

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 17 February 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 12 February 2026 – 15 February 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Lingfield Park 12 February 2026:

Race 6 - The BetMGM Supports Safer Gambling Handicap (Class 4)

Conor Whiteley, the rider of LEXINGTON JET (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position inside the final half a furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 03 to Friday 06 March 2026, inclusive.

Kelso 13 February 2026:

Race 2 - The Albert Bartlett Triple Crown Series Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Qualifier) (Class 4)

William Maggs, the rider of MILAN PARK (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Maggs 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, Tuesday 03 and Wednesday 04 March 2026.

Race 7 - The Racing TV Open Maiden National Hunt Flat Race (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Daniel McMenamin, the rider of the winner, THELASTMANFROMPENR, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the wings of what would have been the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 03 to Friday 06 March 2026, inclusive.

Chepstow 13 February 2026:

Race 5 - The Fairplay Lets Bet On It! Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Lucy Gardner, the rider of ASTRONOMIC VIEW, placed third, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond from jumping the second last fence. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 03 to Friday 06 March 2026, inclusive.

Race 6 - The Dunraven Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Toby McCain-Mitchell, the rider of HARBOUR LIGHT, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last hurdle and down the shoulder in the forehand with his hand off the reins on the run the line. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 03 to Tuesday 10 March 2026, inclusive.

Haydock Park 14 February 2026:

Race 6 - The Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Mr Oran McGill, the rider of CAVE COURT (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 03 to Friday 06 March 2026, inclusive.

Shane Markey, the rider of FOUND A DIAMOND (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond approaching the last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 03 to Friday 06 March 2026, inclusive.

Ascot 14 February 2026:

Race 3 - The Betfair Exchange Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Freddie Keighley, the rider of DE TEMPS EN TEMPS (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Keighley has had 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 03 to Thursday 05 March 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Phillip Spottiswood