

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 25 February 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 20 February – 23 February 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Warwick 21 February 2025:

Race 6 - The JCB Hydradig Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Charlie Todd, the rider of GHASHAM (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip with his arm above shoulder height on two occasions from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 11 to Monday 17 March 2025, inclusive.

Chepstow 22 February 2025:

Race 6 - The Pertemps Network EMEA Novices' Limited Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Harry Bannister, the rider of REGALLY BLONDE, unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention after jumping the last hurdle. He will be suspended for 5 days from Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15 March 2025, inclusive.

Southwell 22 February 2025:

Race 7 - The Best Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Maiden Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Tommie Jakes, the rider of REDHOT WHISPER (IRE), placed sixth, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows: Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15, inclusive, and Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 March 2025.

Hereford 23 February 2025:

Race 2 - The Watch Live Racing At Star Sports Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 4)

James Bowen, the rider of the winner, ZESTFUL HOPE (FR), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from approaching the home bend. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 11 to Monday 17 March 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Georgina Cartwright