

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 17 June 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 12 June 2025 – 15 June 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Great Yarmouth 12 June 2025:

Race 5 - The Winning Experience With Moulton Racing Handicap (Class 5)

George Wood, the rider of THUNDER STAR, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong out. Allowing for the fact that Wood 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 01 and Wednesday 02 July 2025.

York 13 June 2025:

Race 5 - The Seat Unique Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 2)

Andrew Mullen, the rider of PADDY THE SQUIRE, placed third, 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 Tuesday 01 to Friday 04 July 2025, inclusive.

Market Rasen 13 June 2025:

Race 5 - The Bob & Babs Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Tom Midgley, the rider of the winner TOP OF THE BAY (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the last fence in the back straight. Allowing for the fact that Midgley 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 01 and Wednesday 02 July 2025.

York 14 June 2025:

Race 2 - The Queen Mother's Cup Handicap (For Female Amateur Jockeys) (GBBPlus Race) (Class 3)

Miss Megan Jordan, the rider of the winner MY DREAM WORLD, was found to have used her whip four times above the permitted level of six from approaching two furlongs out. Taking into account that none of the uses were clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes, MY DREAM WORLD was disqualified under Rule (L)47.11. Miss Jordan will be suspended for 14 days as follows: Friday 04, Saturday 05, Sunday 06, Thursday 10, Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July 2025, Wednesday 06 and Thursday 07 August 2025.

Hexham 14 June 2025:

Race 3 - The Cleansweep Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Charlie Price, the rider of HALFWAY HOUSE LAD, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Price has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 01 to Thursday 03 July 2025, inclusive.

Race 7 - The Brocksbushes Open National Hunt Flat Race (Category 2 Elimination) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Joe Williamson, the rider of LOOKS MATTER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Williamson has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 01 to Thursday 03 July 2025, inclusive.

Leicester 14 June 2025:

Race 2 - The Dark Horse Ladies' Day Saturday 5th July Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Marco Ghiani, the rider of ROYAL JET, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip with his whip with his arm above shoulder height. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 01 to Friday 04 July 2025, inclusive.

Hamilton Park 15 June 2025:

Race 7 - The Sky Bet Price Boosts Apprentice Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Harry Burns, the rider of GOLSPIE (IRE), placed second, 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 Tuesday 01 to Monday 07 July 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Philip Spottiswood