

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2026:

On Friday 30 January 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 26 January 2026 – 28 January 2026, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Chepstow 27 January 2026:

Race 3 - The Albert Bartlett Triple Crown Series Handicap Hurdle (Qualifier) (Class 3)

Harry Skelton, the rider of the winner, WEST TO THE BRIDGE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the second last hurdle. Allowing for the fact that Skelton has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He is suspended for 2 days, Friday 13 and Sunday 15 February 2026.

Newcastle 27 January 2026:

Race 4 - The Get Raceday Ready Handicap Hurdle (Class 5)

Leah Noreci, the rider of KALO ATHENA, placed second, was found to have used her whip once above the permitted level of seven from turning into the home straight. She will be suspended for 4 days as follows, Friday 13, and Sunday 15 to Tuesday 17 February 2026, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 27 January 2026:

Race 8 - The Join The Midnite Movement Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

Finley Marsh, the rider of SPENDMORE LANE, placed third, was found to have used his whip without giving his mount time to respond from inside the final furlong. He will be suspended for 4 days from Saturday 14 to Tuesday 17 February 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Shaun Parker

Adam Barker