

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 17 July 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 13 July 2026 – 15 July 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Leicester 14 July 2026:

Race 7 - The Private Boxes For Best View @leicesterraces Classified Stakes (Class 6)

Sean Levey, the rider of the winner, MANHATTAN CHUTE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Levey 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, Friday 31 July 2026 and Saturday 01 August 2026.

Wolverhampton 14 July 2026:

Race 5 - The Free Bets On attheraces.com Handicap (Div I) (Class 6).

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of the winner, ON KEY, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from rounding the home bend. As O'Neill was referred to the Judicial Panel on 01 June 2026 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days was imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. O'Neill will be suspended for 13 days as from Monday 03 to Saturday 15 August 2026, inclusive.

Bath 15 July 2026:

Race 1 - The Broughton Transport The Mane Logistics Choice Apprentice Handicap (Class 5)

Liam Wright, the rider of REALITY QUEEN, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond inside the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Wright 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 Friday 31 July 2026 to Monday 02 August 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Henry Pelly