# Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

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

## Ayr 11 November 2026:

Race 5 - The Coral "We're Here For It" Handicap Chase (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Brian Hughes, the rider of BRIDGE COURT (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact Hughes has had over 75 rides in Great Britian since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days as follows; Monday 16, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 November 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Adam Barker