

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 24 October 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 18 October 2025 – 22 October 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Ascot 18 October 2025:

Race 5 - The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored By Qipco) (Group 1) (Class 1)

Christophe Soumillon, the rider of THE LION IS WINTER (IRE), placed second, 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 07, Saturday 08, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 November 2025.

Exeter 21 October 2025:

Race 2 - The Paul Ferguson's Jumpers To Follow Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

James Best, the rider of the winner MASONBROOK MEADOW (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond approaching the final hurdle. He will be suspension for 7 days from Friday 07 to Thursday 13 November 2025, inclusive.

Great Yarmouth 21 October 2025:

Race 7 - The tigerbet.co.uk Bet Online Handicap (Class 6)

Marco Ghiani, the rider of the winner CAMELEY DAYS, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Ghiani has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Friday 07 and Saturday 08 November 2025.

Newcastle 21 October 2025:

Race 2 - The Bet £10 Get £40 With BetMGM EBF Restricted Novice Stakes (Bands B, C and D) (GBB Race) (Class 5).

David Egan, the rider of LOMA EXPRESS (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Egan has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Friday 07 and Saturday 08 November 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair), Adrian Sharpe, Phillip Spottiswood