

# GMCL Rules - Penalties Appendix

**This Appendix sets out the various penalties for breaches of the Rules (whether they be warnings, fines, penalty points or otherwise). It also indicates the extent to which any decisions by the League, Board, Executive or subcommittees can be appealed and the process for such appeal.**

**Section 1** deals with matters **not** relating to player eligibility or match forfeiture and applies whether in the league, cups or GMCL20.

**Section 2** deals with match forfeiture and player eligibility matters in the cups and GMCL20.

**Section 3** deals with match forfeiture and player eligibility matters in the league.

In order to make the treatment of breaches more efficient and more consistent, the League is developing an automated system which uses a card system described below. Wording in Red shows a change from current rules/procedures. The automation will come from

1. The download of playing data after each round of games that then matches to registration data
2. Captains report data is captured after required submission time and default recorded
3. Umpires Reports are captured and the answers matched to club requirements

**It should be highlighted that the purpose of penalties should always be to achieve compliance by all our clubs and the tariffs have been set hopefully to build up compliance. If over time there are regular failures then we can change the tariffs in one or more areas.**

# KEY CHANGES

## **ANY THREE YELLOW CARDS FOR ANY OFFENCES ACROSS ANY SECTIONS MAKE A RED**

The new rules allow leeway in some, not all, cases and in those cases, a yellow card can be rescinded if the offence is corrected within the time limit provided.

## RED CARDS

**1 POINT FOR FIRST RED CARD**

**2 POINTS FOR SECOND**

**3 POINTS FOR THIRD AND SO ON**

This is in addition to the other penalties as below.

**THE CARD SYSTEM APPLIES PER TEAM NOT PER CLUB.** However, if a club gets 3 red cards or more in a season across its teams then the club will be required to attend a meeting with a board committee to explain the offences and proposals for improvement. Also, any red card penalty regarding failing to submit starred player forms will be applied against the club's highest placed team.

In any game, the maximum card penalties for a team will not exceed one red card, but any rescindable yellow cards shall remain. So, for example, in a game where a team incurs 1 red card, 1 rescindable yellow and 1 non rescindable yellow, the card system penalty points deduction is the red card penalty. The slate is then wiped clean for that game (because the maximum for a game is a red) apart from the rescindable yellow which can still become a full yellow going forward if it is not remedied in the time provided after the game.

Yellow cards remaining at the end of the season will carry over to the next season.

## Section 1 Matters **not** concerning eligibility or forfeiture (all competitions)

### Pre-Season Administration

Offence	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Debt of £100 or more at start of season	None	On 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of season	10 points for each team at the Club	None	Not automated - notified by finance director to exec director to notify IT team to add penalties  Not appealable
Team pulls out of a league competition it has registered for (or seeks to move competition) after the relevant fixtures' publication. (Whole competition pull out)	None	At time of notice to the league	None	Up to £200 fine	Whilst we cannot guarantee to resolve all late withdrawal or change requests the league has the authority to issue a penalty of up to £200 to cover time of resolution if it is possible and where any withdrawal has a considerable impact on other clubs this will be considered.  Not appealable
Team pulls out of Cup competition or GMCL20 (or seeks to move competition) after the relevant first or preliminary round draw is made. (Whole competition pull out)	None	At time of notice to the league	None	Up to £200 fine and team banned from that competition the following year	Whilst we cannot guarantee to resolve all late withdrawal or change requests the league has the authority to issue a penalty of up to £200 to cover time of resolution if it is possible and where any withdrawal has a considerable impact on other clubs this will be considered.  Not appealable
Failure to submit complete starred player form by start of the season	Yellow for club's highest placed team	1st Saturday of the season	Part of the new card season	None	Not appealable
Each further failure to submit complete starred player forms by dates required	Red for club's highest placed team	The date(s) required by the league for compliance	Part of the new card system	None	Not appealable

