

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 14 July 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 July 2026 – 12 July 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Carlisle 09 July 2026:

Race 4 – The Rachael Bell Wealth Management Handicap (Class 6)

Jonathan England, the rider of the winner, GREAT, 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 Friday 31 July 2026 to Monday 03 August 2026, inclusive.

Race 6 - The Dalston 'Confined' Handicap (For horses Which Have Not Won In 2026) (Class 5)

Warren Fentiman, the rider of SUPREME CLARETS (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 Fentiman 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 31 July 2026 and Saturday 01 August 2026.

Worcester 10 July 2026:

Race 3 - The Amodil Group Novices' Hurdle (ARC Summer Novices' Brush Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Gavin Sheehan, the rider of the winner, REGARDER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Saturday 15, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Saturday 22 August 2026.

Chester 11 July 2026:

Race 5 - The Raymond & Kathleen Corbett Memorial City Plate Stakes (Listed Race) (Class 1)

Faleh Bughenaim, the rider of HOLGUIN, placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 31 July 2026 to Monday 03 August 2026, inclusive.

Race 7 - The Minuty, The Spirit Of Saint-Tropez Handicap (Class 5)

David Allan, the rider of FAST FRED, placed second, was found to have used his once above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Allan 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 from Friday 31 July 2026 to Sunday 02 August 2026, inclusive.

Ascot 11 July 2026:

Race 6 - The Racing To Zero Fillies' Handicap (Class 3)

David Probert, the rider of BLINGY'S SISTER (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Probert 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 31 July 2026 and Saturday 01 August 2026.

Race 7 - The Thames Hospice Trunks Across The Thames Handicap (Class 4)

Ryan Sexton, the rider of HAVANA BLUE, placed second, 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 Sexton 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 31 July 2026 and Saturday 01 August 2026.

Newmarket 11 July 2026:

Race 6 - The Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai July Cup Stakes (Group 1) (Class 1)

Christophe Lemaire, the rider of SATONO REVE (JPN), placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond inside the final half furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 31 July 2026 to Monday 03 August 2026, inclusive.

York 11 July 2026:

Race 6 - THE JOHN SMITH'S SILVER CUP STAKES (CLASS 1) (Group 3)

Rossa Ryan, the rider of TABLETALK (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 Ryan has had more than 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 6 days from Tuesday 28 July 2026 to Sunday 02 August 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Adam Barker