Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

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

Plumpton 05 November 2026:

Race 4 - The Call Star Sports On 08000 521 321 Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Tom Cannon, the rider of the winner, DIPLOMATIC ASH (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from after jumping the final fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 November 2026, inclusive.

Fontwell Park 06 November 2026:

Race 6 - The Weddings At Fontwell Park Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Lilly Pinchin, the rider of the winner, PIPPIN'S LEGEND, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven from halfway down the back straight. She will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 24 to Monday 30 November 2026, inclusive.

Hexham 06 November 2026:

Race 3 - The carpetgallop.co.uk Handicap Chase (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Patrick Wadge, the rider of C'MON SO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the final fence. Allowing for the fact Wadge has had over 150 rides in Great Britian since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 November 2026.

Doncaster 07 November 2026:

Race 1 - The Virgin Bet Training Series Final Apprentice Handicap (Part Of The Racing Excellence Series) (Div I) (Class 4).

Kyle McHugh, the rider of the winner, IT JUST TAKES TIME (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 November 2026, inclusive.

Aintree 07 November 2026:

Race 5 - The Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Patrick Wadge, the rider of the winner, IDEM (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Thursday 26, Friday 27, Sunday 29 and Monday 30 November 2026.

Ffos Las 08 November 2026:

Race 3 - The Dandara Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Miss Eleanor Williams, the rider of FOLLOWANGO (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. Allowing for the fact Williams has had over 75 rides in Great Britian since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 3 days as follows; Wednesday 25, Friday 27 November 2026 and Tuesday 01 December 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Philip Spottiswood