

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 23 January 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 January 2026 – 21 January 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 17 January 2026:

Race 8 - The Win 250,000 With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap (Class 6)

Ben Robinson, the rider of MADEMOISELLE BELLE (IRE), placed second, 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; Friday 06, Saturday 07, Monday 09 and Tuesday 10 February 2026.

Lingfield Park 19 January 2026:

Race 3 - The mybettingsites.com Surrey National Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3)

Charlie Todd, the rider of CATCH CATCHFIRE (GB), placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from the top of the hill. He will be suspended for 7 from Friday 06 to Thursday 12 February 2026, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 19 January 2026:

Race 7 - The Join The Midnite Movement Handicap (Class 6)

Billy Loughnane, the rider of the winner, MASTER DANDY (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 06, Saturday 07, Monday 09 and Tuesday 10 February 2026.

Newcastle 20 January 2026:

Race 4 - The Win £250,000 With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap (Class 6)

Paul Mulrennan, the rider of SEA LEGEND (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Mulrennan 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; Friday 06, Saturday 07, and Monday 09 February 2026.

Southwell 20 January 2026:

Race 1 - The Read Meg Nicholls' Blog At betmgm.co.uk Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 6)

Mr Henry Callan, the rider of the winner, NO KNEE NEVER (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Saturday 14, Saturday 21 and Wednesday 25 February 2026 and Thursday 12 March 2026.

Race 5 - The Midnite Aint Your Grandad's Bookie Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Dylan Hogan, the rider of the winner, SMOKEY MALONE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Monday 26 January 2026, and Tuesday 03, Wednesday 04 and Thursday 06 February 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Phillip Spottiswood