## Section 1 Matters not concerning eligibility or forfeiture (all competitions) - Match Day Issues

Offence SLOW OVER RATES	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Slow Over Rates cups and GMCL20	None	<b>Penalty runs applied on field by umpires</b>	None	Cup –6 runs per over, GMCL20 – multiple of best over	<b>Not appealable</b>
Slow Over Rates in League <b>below Championship</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	Umpire report after match	<b>Now part of card system, changed from initial warning system</b>	No	Umpires will report start time and end time of each innings and the IT team will extract the data to determine if penalty to be applied.  <b>Not appealable</b>
Slow Over Rates in <b>Prem1, Prem2 and Champ</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	Umpire report after match and in game penalty as well	<b>Part of card system,, changed from initial warning system</b>	1 more player in the fielding circle	Umpires will manage on field penalty and will report start time and end time of each innings and the IT team will extract the data to determine if penalty to be applied. <b>Not appealable</b>

Offence UMPIRES & SCORERS	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
If club umpire due to attend and doesn't attend	None	At the game	None	The panel or club umpire attending is paid 1.5x standard fee <b>by breaching team</b>	<b>Not appealable</b>
One team no scorer	None	At the game	None	Breaching team pays the other team's scorer £25 on top of what scorer gets from own team	<b>Not appealable</b>
Neither team has a scorer	<b>Red both teams</b>	After game	Part of card system	<b>Match abandoned, £50 fine each</b> and <b>no points for game</b> , and if in cup both teams eliminated	Where no scorer or no person with access to scoring is available <b>Not appealable</b>

Offence REGARDING THE START OF THE GAME	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Late start caused by matters NOT outside a team's control, (e.g. where less than 7 players ready to start)	<b>Yellow</b>	Umpire report after match	Part of card system, no longer a fine	None	<b>Appealable</b> , only if can show outside the team's control. Can only appeal 1st instance of this.
Not a full team (11) at start of game (Saturday league games and 1s and 2s cups)	<b>Yellow</b>	Umpire report after match	Part of card system, no longer a fine	None	<b>Appealable</b> , but only if can show outside the team's control. Can only appeal 1st instance of this
Home ground and facilities not open or ready to host game 45 mins before start time	<b>Yellow</b>	Umpire report after match	Part of card system	None	<b>Not appealable</b>

Offence MATCH REPORTS	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Failure to Complete captain's report properly by the prescribed time	Yellow	After prescribed time passes	Part of card system, no longer a fine	None	Automatic process Not appealable
Failure by either side to score game live or upload official scorecard on time	Yellow to both clubs	After prescribed time passes	Part of card system	None	Not appealable

Failure to complete Club umpire report properly by the prescribed time (where no league appointed umpire in attendance)	Yellow for both clubs	After prescribed time passes	Part of card system	None	Automatic process Not appealable
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Offence Deputy Professionals	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
No deputy in last 4 games if pro unavailable through permitted return to home country or permitted injury or illness (and not Dead Rubber)	None	After the game	None	<b>£500</b>	Non-automated -professionals officer to notify Finance Director of the penalties  <b>Not appealable</b>

## Section 2 cups and GMCL20 - ineligibility and forfeiture issues CUP AND GMCL MATCHES

Offence	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Forfeit Cup Game	None	On forfeit	None	Opposition progresses and breaching team banned from comp for the next <b>1 year</b> And Forfeit Fine (see below)	<b>Fines increased if forfeit a cup away game (see below)</b> <b>Not appealable</b>
Forfeit GMCL20 game	None	On forfeit	None	Opposition gets the win points in the group stage or proceeds if a knockout stage game. Each forfeit by a team incurs a Forfeit Fine <b>On a team's second forfeit then it is banned from the gmcl20 comp for the next year</b>	<b>Fines increased if forfeit a GMCL20 game (see below)</b> <b>Not appealable</b>
Ineligible Player (whether registration or other eligibility related reason, starring, 2 Cat 3 players in team, cup tied etc) <b>in Cups or GMCL20</b>	<b>Yellow card</b>	After game	<b>Part of the card system</b>	Whatever the result, the opposition proceeds to the next round. <b>If both teams have any ineligible players then both receive a yellow card but the winner proceeds (no account being taken of the number or quality of the ineligible players used)</b>	<b>Appealable</b>

