

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 20 October 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 15 October 2026 – 18 October 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Market Rasen 17 October 2026:

Race 6 - The Pertemps Network Novices' Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Jack Andrews, the rider of GOLLY GOSH (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact Andrews 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 November 2026.

Southwell 17 October 2026:

Race 1 - The Bet Vickers Durham National Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

James Sullivan, the rider of BARLEYBROWN, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from shortly after the start. Allowing for the fact Sullivan 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 Tuesday 03 to Thursday 05 November 2026, inclusive.

Race 3 - The Saturday 24th October Gents Night Handicap (Div I) (Class 5)

Joe Leavy, the rider of MIDSUMMER STORM (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six approaching two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 06, Saturday 07, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November 2026.

Sedgefield 18 October 2026:

Race 4 - The Bet Vickers Durham National Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Adam Wedge, the rider of FEVER DREAM (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact Wedge 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 November 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Georgina Cartwright