

### **Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:**

On Tuesday 25 August 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 August 2026 – 23 August 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Newmarket 20 August 2026:**

##### **Race 4 - THE NATIONAL STUD HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3) (GBBPLUS RACE)**

Sorin Moldoveanu, the rider of FIRST OFFICER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 September 2026, inclusive.

#### **Ffos Las 21 August 2026:**

##### **Race 5 - THE ASCONA FABULOUS LADIES CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Gina Mangan, the rider of GERT LUSH (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 September 2026, inclusive.

#### **Salisbury 21 August 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - THE EDWARDS FORD, FORAY MOTOR GROUP HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Sean Levey, the rider of A DAUGHTERS LOVE, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 September 2026, inclusive.

#### **Hamilton 21 August 2026:**

##### **Race 8 - THE HEMMINGS HOMES 10TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

Rhys Elliott, the rider of the winner, THISTLE NIL (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. As Elliott was referred to the Judicial Panel for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days was imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. Therefore, Elliott will be suspended for 13 days from Tuesday 8 to Sunday 20 September 2026, inclusive.

### **Newmarket 22 August 2026**

#### **Race 5 - THE £200,000 TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE AUCTION STAKES (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Pat Dobbs, the rider of A BEAR AFFAIR (IRE), unplaced, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approaching the final furlong. Taking into account that this was a Class 2 race with a total prize fund of £150,000 or more, the penalty in respect of being above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 8 days from Tuesday 8 to Tuesday 15 September 2026, inclusive.

### **York 22 August 2026**

#### **Race 5 - THE SKY BET CONSTANTINE HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 2) (Heritage Handicap)**

Joanna Mason, the rider of the winner, SONDAD, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Mason has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. She will be suspended for 2 days Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September 2026.

### **Chester 22 August**

#### **Race 6 - THE POWELLS JEWELLERY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)**

Paul Mulrennan, the rider of the winner, STATION X, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions inside the final half furlong. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 8 to Monday 14 September 2026, inclusive.

### **Lingfield 22 August**

#### **Race 6 - THE FOLLOW @attheraces ON X HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 6)**

James Glennon, the rider of STAPLEFORD PARK, unplaced, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 8 to Monday 14 September 2026, inclusive.

### **Brighton 23 August**

#### **Race 2 - THE blackmorebuild.com EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5) (for horses in Band D) (EBF Restricted Race Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Abdulla Rashid Al Hajri, the rider of TREE WIZARD, placed third, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of six and with allowing his mount time to respond from approximately one and half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 11 days from Tuesday 8 to Friday 18 September 2026, inclusive.

**Worcester 23 August**

**Race 1 - THE NEU-SERVO BET ON GREAT REPAIRS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE  
(CLASS 4) (ARC Summer Chase Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Rian Corcoran, the rider of RAS KASSAR (FR), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping two out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 and Monday 14 September 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Sarah Ellison