

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 24 April 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 20 April 2026 – 22 April 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Redcar 20 April 2026:

Race 6 - The Every Race Live On Racing TV Handicap (Class 5)

James Doyle, the rider of the winner, MAFTING, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six inside the final two furlongs. Allowing for the fact that Doyle 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 from Monday 04 to Wednesday 06 May 2026, inclusive.

Lingfield Park 20 April 2026:

Race 1 - The Free Bets On attheraces.com Amateur Jockeys' Handicap (Class 6)

Miss Chelsea Edwards, the rider of PORT LOUIS (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used her whip without giving her mount time to respond approaching the final furlong. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Monday 11, Thursday 21, Tuesday 26 and Friday 29 May 2026.

Perth 22 April 2026:

Race 4 - The Fair Maid Of Perth Mares' Chase (Listed Race) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Derek Fox, the rider of the winner, APPLE AWAY (IRE), was found to have used his whip excessively down the shoulder in the backhand for encouragement with his hands on the reins from after jumping the last fence. He will be suspended for 4 days from Sunday 10 to Wednesday 13 May 2026, inclusive.

Race 8 - The Equine Products Best Turned Out Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Div II) (Class 5)

Miss Jesika Rennie, the rider of MAILLOT BLANC, placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven approaching the final hurdle. She will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Saturday 09, Wednesday 13, Friday 15, Tuesday 19, Sunday 24, Monday 25 and Wednesday 27 May 2026.

Taunton 22 April 2026:

Race 1 - The Best Dressed Competitions Novices' Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Freddie Gingell, the rider of KILNEW SUPREME (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 from Friday 08 to Monday 11 May 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Sarah Ellison

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Newcastle 20 April 2026:

Race 6 - Free Tips Daily On attheraces.com Handicap (Class 5)

Luke Morris, the rider of THE GREEN MAN (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six approaching the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Morris 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 24 April 2026 and Tuesday 05 May 2026.