

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 30 September 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 25 September 2025 – 28 September 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Pontefract 25 September 2025:

Race 3 - The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Nursery Handicap (Class 4)

Tom Eaves, the rider of TROPICAL DREAMER (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning into the home straight. Allowing for the fact that Eaves 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 from Tuesday 30 September and Sunday 12 October 2025.

Newcastle 25 September 2025:

Race 7 - The Mini Golf At High Gosforth Park Handicap (Class 6)

Connor Beasley, the rider of ELECTRIC AVENUE, placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 October 2025, inclusive.

Haydock Park 26 September 2025:

Race 3 - The Thomas Hardie Commercials 40th Year Anniversary Nursery Handicap (Class 3)

Jack Nicholls, the rider of CLEAR FORCE (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 October 2025, inclusive, one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Ripon 27 September 2025:

Race 7 - The Season Finale, Last Chance For 2025 Handicap (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4).

David Allan, the rider of MARBUZET (GB), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Allan 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 14 to Thursday 16 October 2025, inclusive.

Newmarket 27 September 2025:

Race 3 - The Tattersalls Middle Park Stakes (Group 1) (Colts) (Class 1).

William Buick, the rider of the winner WISE APPROACH (IRE), was found to have used his whip without time to respond from one and a half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Buick 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 14 and Wednesday 15 October 2025.

Epsom 28 September 2025:

Race 4 - The Geoff Lewis Apprentices' Derby Handicap (Supported By Betfred) (GBBPlus Race) (Class 4)

Luke Catton, the rider of MIDNIGHT RUMBLE, placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two and a half furlongs out. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Thursday 16, Friday 17, Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 October 2025, one of these days will be spent receiving specialised coaching.

Newcastle 28 September 2025:

Race 2 – The Arc All-Weather £1Million Bonus Returns Apprentice Handicap (Div II) (Class 5)

Andrew Breslin, the rider of JUDGMENT CALL, placed second, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 October 2025, inclusive.

Race 9 - The High Gosforth Park Golf Club Handicap (Class 2)

Tyrese Cameron, the rider of the winner WITCH HUNTER (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from two furlongs out, and down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hand off the reins. He will be suspended for 8 days as follows; Friday 31 October, Saturday 01 and Monday 03 to Saturday 08 November 2025, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steve Drowne

Sarah Ellison