

### **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:**

On Friday 13 February 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 09 February 2026 – 11 February 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Southwell 11 February 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - The Midnite, Building The Future Of Betting Handicap (Class 5)**

Zak Wheatley, the rider of the winner, THANKUAPPRECIATE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Wheatley 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; Friday 27, Saturday 28 February 2026 and Monday 02 March 2026.

##### **Panel:**

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steve Drowne

Georgina Cartwright