

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 29 May 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 25 May 2026 – 27 May 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Windsor 25 May 2026:

Race 6 - The Barbara And Kens Diamond Wedding Anniversary Handicap (Class 3)

Ray Dawson, the rider of the winner, ANTIPODES (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact Dawson 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 Friday 12 to Sunday 14 June 2026, inclusive.

Redcar 25 May 2026:

Race 6 - The racingtv.com Handicap (Class 4)

Laura Pearson, the rider of BRAVO ZULU (IRE), placed second, was found to have used her whip twice above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. She will be suspended for 7 days from Friday 12 to Thursday 18 June 2026, inclusive.

Bath 26 May 2026:

Race 4 - The Tips For Every Race At raceday-ready.com Handicap (Brighton Summer Sprint Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Finley Marsh, the rider of the winner, ACES WILD (IRE), was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond approaching the final half a furlong. Allowing for the fact Marsh 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 Friday 12 to Sunday 14 June 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Michael Eyre

Henry Pelly