

Whip Review Committee Decisions 2025:

On Tuesday 30 December 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 22 December 2025 – 28 December 2025, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Lingfield Park 22 December 2025:

Race 7 - The Best Odds Guaranteed At BetMGM Handicap (Div II) (Class 6)

Neil Callan, the rider of the winner, JACKSON STREET (IRE), 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 Callan 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 January 2026.

Fontwell Park 26 December 2025:

Race 4 - The tigerbet.co.uk Extra Places Paid Handicap Hurdle (Class 4)

Mr Sean O'Connor, the rider of JALISCO STAR (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last. He will be suspended for 4 days as follows; Thursday 15, Thursday 22, Friday 23 and Monday 26 January 2026.

Wincanton 26 December 2025:

Race 4 - The PricedUp Daily Racing Boosts Handicap Chase (For The Harry And John Dufosse Memorial Cup) (GBB Race) (Class 4)

Robert David, the rider of the winner, BEGIN THE LUCK (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from approaching the second last fence. Allowing for the fact that David has had over 75 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 January 2026, inclusive.

Wolverhampton 26 December 2025:

Race 9 - Make The Move To Midnite Handicap (Div II) (Class 6)

Billy Loughnane, the rider of the winner, LAW SUPREME (FR), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately two furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Loughnane 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 January 2026.

Chepstow 27 December 2025:

Race 6 - The Coral Welsh Grand National Handicap Chase (Premier Handicap) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Tristan Durrell, the rider of DEAFENING SILENCE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last fence. Allowing for the fact that Durrell has had more than 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, but taking into account that this was a Class 1 race, the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was doubled. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 January 2026, inclusive.

Catterick Bridge 28 December 2025:

Race 5 - The Sky Bet Club Handicap Chase (Go North Red Rum Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Danny McMenamin, the rider of the winner, VALENCE D'AUMONT (FR), was found to have used his whip twice above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last fence. He will be suspended for 7 days from Tuesday 13 to Monday 19 January 2026, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Steven Drowne

Phillip Spottiswood