

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 12 May 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 07 May 2026 – 10 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Windsor 07 May 2026:

Race 1 - The Tips For Every Race At raceday-ready.com Handicap (Class 6)

Kieren Fox, the rider of HONOUR YOUR DREAMS (FR), placed fourth, 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 26 to Friday 29 May 2026, inclusive.

Race 4 - The Best Odds Guaranteed At greatbet.co.uk Handicap (Class 6)

Taryn Langley, the rider of BELLE AMIE (SWE), placed fourth, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May 2026, inclusive.

Race 6 - The attheraces.com/marketmovers Handicap (Brighton Summer Sprint Series Qualifier) (Class 6)

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of CANDY WARHOL (USA), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be O'Neill's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, O'Neill was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Redcar 07 May 2026:

Race 8 - The Watch Race Replays At racingtv.com Handicap (Class 6)

Alex Jary, the rider of the winner, AUSPICIOUS, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 26 May 2026 to Monday 01 June 2026, inclusive.

Southwell 07 May 2026:

Race 7 - The attheraces.com/marketmovers Handicap (Class 6)

Sean Kirrane, the rider of the winner, CHARLIE DARLING (FR), 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 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 as follows; Thursday 14, Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 May 2026.

Ascot 08 May 2026:

Race 7 - The Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0% Apprentice Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Taryn Langlely, the rider of CALVERT, placed third, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six approaching the final two furlongs. She will be suspended for 7 days from Saturday 30 May 2026 to Friday 05 June 2026, inclusive.

Chester 08 May 2026:

Race 4 - The Ladbrokes Chester Cup (Heritage Handicap) (GBBPlus Race) (Class 2)

Dylan Browne McMonagle, the rider of the winner, A PIECE OF HEAVEN (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race with a total prize fund of £150,000 or more, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 26 May 2026 to Tuesday 02 June 2026, inclusive.

Ripon 08 May 2026:

Race 4 - Sam Alexander Memorial Handicap (Class 4)

Barry McHugh, the rider of FORTAMOUR (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May 2026, inclusive.

Haydock Park 09 May 2026:

Race 1 - The Pertemps Network Long Distance Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Phillip Byrne, the rider of EAGLE FANG (IRE), placed second, 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; Saturday 30, Sunday 31 May 2026, Tuesday 02 and Wednesday 03 June 2026.

Race 4 – The Pertemps Newton Handicap (Class 5)

Jack Doughty, the rider of KEEP IT CLASSIC, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final three furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Doughty 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 26 and Wednesday 27 May 2026.

Nottingham 09 May 2026:

Race 4 - The Boosted Odds Every Race At Betano Handicap (Class 4).

Benoit De La Sayette, the rider of the winner, PRINCIPALITY (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 26 May 2026 to Thursday 04 June 2026, inclusive.

Alec Voikhansky, the rider of HELM ROCK, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final three furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May 2026, inclusive.

Hexham 09 May 2026:

Race 4 - The Paxtons Heart Of All England Maiden Hunters' Chase (For The Heart Of All England Trophy) (Class 4)

Miss Joana Walton, the rider of WHATUDOING (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Wednesday 27, Friday 29 and Sunday 31 May 2026 and Saturday 06 June 2026.

Warwick 09 May 2026:

Race 5 - The Paxtons Heart Of All England Maiden Hunters' Chase (For The Heart Of All England Trophy) (Class 4)

Miss Charlotte Butler, the rider of GOOD SOURCE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip more than five times above the permitted level of seven, from jumping the sixth last fence. Taking into account that none of the uses were clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes, GOOD SOURCE (IRE) was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11. Miss Butler will be suspended for 20 days as follows: 27, 29, 31 May 2026, 06, 11, 23, 24, 26, 30 June 2026, 18 July 2026 and 15, 25 August 2026, with the further 8 dates to be provided in due course.

Mr Frederick Philipson-Stow, the rider of BEST MATE DAVE, which finished fourth and was subsequently placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven approaching the final fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Wednesday 27 and Friday 29 May 2026, Saturday 06 and Thursday 11 June 2026.

Leicester 09 May 2026:

Race 4 - The Best Ticket Deals Online At leicester-racecourse.co.uk Handicap (Class 5)

Jack Callan, the rider of the winner, JOHN GALT, 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 26 to Friday 29 May 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adrian Sharpe

Henry Pelly

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

Haydock Park 09 May 2026:

Race 4 – The Pertemps Newton Handicap (Class 5)

Cieren Fallon, the rider of the winner, SALKADAN, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of 6 from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 2 days Tuesday 12 and Monday 25 May 2026.