

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 20 October 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 22 October 2026 – 25 October 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newmarket 22 October 2026:

Race 3 - The CopyBet Support Safer Gambling Fillies' Handicap (Class 4)

David Allan, the rider of BEARIN UP (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip above the permitted level of six from one and a half furlongs out and using his whip in the incorrect place on two occasions on the run to the line. Taking into account that this was to be Allan's fifth suspension within the previous 6 months for a breach of the whip rules, Allan was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Race 8 - The CopyBet Overnight Best Odds Guaranteed Apprentice Handicap (Class 5)

Kyle McHugh, the rider of WIND SUMMER (IRE), unplaced, was found to use his whip above shoulder height from two and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact McHugh 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 Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 November 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Henry Pelly