

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 29 July 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 July 2025 – 27 July 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Newbury 24 July 2025:

Race 4 - The Price Boosts Now Live At BetVictor Handicap (Class 5)

Joe Leavy, the rider of KITTY FOYLE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately three furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 August 2025, inclusive.

Thirsk 25 July 2025:

Race 5 - The JW4X4 Northallerton Handicap (Class 5)

Mark Winn, the rider of ANCIENT MYTH, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from inside the final two furlongs. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 August 2025, inclusive.

York 26 July 2025:

Race 7 - The Sky Bet Extra Places Every Day Handicap (Class 4)

Kyle Strydom, the rider of PIETRO (IRE), placed second, 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 from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 August 2025, inclusive.

George Bass, the rider of EAZY ON THE EYE, placed fifth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Bass 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 12 to Thursday 14 August 2025, inclusive.

Ascot 26 July 2025:

Race 4 - The Moet & Chandon International Handicap (Heritage Handicap) (Class 2)

David Egan, the rider of the winner TWO TRIBES, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Egan has had more than 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 2 race with a total prize fund of £150,000, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 August 2025, inclusive.

Uttoxeter 27 July 2025:

Race 4 - The QuinnBet Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Shane Fenelon, the rider of the winner ART OF DIPLOMACY, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from jumping the final fence. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Saturday 16, Monday 18, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 August 2025.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Phillip Spottiswood