

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 15 April 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 10 April 2025 – 13 April 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newcastle 10 April 2025:

Race 7 - The Win £1M With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Dale Swift, the rider of ODD SOCKS HAVANA, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Swift 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 Tuesday 29 April Thursday 01 May 2025, inclusive.

Hereford 10 April 2025:

Race 6 - The Accasion Marquees Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Jack Tudor, the rider of SIDE STEPPER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height from jumping the final fence. Allowing for the fact that Tudor 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 03 and Monday 05 May 2025.

Sedgefield 11 April 2025:

Race 1 - The Download The betvickers.com App Maiden Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Ben Harvey, the rider of the winner SAGE CONSEIL (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from turning in. He will be suspended for 7 days from Saturday 03, Monday 05 to Saturday 10 May, inclusive.

Ayr 12 April 2025:

Race 2 - The CPMS Novices' Champion Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Tom Cannon, the rider of the winner MASACCIO (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Cannon 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 03 and Monday 05 May 2025.

Nottingham 12 April 2025:

Race 6 - The Shipstones Fine Ales Fillies' Handicap (Class 5)

Billy Loughnane, the rider of COMA CLUSTER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Loughnane 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, Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 April 2025.

Thirsk 12 April 2025:

Race 8 - The Barstewards Enquiry Racing Podcast Handicap (Class 6)

Brandon Wilkie, the rider of CALAFRIO, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Wilkie 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 Tuesday 29 April to Thursday 01 May 2025, inclusive.

Stratford-On-Avon 13 April 2025:

Race 6 - The Racing TV Open Hunters' Chase (Class 5)

Alex Chadwick, the rider of the winner, ALLMANKIND, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Friday 02, Wednesday 07, Saturday 10, Wednesday 14, Friday 16, Tuesday 20, Sunday 25 May 2025.

Panel:

Adrian Sharpe (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Henry Pelly