

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 15 May 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 11 May 2026 – 13 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Windsor 11 May 2026:

Race 3 - The Fitzdares Sprint Series Handicap (Windsor Sprint Series Qualifier) (Class 3)

Neil Callan, the rider of DESERT COP (GB), placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 29 May 2026 to Thursday 04 June 2026, inclusive.

Bath 12 May 2026:

Race 3 - The Best Cleaning Group Maiden Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Patrick Dobbs, the rider of the winner, NOBLE VOW (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 29 May 2026 to Monday 01 June 2026, inclusive.

Perth 13 May 2026:

Race 4 - The Murrayshall Cairns Handicap Chase (Class 5)

William Maggs, the rider of DEFYING GRAVITY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the final fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 May 2026, Tuesday 02 and Wednesday 03 June 2026.

Race 6 - The Murrayshall Meetings And Events Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Div I) (Class 5)

Alan Doyle, the rider of the winner, PRINCE NINO (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven approaching the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact Doyle 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 30 and Sunday 31 May 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Adam Barker