

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Friday 28 February 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 24 February 2025 – 26 February 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Catterick Bridge 25 February 2025:

Race 1 - The Racing To School Female Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (Go North Cab On Target Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Emma Smith-Chaston, the rider of BE THE DIFFERENCE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of seven after jumping the second last hurdle. She will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 14 to Thursday 20 March 2025, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 25 February 2025:

Race 5 - The Gamble Responsibly At BetUK Handicap (Class 6)

Nicola Currie, the rider of the winner RADIANT ANGEL (IRE), was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Taking into account that this was to be Currie's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using her whip above the permitted level, Currie was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Adrian Sharpe

Adam Barker