

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

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

Southwell 23 March 2026:

Race 9 - The Midnite Ain't Your Grandad's Bookie Handicap (Class 4)

Conor Whiteley, the rider of AISLING OSCAR (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 11 to Tuesday 14 April 2026 Inclusive, one of these dates will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Lingfield Park 25 March 2026:

Race 2 - The Always Gamble Responsibly At BetMGM Handicap (Div II) (Class 6)

Kieren Fox, the rider of the winner, MAURY (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 Fox 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, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 April 2026.

Panel:

Shaun Parker

Gregory Pearson

Adam Barker