

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 25 September 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 21 September 2026 – 23 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Wolverhampton 21 September 2026:

Race 5 - Race & Rest - Wolverhampton Holiday Inn Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Ethan Tindall, the rider of CAPTAIN KINSELLA, unplaced, was found to have used his whip when his mount was out of contention from approaching the final furlong. He will be suspended for 5 days from Friday 09 to Tuesday 13 October 2026, inclusive.

Race 6 - Race & Rest - Wolverhampton Holiday Inn Handicap (Div II) (Class 6)

Rose Dawes, the rider of the winner, DISTILLATION (FR), was found to have used her whip when her mount was clearly winning. Allowing for the fact Dawes has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since her previous whip breach, mitigation of penalty was applied. She will be suspended on Sunday 11 and Monday 12 October 2026.

Race 7 - Follow @attheraces On X Handicap (Class 5)

Joe Leavy, the rider of the winner, THE HARE RAIL (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Leavy has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended Sunday 27 September and Sunday 11 October 2026.

Fontwell Park 22 September 2026:

Race 4 - Setford Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Freddie Keighley, the rider of PRAIRIE DIAMOND (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip above shoulder height from after jumping the final hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Friday 09 to Monday 12 October 2026, inclusive.

Goodwood 23 September 2026:

Race 7 - The Virgin Bet A Good Bet Handicap (Class 4)

Silvestre De Sousa, the rider of the winner, PERCY'S STAR, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact De Sousa 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 Sunday 11 to Tuesday 13 October 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Sarah Ellison