

Whip Review Committee Decisions

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

Southwell - 20 November 2025

Race 3 - Set Deposit Limits At BetMGM Handicap (Div II)

Dylan Hogan, the rider of HERETIC (IRE) placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above permitted level from approximately 2 furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 December 2025.

Southwell - 21 November 2025

Race 9 - Join The Midnite Movement Handicap (Class 6).

Kieran O'Neill, the rider of THE FIXER (IRE) placed second, was found to have used his whip once above permitted level from approximately 2 furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that O'Neill has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days; Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 December 2025.

Newcastle - 22 November 2025

Race 2 - Set Deposit Limits At BetMGM Nursery Handicap (Class 5).

Pat Cosgrave, the rider of GREEN DAME (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 Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 December 2025 inclusive.

Race 9 - Gamble Responsibility At BetMGM Handicap (Class 5)

Oisin McSweeney, the rider of POWERFUL RESPONSE (IRE) placed second, was found to have used his whip once above permitted level from approximately 2 furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 December 2025 inclusive.

Panel:

Gregory Pearson

Georgina Cartwright

Michael Eyre