

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

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

Lingfield Park 08 December 2025:

Race 4 - The Midnite A Next Generation Betting App Handicap (Class 5)

Paddy Bradley, the rider of the winner, FASCINATING SHADOW (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Bradley 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, Friday 26 and Saturday 27 December 2025.

Musselburgh 08 December 2025:

Race 4 - The Nairns Oatcakes Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Craig Nichol, the rider of the winner, YOU DID (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Nichol has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 December 2025.

Leicester 10 December 2025:

Race 2 - The Weatherbys Stallion Book 'National Hunt' Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Lewis Saunders, the rider of RONNIES REFLECTION, unplaced, was found to have used his whip above shoulder height on four occasions from jumping the second last fence. He will be suspended for 13 days, from Friday 26 December 2025 to Wednesday 07 January 2026, and one of these dates will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Kempton Park 10 December 2025:

Race 8 - The Racehorse Shares For Christmas @racingclub.com Handicap (Class 6)

John Egan, the rider of the winner, ADACE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 26 to Monday 29 December 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Adam Barker