

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

On Friday 27 February 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 23 February 2026 – 25 February 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

#### **Ayr 23 February 2026:**

##### **Race 6 - The Watch On Racing TV National Hunt Flat Race (Conditional & Amateur) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB) (Class 5)**

Conner McCann, the rider of the winner, JARDIN DE TUNIS (FR), 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 Saturday 14 to Tuesday 17 March 2026, inclusive.

#### **Plumpton 23 February 2026:**

##### **Race 4 - THE HOWDEN RURAL INSURANCE HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)**

Freddie Mitchell, the rider of the winner, SANITISER (GB), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that Mitchell has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March 2026.

#### **Newcastle 24 February 2026:**

##### **Race 3 - The Create Your Bet Builders At Midnite Maiden Stakes (GBB Race) (Class 4)**

Paul Mulrennan, the rider of COMPRADOR, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 13, Saturday 14, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March 2026.

##### **Race 4 - The Midnite Are Upping The Betting Game Handicap (Class 5)**

David Nolan, the rider of the winner, GRANT WOOD (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one furlong out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 13, Saturday 14, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March 2026.

#### **Lingfield Park 25 February 2026:**

##### **Race 8 - The Join The Midnite Movement Handicap (Class 6)**

Jamie Spencer, the rider of the winner, WATERMELON SUGAR (IRE), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Friday 13, Saturday 14, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March 2026, one of these dates will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Sarah Ellison