

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

On Tuesday 26 May 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 May 2026 – 24 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Musselburgh 21 May 2026:**

##### **Race 5 - The Never Standing Still Handicap (Class 3)**

William Pyle, the rider of GWEEDORE, placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Pyle 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, Tuesday 09 and Wednesday 10 June 2026.

#### **Pontefract 22 May 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - The Summer Sutton 18th Birthday Celebration Handicap (Class 5)**

Callum Rodriguez, the rider of the winner, CALLISTO DREAM (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Rodriguez 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, Tuesday 09 and Wednesday 10 June 2026.

#### **York 23 May 2026:**

##### **Race 1 - William Hill Keep Your Raceday Positive Handicap (Class 4)**

Ethan Tindall, the rider of the winner, LORD ROXBY (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. As Tindall was referred to the Judicial Panel on 02 March 2026 for 'totting up' previous whip offences, the deferred suspension of 9 days that was imposed by the Panel for a further whip breach within the next 6 months was triggered. He will be suspended for 13 days from Tuesday 09 to Sunday 21 June 2026, inclusive.

##### **Race 4 - The William Hill Bronte Cup Fillies' Stakes (Group 3) (Class 1)**

George Downing, the rider of MISS ALPILLES, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Downing has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of being above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 09 to Friday 12 June 2026, inclusive.

Race 5 - The Reg Bond 'Always And Forever' Handicap (Class 4)

Alec Voikhansky, the rider of FRENCH AFFAIR (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 09 to Friday 12 June 2026, inclusive.

**Windsor 23 May 2026:**

Race 7 - The Bodhi Solutions - Facilities Management Front Runner Fillies' Handicap (Class 4)

Jack Dace, the rider of CRYSTAL PIER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 09 to Friday 12 June 2026, inclusive.

Race 8 - The Bodhi Solutions - Commercial Fit-Out Challenge Handicap (Class 6)

Jonny Peate, the rider of DREAM OF ITHACA, unplaced, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Peate 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, Tuesday 09 and Wednesday 10 June 2026.

**Fontwell Park 24 May 2026:**

Race 3 - The Sun Racing Summer Jumps Championship Handicap Chase (Arc Summer Chase Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Gavin Sheehan, the rider of the winner, PRINCE CLENI (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Sheehan has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 09 to Thursday 11 June 2026, inclusive.

Race 4 - The Mercedes-Benz Of Chichester Mares' Handicap Hurdle (Class 4).

Miss Lily Bradstock, the rider of the winner, SMUGGLERS HAVEN (IRE), was found to have used her whip when her mount was clearly winning. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows: Thursday 11, Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 and Friday 26 June 2026.

**Kelso 24 May 2026:**

Race 3 - The J.A. Wilson Contractors Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Oaley Brown, the rider of the winner, HEART ABOVE, was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven approaching the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 10 days as follows; Tuesday 09, Wednesday 10, Thursday 11, Friday 12, Saturday 13, Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17, Friday 19, Sunday 21, Tuesday 23 June 2026.

Panel: Sam Angell (Chair), Shaun Parker, Phillip Spottiswood