

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 11 November 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 06 November 2025 – 09 November 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Sedgefield 06 November 2025:

Race 1 - The Fairlight Studios At Sedgefield Racecourse Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Fern O'Brien, the rider of the winner, ZENATO (IRE), was found to have used her whip when her mount was clearly winning. Allowing for the fact that O'Brien has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 November 2025, inclusive.

Race 7 - The Paxtons No1 For CaselH Mares' Handicap Hurdle (Div II) (Class 5)

Aaron Anderson, the rider of SOMEBODYCOMEGETHER, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Anderson 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 from Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 November 2025, inclusive.

Newcastle 07 November 2025:

Race 4 - The Bet £10 Get £40 With BetMGM Fillies' Handicap (Class 5)

Elizabeth Gale, the rider of GRADUATED, placed second, was found to have used her whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 November 2025, inclusive.

Stephen Donohoe, the rider of EMERY DOWN, placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Donohoe 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 November 2025.

Race 8 - The Best Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Andrew Elliott, the rider of CABLE BEACH, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond approaching the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 November 2025, inclusive.

Wincanton 08 November 2025:

Race 7 - The Gamble Responsibly At BetMGM Open National Hunt Flat Race (Category 2 Elimination) (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Freddie Gingell, the rider of the winner, NO WAY JAY (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the wings of what would be the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 25 November to Monday 01 December 2025, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 08 November 2025:

Race 2 - The Join The Midnite Movement Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

The winner, AAJEJ, ridden by Harry Davies, was found to have minor weals post-race. Davies will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 November 2025, inclusive.

Ffos Las 09 November 2025:

Race 4 - The DragonBet The Independent Online Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Ned Fox, the rider of the winner, MISTER BARCLAY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 November 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Sarah Ellison