Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 23 October 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 19 October 2026 – 21 October 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Pontefract 19 October 2026:

Race 1 - The HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY WILLIAM 'BILL' CARR MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4)

Paul Mulrennan, the rider of the winner, LONGSHANKS LUKE, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out and in the incorrect place on two occasions on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 11 days as follows; Friday 06, Saturday 07, and Monday 16 to Tuesday 24 November 2026, inclusive.

Yarmouth 20 October 2026:

Race 1 - The JOIN MOULTON RACING SYNDICATE APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Connor Planas, the rider of the winner, NOBLE GUEST, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 06, Saturday 07, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November.

Kempton Park 21 October 2026:

Race 8 - The UNIBET 3 UNIBOOSTS A DAY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)

Sean Dylan Bowen, the rider of ICONIC TIMES, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 06, Saturday 07, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Philip Spottiswood