Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

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

Cheltenham 13 November 2026:

Race 5 - THE ALBERT BARTLETT NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 1) (Grade 2) (REGISTERED AS THE HYDE) (GBB RACE)

Tristan Durrell, the rider of HITINTHEHEADLINES (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from passing what would usually be the last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Durrell has had more than 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of being above permitted level was doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 4 December inclusive.

Windsor 14 November 2026:

Race 6 - THE CUTLER AND GROSS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Freddie Gingell, the rider of the winner, FASOL, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the final flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 4 December inclusive.

Cheltenham 14 November 2026:

Race 4 - THE FROM THE HORSES MOUTH PODCAST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Michael Kenneally, the rider of the winner, BLACK BAMBOO (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on three occasions after the last. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 10 December inclusive.

Race 6 - THE PADDY POWER INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

Daire McConville, the rider of SEAMOON STORY (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from the second last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 4 December inclusive.

Fontwell 15 November 2026:

Race 2 - THE STONEX SOUTHERN NATIONAL HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Rian Corcoran, the rider of the winner, LIVIN ON LUCO (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven from the third last and his mount was found to have

minor weals post-race. He will be suspended for 17 days from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 17 December inclusive. One of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching. He will also be fined £500.

Jack Stenhouse, the rider of CALL ME LEGEND (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from three out. Allowing for the fact that Stenhouse has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days; Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 December.

Charlie Maggs, the rider of JACK'S JURY (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from rounding the home bend. Allowing for the fact that Maggs has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 3 days; Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 December.

Panel

Sam Angell

Henry Pelly

Steve Drowne