

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 22 September 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 17 September 2026 – 20 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ayr 18 September 2026:

Race 5 - The Ladbrokes Ayr Bronze Cup Handicap (Class 2)

Sam James, the rider of VANTHEMAN (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact James 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, Tuesday 06 and Wednesday 07 October 2026.

Race 8 - The Slater Menswear Handicap (Class 5)

Lauren Young, the rider of CASCADE HALL (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from two and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 06, Wednesday 07, Thursday 08 and Sunday 11 October 2026.

Ayr 19 September 2026:

Race 3 - The Ladbrokes Ayr Silver Cup Handicap (Class 2)

Oisin Orr, the rider of the winner, STATION X, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 06, Wednesday 07, Thursday 08 and Sunday 11 October 2026.

Newcastle 19 September 2026:

Race 8 - The Get Raceday Ready Handicap (Class 6)

Billy Garritty, the rider of SOUTH SHORE ISLAND (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hand off the reins approaching one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Garritty 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, Tuesday 06 and Wednesday 07 October 2026.

Chester 10 September 2026:

Race 6 - The Style Joinery Handicap (Class 4)

John Egan, the rider of BLUE PRINCE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from turning in. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 06 to Monday 12 October 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adrian Sharpe

Georgina Cartwright