



Cricket Wales Disciplinary Memorandum of Understanding

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This will be reviewed annually or when there is a legislative change or review due to lessons learnt or best practice guidance.

The purpose of this protocol is to ensure that those who have been the subject of disciplinary action imposed by the signatories appropriately serve any penalties imposed. Any penalties imposed by any of the signatories will apply to all competitions/representative teams throughout Wales.

1. The signatories agree to apply this protocol across all their competitions.
2. Cricket Wales rôle
 - a. All Disciplinary matters will, on completion of the process, be reported to Cricket Wales so that it can act as a clearing house and keep a central register of offenders and sanctions
 - b. The Disciplinary process in any case remains the responsibility of the relevant signatory
 - c. Cricket Wales will notify every signatory of the reports so that sanctions are mutually enforced
3. Reporting
 - a. Notification that a Disciplinary report is to be submitted should be given by the umpires to the player(s) concerned and the team captain or a member of the club's executive before the umpires leave the ground on the day of the match
 - b. The Disciplinary report is to be submitted to the relevant signatory in

accordance with the procedure laid down for that league or competition.

4. Procedure

- a. It is for each signatory's Disciplinary committee to determine whether an offence is deemed to be Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket
- b. Disciplinary procedures are a matter for each signatory to adopt but it is expected that the ECB's General Conduct Rules (GCR) or Recreational Conduct Rules (RCR) will be used. In regional junior cricket, representative cricket and the Welsh Cup, the Disciplinary process will be the responsibility of Cricket Wales, which adopts the GCR.
- c. Sanctions imposed by the offending player's club are subject to approval by the relevant signatory's Disciplinary committee, who may refer the matter to a Disciplinary Hearing if dissatisfied with the club's action
- d. Appeals by the offending player are via the signatory's appeal procedure
- e. The sanction imposed at the conclusion of the procedure is to be notified to Cricket Wales who will forthwith notify each signatory of the outcome to ensure that suspensions are mutually enforced. The information provided to Cricket Wales will be the name of the offender, name of club/representative team, name of competition, the sanction imposed, the date of implementation and the offence category.
- f. Notifications are to be sent to sandie.keane@cricketwales.org.uk

5. Sanctions

- a. It is for each signatory to determine what sanctions are appropriate in any case
- b. It is recommended that in the case of leagues, suspensions are for a number of matches and that cancelled matches should not count as part of any suspension
- c. It is recommended that in the case of representative cricket, suspensions are for a period of time and that, in any event, the offender should be suspended from playing in the next fixture of the relevant team in that season.
- d. It is recommended that in the case of Cup competitions, suspensions are for a period of time and that, in any event, the offender should be suspended from playing in the next round for which he/she is eligible.

6. Agreement

- a. The signatories agree that they will mutually enforce sanctions imposed by any of them
- b. In particular, they agree that while an offender is under suspension by any signatory, he/she will not be permitted to play in any competition organised by any other signatory provided that in the case of a suspension under Paragraph 5b, any extension of time by reason of match cancellations shall not extend the suspension under this paragraph.
- c. Players who are found to have played in breach of this agreement for any

reason shall be liable to further Disciplinary action by the relevant signatory.

EXAMPLES

- A. A player is playing in a Saturday league game on 17th May 2025 and is reported for a Level 2 offence. On 19th May, he/she is suspended for two matches, which means he/she cannot play in the league on 24th or 31st May and is suspended from all cricket until Sunday 1st June.
- B. Same scenario as Example A but the league game on 24th May is cancelled because of bad weather. The league suspension is extended to cover 7th June but under Paragraph 6b, the player may resume playing other cricket on 1st June.
- C. A player is playing in a Wales U18 game on 13th May 2025. He/she is reported for an offence. On 15th May Cricket Wales suspend him/her for two weeks so he/she cannot play again until 30th May. In addition, he/she is suspended from playing in the next U18 fixture which takes place even if that does not occur until after 30th May.
- D. A player is playing in a Welsh Cup game on 8th June 2025. On 10th June Cricket Wales suspend him/her for 2 weeks so he/she cannot play any cricket until 25th June. In addition, he/she is suspended from playing in the next round of the Welsh Cup even if that does not occur until after 25th June. If his/her club has been knocked out the Cup in that season, the suspension applies to the first Cup match in 2026 for which he/she is eligible.