

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 22 August 2025 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 August 2025 – 20 August 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Bath 16 August 2025:

Race 6 - The BetWright Safer Gambling Handicap (Bath Summer Sprint Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

CINDY LOU WHO (GB), placed first, ridden by Williams Carson, was found to have minor weals post-race. Carson will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Friday 05, Sunday 07, Monday 08 and Tuesday 09 September 2025.

Ayr 18 August 2025:

Race 5 - The Book Christmas Day At Western House Handicap (Class 6)

Jack Garritty, the rider of RAVISHING BEAUTY, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that 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, Friday 05 and Sunday 07 September 2025.

Carlisle 20 August 2025:

Race 1 - The Kingmoor Park Properties EBF Fillies' Novice Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 5)

Shane Gray, the rider of the winner MARCH AHEAD, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Gray 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, Friday 05 and Sunday 07 September 2025.

Worcester 20 August 2025:

Race 7 - The Martin Keighley Racing Club Handicap Hurdle (Div II) (Class 5)

Benjamin Macey, the rider of ROYAL RHYTHM (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from after jumping the third last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Macey 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, Friday 05, Saturday 06 and Monday 08 September 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Shaun Parker, Henry Pelly