

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Tuesday 29 September 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 24 September 2026 – 27 September 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Perth 24 September 2026:

Race 7 - The A Place For You Here Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Peter Kavanagh, the rider of the winner, COVENTRY (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 October 2026, inclusive.

Worcester 25 September 2026:

Race 2 - The Read Johnny Burke's Blog At CopyBet Novices' Limited Handicap Chase (GBB Race) (Class 3)

Freddie Keighley, the rider of TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip above shoulder height on three occasions from jumping the second last fence. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 22 October 2026, inclusive.

Market Rasen 26 September 2026:

Race 1 - The Market Rasen Racecourse Conference & Events Mares' Maiden Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Ben Jones, the rider of ELATED, placed second, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 13 to Monday 19 October 2026, inclusive.

Race 2- The Market Rasen Racecourse Caravan Site Juvenile Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 3)

Harry Skelton, the rider of MOMENT OF LIGHT, placed second, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond after jumping the final hurdle. Allowing for the fact Skelton has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October 2026.

Race 5 - The £10 County Racedays Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Freddie Mitchell, the rider of the winner, TIMELY SALUTE, was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 13 to Monday 19 October 2026, inclusive.

Race 6 - The Block Free Services Lincoln Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Kielan Woods, the rider of MORNING MAYHEM, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 October 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Gregory Pearson

Sarah Ellison