Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 12 September 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 08 September 2025 – 10 September 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Catterick Bridge 09 September 2025:

Race 1 - THE RACING TO SCHOOL REACHES 250,000 AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Mr Jamie Neild, the rider of UNIVERSAL STORY (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Sunday 28 and Tuesday 29 September, and Wednesday 01 and Friday 03 October.

Race 7 - THE RACING AGAIN 1ST OCTOBER HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Joe Fanning, the rider of the winner, ORIGINAL THINKER, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Fanning has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Friday 26, Sunday 28 and Monday 29 September.

Leicester 09 September 2025:

Race 5 - THE ROWLEYS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Shane Kelly, the rider of FENLANDER, unplaced, was found to have used his whip without time to respond on two separate occasions from approximately one furlong out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 26 September to Wednesday 02 October inclusive.

Carlisle 09 September 2025:

Race 3 - THE SKY BET SUPER SUB SPRINT HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2)

William Pyle, the rider of BABY ROVER (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 Pyle has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days as follows: Friday 26, Sunday 28 and Monday 29 September.

Panel:

Adrian Sharpe (Chair)

Philip Spottiswood

Greg Pearson