

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 27 June 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 23 June 2025 – 25 June 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Windsor 23 June 2025:

Race 8 - The Fitzdares Taking Bets Since 1882 Handicap (Class 6)

Dylan Hogan, the rider of TOP BILLER, 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 Hogan 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; Sunday 13, Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 July 2025.

Worcester 25 June 2025:

Race 2- The John & Hazel 65th Wedding Anniversary Handicap Chase (Class 5)

Ben Godfrey, the rider of MCGREGORS CHARGE, placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Godfrey 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, Sunday 13 and Monday 14 July 2025.

Ben Jones, the rider of the winner SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL (FR), was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. Allowing for the fact that Jones 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, Sunday 13 and Monday 14 July 2025.

Carlisle 25 June 2025:

Race 3 - The Lady Dacre Bell Handicap (Class 4).

Andrea Pinna, the rider of FEEL THE NEED, unplaced, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins inside the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Pinna 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; Sunday 13, Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 July 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Steve Drowne

Following riders' admissions of a breach of Rule (F)45, the following penalties were applied by the racecourse Stewards.

Kempton Park 25 June 2025:

Race 6 - Try Unibet's New Smartview Racecards Handicap (London Mile Series Qualifier) (Div II)(Class 4).

Brandon Wilkie, the rider of ATLANTIC GAMBLE, placed third, 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; Wednesday 09, Thursday 10, Sunday 13 and Monday 14 July 2025.