

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 14 October 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 06 October 2025 – 12 October 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Wolverhampton 06 October 2025:

Race 1 - The Free Tips Daily On attheraces.com Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 5)

Mr Fletcher Yarham, the rider of the winner SERIOUS LOOK (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 October, and Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 November.

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Race 4 - The Tennent's Lager Handicap (Class 4)

Oisin McSweeney, the rider of WOBWOBWOB (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 McSweeney has had more than 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 October 2025, inclusive.

Chepstow 10 October 2025:

Race 7 - The David Pipe Racing Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Rian Corcoran, the rider of OLD BRIDGE (FR), unplaced, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 October 2025, inclusive.

Newmarket 11 October 2025:

Race 1 - The Too Darn Hot Darley Stakes (Group 3) (Class 1)

Oisin Murphy, the rider of GLADIUS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Murphy's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Murphy was referred to the Judicial Panel.

York 11 October 2025:

Race 6 - The Coral Racing Club Stayers Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Daniel Tudhope, the rider of RIBBLE VIBE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Wednesday 5 to Saturday 8 November 2025, inclusive.

David Allan, the rider of MARBUZET, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Allan's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Allan was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Wolverhampton 11 October 2025:

Race 3 - The Tips For Every Race At raceday-ready.com Nursery Handicap (Class 6)

Kyle McHugh, the rider of ANEEDAHBEER (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Wednesday 29 October 2025 to Saturday 01 November 2025, inclusive and Monday 03 to Wednesday 05 November 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Henry Pelley

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Newcastle 09 October 2025:

Race 2 - Sky Sports Racing Virgin 519 Handicap (Class 5)

Ray Dawson, the rider of RELOCAL (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Dawson has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Sunday 12 and Thursday 23 October.