## SECTION 3 league – ineligibility and forfeiture issues LEAGUE GAMES

Offence	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Forfeiting game	Red	At end of game	Part of Card System	Opposition get 5 point win  Forfeit Fine for forfeiting club see below	<b>Not appealable</b>
No, or defective or invalid registration (unless the offence is no payment (if the League applies registration fees) nor no or defective photo ID for which see last row in this section)	Red	At end of game	Part of the card system	Lose all points gained in the match and opposition deemed winner and 5 points awarded. If opposition won game, all points including any bonus are retained.	Automated <b>Appealable</b>
2 Category 3 players playing in same team	Red	At end of game	Part of the card system	Lose all points gained in the match and opposition deemed winner and 5 points awarded. If opposition won game, all points including any bonus are retained.	Automated <b>Not appealable</b>
List A player playing below 1st XI (see limited OSA exemption)	Red	At end of game	Part of the card system	Lose all points gained in the match and opposition deemed winner and 5 points awarded. If opposition won game, all points including any bonus are retained.	Automated <b>Not appealable</b>
Playing under false name, other deliberate misleading of false info whilst dealing with a player transfer, registrations or scorecards	Red	Once resolved	Part of the card system	Lose all points gained in the match and opposition deemed winner and 5 points awarded. If opposition won game, all points including any bonus are retained. In addition, a £250 fine, and possible disciplinary action for captain and the individual playing.	<b>Appealable</b>



Offence	Card	Breach	Penalty Points	Additional Penalty (whether or not a Card)	Comments and whether Appealable
Player played with defective or invalid registration by reason of no or defective photo ID (or no payment if the League applies registration fees)	Rescindable Yellow	If remedied by 8pm on the Friday of the following week, then rescinded but if not then becomes a full Yellow	Part of the card system	None	Not appealable

## ADDITIONAL FINES & PENALTIES FOR FORFEITS

The fines for forfeiting league, cup and GMCL20 games are as follows **and are in addition to** the above penalties for league games (and in the case of cup and GMCL20 matches, suspension from such cup or GMCL20 for a limited period)

### **Fine – Part A**

if a game is forfeited then the fine is £100 if forfeited on the day of the match reducing by £25 for each day before match day that the forfeit occurs. This applies to league, cup and GMCL20. So for example, a Saturday game forfeited on Thursday incurs a £50 fine.

### **Fine – Part B**

**In addition**, if a team forfeits an away game, it shall **in addition** pay a fine that will be subsequently paid to the home club. This shall be £100 in the league **and £200 in the Cups and GMCL20**.

### **Penalty – Part C**

**In addition**, if any team forfeits 3 or more league matches in a season, then the recommendation from the Board is that the team is demoted at the end of the season and senior club' officials must make representations to the Board to avoid this.

**Without any reasonable excuse, forfeiture on match day (in any competition) shows a total lack of organisation and preparation at the club and a lack of respect for opponents and the competition. In addition to the fines and points penalties, if required by the Board, the 2 most senior club officials and captain will be asked to attend a hearing with representatives of the Board to explain the club's behaviour and provide a list of and reasons for all players unavailable and state what measures have been put in place to avoid this happening in the future.**

# Appeals

The Rules and Playing Conditions Appeals Sub-Committee shall be empowered to deal with any query, dispute or breach concerning the Rules, General Organisation and All Playing Conditions of the GMCL (the Rules) and its decision shall be final.

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee will deal with all matters of discipline as detailed in Code of Conduct, Spirit of Cricket, and Disciplinary Regulations. If the Executive or Rules and Playing Conditions Sub-Committee consider any matter under consideration to be a disciplinary matter, then it shall be referred to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

**The Penalties Appendix above indicates which matters are not appealable and which are appealable.**

Where any Member Club wishes to appeal against a decision of the Board, the Executive or any subcommittees thereof or any of its Secretaries, such Member Club must do so in writing within 14 days of notification of the relevant decision, accompanied by a payment of £150.

Such appeal will be considered by the Rules and Playing Conditions Appeals Sub-Committee, which may amend or revoke the original decision or allow it to stand. The £150 shall only be paid in full if the appeal results in the original decision being revoked in full.

**The only ground for appeal is that the club concerned can show that there is a manifest error in the decision made i.e. an error on the facts of the matter alone that is so obvious as to be indisputable.**

As an example only, and without limitation, examples of matters, which are NOT grounds for appeal, are the player's impact or involvement in the game concerned, ignorance of the Rules or poor administration.