

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 21 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 16 July 2026 – 19 July 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Worcester 16 July 2026:

Race 1 - The CopyBet Bog Today For Tomorrow's Racing Handicap Chase (Arc Summer Chase Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Ian Power, the rider of THANK YOU BLUE, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven approaching the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Saturday 15, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 August 2026.

Race 5 - The CopyBet Follow Us On X Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Jonjo O'Neill Jr, the rider of the winner, THE GREAT ESCAPE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven approaching the third last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Saturday 15, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Saturday 22 August 2026.

Tom Bellamy, the rider of FANE COURT (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Bellamy 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, Saturday 15 and Wednesday 19 August 2026.

Epsom 16 July 2026:

Race 3 - The Chantilly Handicap (Class 5)

Dylan Hogan, the rider of SHOW BIZ KID (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Hogan 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 as follows; Sunday 19 July 2026, Tuesday 04 and Thursday 06 August 2026.

Ripon 18 July 2026:

Race 5 - The Sky Bet For The Fans Handicap (Class 4)

David Allan, the rider of GARDEN OASIS, placed second, 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 from Tuesday 04 to Friday 07 August 2026, inclusive.

Cartmel 18 July 2026:

Race 5 - Sun Racing Summer Jumps Championship Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Leah Noreci, the rider of JUDICIAL REVIEW (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven over the final circuit. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Saturday 15, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Saturday 22 August 2026.

Doncaster 18 July 2026:

Race 4 - The Summer Fun At Lakeside Village Outlet Shopping Handicap (Class 6)

Ben Robinson, the rider of WAR AND LOVE, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 04 to Friday 07 August 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Georgina Cartwright