

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 11 August 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 06 August 2026 – 09 August 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newmarket 06 August 2026:

Race 6 - The Knight Frank Handicap (Class 5)

Taryn Langley, the rider of KING'S CASTLE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Langley's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using her whip above the permitted level, Langley was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Brighton 06 August 2026:

Race 1 - The JenningsBet In Bexhill On Sea Apprentice Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Molly Gunn, the rider of RIVER WHARFE, placed third, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six approaching two furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 28 to Monday 31 August 2026, inclusive.

Chepstow 06 August 2026:

Race 3 - The Dunraven Windows Supports Chepstow Centenary Celebrations Handicap (Class 4)

Seamus Cronin, the rider of CONTROL ROOM, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 August 2026, inclusive.

Newmarket 07 August 2026:

Race 5 - The Rekorderlig Fillies' Handicap (Class 5)

William Cox, the rider of SHOW ME GOLD, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Cox 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 25 to Thursday 27 August 2026, inclusive.

Ascot 08 August 2026:

Race 5 - The Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Classic (Handicap) (GBBPlus Race) (Class 3)

Jerry Chau, the rider of BALTIC FLEET (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 August 2026, inclusive.

Redcar 08 August 2026:

Race 4 - The Every Race Live On Racing TV Handicap (Class 3)

Alex Jary, the rider of FIDELIUS, placed second, 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 that Jary 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 25 to Thursday 27 August 2026, inclusive.

Lingfield Park 08 August 2026:

Race 3 - The Bay Gardens Handicap (Class 6)

Jason Watson, the rider of SHOPAHOLIC, placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Watson 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 25 and Wednesday 26 August 2026.

Ayr 08 August 2026:

Race 7 - The Festive Day Dancing At Ayr Racecourse Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Mikey Sheehy, the rider of the winner, PATRICK STREET, 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 25 to Friday 28 August 2026, inclusive.

Sean Kirrane, the rider of FLYING MOONLIGHT (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Kirrane 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 25 to Thursday 27 August 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Gregory Pearson, Georgina Cartwright

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

Southwell 06 August 2026:

Race 8 - Download The At The Races App Handicap (Class 6)

David Allan, the rider of DINGWALL, 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, Sunday 09, Sunday 23, Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 August 2026.