

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 15 September 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 10 September 2026 – 13 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Worcester 10 September 2026:

Race 7 - The CopyBet Bog Now For Doncaster Tomorrow Handicap Hurdle (Div II) (Class 5)

Jonjo O'Neill, the rider of BATHARA (FR), unplaced, was found to have used his whip when out of contention after jumping the final hurdle. He will be suspended for 5 days from Tuesday 29 September 2026 to Saturday 03 October 2026, inclusive.

Chester 11 September 2026:

Race 5 - The TMT Group Handicap (Class 4)

Jack Nicholls, the rider of RAN AMOK (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip excessively down the shoulder in the backhand for encouragement with his hands on the reins from leaving the stalls. He will be suspended for 4 days Tuesday 29 September 2026 to Friday 02 October 2026, inclusive.

Doncaster 11 September 2026:

Race 2 - The Betfred Leger Legends Classified Stakes (Class 5)

Niall Madden, the rider of the winner, TOLSTOY (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching one and a half furlongs out. He will be fined £150.

Adam Kirby, the rider of CARAGIO (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place approaching one and a half furlongs out. He will be fined £150.

Adrain Nicholls, the rider of CELTIC CHARIOT (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hand off the reins from one and a half furlongs out. He will be fined £150.

All fines levied for this race will be donated to the Injured Jockeys Fund.

Musselburgh 12 September 2026:

Race 4 - The Jewson Edinburgh Selling Handicap (Class 5)

Amie Waugh, the rider of MOTAWAARED, placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six approaching three furlongs out. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Tuesday 29 September 2026 to Saturday 03 October 2026, inclusive, Monday 05 and Tuesday 06 October 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Steven Drowne, Phillip Spottiswood