



# MDR VS GCR COMPARISON PAPER

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### Comparison between the Model Discipline Regulations (MDR) and General Conduct Regulations (GCR)

This paper has been created to identify the major changes between the MDR and the GCR and to help readers identify what changes may need to be made to their own regulations and processes. Please note that this is not intended to be an exhaustive summary and cricket organisations who are bound by the GCR (as set out below) should familiarise themselves with the GCR in their entirety.

AREA	MDR	GCR
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide assistance and uniformity to all clubs and leagues in dealing with any alleged breach of the ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket.	To provide a single set of regulations which set standards of conduct and behaviour, can be applied consistently throughout recreational cricket and provide assistance to cricket organisations when establishing and running their disciplinary processes.
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Any player who plays for any club at any level under the auspices of the ECB.	Cricketers, officers of clubs or leagues, match officials and coaches.
<b>Scope of the document</b>	Example Regulations for clubs and leagues to adopt and/or amend for their respective organisations.	Mandatory Regulations for County Cricket Boards and Premier Leagues in 2022, subject to amending/ supplementing certain provisions identified in the GCR.  Mandatory across recreational cricket in 2023, subject to an ECB review process following the 2022 season.
<b>Requirements/ Application</b>	Disciplinary Chair Disciplinary Committee	Disciplinary Officer Disciplinary Chair (optional) Disciplinary Panel

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<b>Conduct Obligations</b>	Spirit of Cricket Code of Conduct On-field behaviour	On-field behaviour: Levels 1-4 in the Laws of Cricket.  Off-field behaviour: includes anti-social behaviour and direct cross-reference to the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code
<b>Disciplinary Process</b>	First contact to be Disciplinary Chair.	First contact to be the Disciplinary Officer who then passes the matter to a Disciplinary Chair or Disciplinary Panel
<b>Sanctions</b>	General guidance on appropriateness of penalties including accumulated bad behaviour.	Sanction guidance for all levels of breach including accumulated bad behaviour and advice on aggravating or mitigating factors.  Team captains are also included in sanction guidance.
<b>Guidance Notes</b>	Rights to a fair hearing Rights of natural justice Rule of bias Conduct of Hearing Appeals Sentencing	Comprehensive guidance on various aspects of the GCR is included in an Appendix.
<b>Templates</b>	None	Report Template Charge Letter Privacy Notice