

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

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

Ascot 20 June 2026:

Race 3 - The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes (Group 1) (Class 1)

Katsuma Sameshima, the rider of LUGAL (JPN), unplaced, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond on two occasions inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 7 days as follows; Friday 10, Saturday 11, and Monday 13 to Friday 17 July 2026, inclusive.

Race 4 - The Jersey Stakes (Group 3) (Class 1)

Seamie Heffernan, the rider of the winner, THESECRETADVERSARY (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out and without giving his mount time to respond on the run to the line. 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 24 days from Monday 20 July 2026 to Wednesday 12 August 2026, inclusive. He will also be fined £2,800.

Ffos Las 23 June 2026:

Race 1 - The South Wales Medical Event Cover Handicap (Class 5)

Callum Rodriguez, the rider of LOHOBB, placed second, was found to have used his whip above the permitted level of six inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Monday 13 to Thursday 16 July 2026, inclusive.

Beverly 23 June 2026:

Race 7 - The Go Racing In Yorkshire Future Stars Apprentice Handicap (Class 6)

Jack Nicholls, the rider of JACK RABBIT SLIMS, placed second, 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 that Nicholls 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, Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July 2026.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Henry Pelly