

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 27 May 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 22 May 2025 – 25 May 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Haydock 23 May 2025:

Race 6 - The OAKMERE HOMES 'SUPPORTING MACMILLAN' GRASSROOTS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5) (A Jockey Club Grassroots Mile Series Qualifier)

Oisín Murphy, the rider of the winner ADORLA OF ACHILL (IRE), 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 Murphy 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 10 and Wednesday 11 June 2025.

Goodwood 23 May 2025:

Race 2 - The Racing To School Reaches 250,000 Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 3)

Sean Dylan Bowen, the rider of the winner MANXMAN (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Bowen has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 June 2025, inclusive.

Race 6 - The Goodwood Horseracing Club Membership Handicap (Class 4)

Jamie Spencer, the rider of FORT GEORGE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Spencer has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 June 2025 inclusive.

Worcester 23 May 2025:

Race 8 - The PJ Nicholls KGM Korea Genuinely Made Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Beau Morgan, the rider of JUKEBOX ANNIE (IRE), unplaced, 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 Morgan 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, Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 June 2025.

Catterick Bridge 24 May 2025:

Race 3 - The Wishing Jill Metcalfe Happy 60th Birthday Handicap (Class 6)

Ryan Kavanagh, the rider of ZOOKS (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Kavanagh has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 June 2025, inclusive.

Cartmel 24 May 2025:

Race 7 - The North West Air Ambulance Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Jonathan England, the rider of the winner DEFENCE WITNESS (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days, Tuesday 10, Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 June 2025.

Fontwell Park 25 May 2025:

Race 2 - The Download The nrg.bet App Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Marc Goldstein, the rider of the winner BALLLINTARA (IRE), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from rounding the home bend. He will be suspended for 7 days, Tuesday 10, Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 and Friday 20 June 2025.

Gavin Sheehan, the rider of UNBLINKING, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the third last fence. Allowing that Sheehan 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 from Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 June 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Henry Pelly