

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 22 May 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 18 May 2026 – 20 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Hexham 19 May 2026:

Race 1 - The Tynedale Agricultural Society Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Jack Power, the rider of VALETTE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven rounding the home bend. Allowing for the fact Power 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 as follows; Saturday 06, Sunday 07 and Tuesday 09 June 2026.

Ayr 20 May 2026:

Race 5 - The Tennent's Lager Handicap (Class 4)

Lauren Young, the rider of the winner, GEO (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Young has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 2 days, Sunday 07 and Monday 08 June 2026.

Kempton Park 20 May 2026:

Race 8 - The Bet £20 Get £20 With Unibet Handicap (Class 6)

Kieren Fox, the rider of LAWN RANGER, placed second, 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 Sunday 07 to Wednesday 10 June 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Sarah Ellison