAH, placed second, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hand off the reins on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that O'Farrell 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 24 and Wednesday 25 June 2025.

Goodwood 06 June 2025:

Race 4 - The Derby Betting With World Pool Apprentice Handicap (Class 5).

Archie Young, the rider of SAXONIA, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 June 2025, inclusive.

Race 6 - The Three Friday Nights With Hot Chip Apprentice Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Jack Doughty, the rider of ISLE OF SARK (USA), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 24 to Monday 30 June 2025, inclusive.

Bath 06 June 2025:

Race 1 - The Netbet £10 Free Bet Welcome Handicap (Bath Summer Stayers' Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Georgia Dobie, the rider of the winner FRANCESCO BARACCA, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Dobie has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June 2025.

Doncaster 06 June 2025:

Race 7 - The Weston Park Cancer Support On 01145533330 Handicap (Class 5)

Sam Hitchcott, the rider of JUSTENZIA (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Hitchcott 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 June 2025, inclusive.

Musselburgh 07 June 2025:

Race 5 - The Edinburgh Cup Handicap (Class 2).

Joe Fanning, the rider of the winner THUNDER WONDER (IRE), 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 24 to Friday 27 June 2025, inclusive.

Epsom 07 June 2025:

Race 4 - The Aston Martin "Dash" Handicap (Heritage Handicap) (Class 2)

Grace McEntee, the rider of MARCHING MAC (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 June 2025, inclusive.

Chepstow 07 June 2025:

Race 1 - The Michael Maine Memorial Cup Handicap (Class 6)

Jordan Williams, the rider of the winner, LEVEL UP (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. As Williams was referred to the Judicial Panel on 10 March 2025 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days was imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. Therefore, Williams will be suspended for 13 days from Tuesday 24 June to Sunday 06 July 2025, inclusive.

Race 3 - The DragonBet - Oncourse And Online Handicap (Class 4)

Gina Mangan, the rider of the winner DAPPER GEE GEE, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Mangan has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June 2025.

Perth 08 June 2025:

Race 2 - The bet365 Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5).

Mr Dara McGill, the rider of BRINGSTY, unplaced, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven from after the second last flight, as well as using his whip without time to respond. He will be suspended for 14 days as follows; Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 June, Tuesday 1 and Thursday 24 July, and Saturday 16 August with a further 8 days to be notified.

Race 6 - The Bet Boost At bet365 Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Stan Sheppard, the rider of the winner IMPERIAL ALEX, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25, Friday 27, Sunday 29 June and Tuesday 01, Wednesday 02 and Thursday 03 July 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Shaun Parker, Georgina Cartwright