



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



2023 DISCIPLINARY REGIME FOR CLUBS AND PLAYERS

1. General Conduct Regulations (GCR)

Bradford Premier Cricket League (BPCL) will continue to apply the ECB General Conduct Regulations amended to meet the specific requirement of BPCL for the 2023 season.

2. Club Misconduct Code (CMC)

BPCL has introduced a second phase to its disciplinary process crafted to punish clubs whose players breach GCR to an unacceptable level. The key features of CMC have been set out in this document.

- Clubs will receive “**De-Merit**” points for breaches of GCR by players.
- De-Merit points will apply determined by the GCR offence level.
- Clubs reaching specified number of De-Merit points(**Thresholds**) will be sanctioned.
- The more De-Merit points accrued over a period (“the Assessment Period”) the greater the sanctions.
- To avoid “cliff face” issues as to when points lapse and what season penalties apply, CMC will have rolling 13 month Assessment Periods commencing at the beginning of the month the first offence took place.
- De-Merit points will lapse at the end of the 12 complete calendar months after the game in which they were incurred.
- De-Merit points will be determined as set out in the Table below.

Offence Level	De-Merit Points
Cautious	1
Reprimand	2
One	3
Two	4
Three	6
Four	8

- De-Merit points for cautions and reprimands as permitted under GCR have been included as there have been occasions where offences have taken place that warranted a sanction but not at Level 1.

- BPCL Management Board has the power to impose De-Merit points for non-player incidents and breaches of BPCL Rules e.g. breaches of League's Social Media Policy
- Penalties will apply in the season in which a Threshold is reached and will be applied to both 1st and 2nd XI teams. Separate provisions will apply to Division 3 clubs who reach Threshold 3 and to other clubs under specific conditions.
- BPCL Management Board has the authority to determine how CMC will be applied in the event of circumstances arising that are not covered by this document.
- GCR allows for Hearings and Appeals with clubs and players able to use these provisions in accordance with GCR. No such provisions are available under CMC.

Threshold 1

Clubs receiving **12 De-Merit points** in an Assessment Period will be deducted **20 League points**. e.g 4 Level 1s or 3 Level 2s .

Threshold 2

Clubs continuing to offend will have a **further 20 League point deduction** applied if they reach **20 De-Merit points** i.e.. 8 more De-Merit points in an Assessment Period.

Threshold 3

Premier Division, Divisions 1&2

Automatic Relegation will be imposed if a club reached **24 De-Merit points** i.e. 4 more De-Merit points in an Assessment Period.

Division 3 clubs only

As relegation is not available as a sanction under CMC, different penalties will apply as set out below:

Clubs placed 1st or 2nd in Division 3 having breached Threshold 3 **will not be promoted into Division 2**.

Clubs placed third or below in Division 3 will start the next season with a **60 point deduction**

Application of CMC to non Threshold 3 relegated clubs

Under circumstances where clubs are already relegated before the application of Threshold 3 sanctions, CMC will be applied as detailed below:

1. Reaching Threshold 1 or 2 in 2023 with the respective 20 or 40 point deduction dropping the team from a non-relegation place i.e. 10th or above to 11th or 12th place in the division i.e. the team suffers relegation due to hitting Threshold 1 or 2 but not Threshold 3. i.e. Threshold 1 or 2 becomes Threshold 3

Under this scenario CMC will have already relegated the team. and it is not part of CMC to apply 2 relegations should Threshold 3 be reached in 2024 i.e. relegated again to a lower division in 2025. Reaching Threshold 3 will only relegate a club once

Under **1.** a club will start the 2024 season with De-Merit points as set out in the Table below where X is the number of De-Merit points imposed in 2023.

De-Merit points(X) in 2023	De-Merit points at start of 2024 season
$12 \leq X \leq 19$	$X - 12$
$20 \leq X \leq 23$	$X - 20$

2. As per **1.** above where team is ranked 11th or 12th in the division even before the Threshold 1,2 or 3 penalty is applied. Applying the points deduction or automatic relegation provides no punishment whatsoever as the club would have been relegated anyway.

Points deduction at the start of the 2024 season will apply as per table below;

De-Merit points in 2023(Y)	Start of 2024 season	
	Points Deduction	De-Merit Points
$0 \leq Y \leq 11$	0	Y^{\wedge}
$12 \leq Y \leq 19$	20	$Y - 12$
$20 \leq Y \leq 23$	40	$Y - 20$
$Y \geq 24$	60	$Y - 24$

[^] CMC applies as per non-relegated club

3. Three or more clubs in the same division reach Threshold 3 and are all scheduled to be relegated from that division

BPCL Management Board will determine relegation and promotion.

Appendix

The CMC can therefore be encapsulated into the following Table

Threshold	De-Merit points acquired	Penalties
1	12	20 points deduction
2	20	40 points deduction
3	24	Automatic Relegation +

+ different penalty for Division 3 clubs and under specific relegation circumstances

The same De-Merit points would not apply twice to the breaching of the same Threshold level in any one Assessment Period although they would continue to be applicable for the next Threshold. By way of example

2023 season						2024 season					
April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
0	0	3	0	6	0	3	6	0	4	3	0

Threshold 1 would be breached in April 2024 and so the 20-point deduction would apply in 2024. Similarly, Threshold 1 would also be breached in May and July that season but would not be subject to another Threshold 1 points penalty as some of these De-Merit points have already been applied in the April 2024 sanction.

Threshold 2 is not reached in May 2024 (18 De-Merit points) with the club knowing they remain close in June and July 2024 with 18 and 19 De-Merit points respectively. A further breach in August will push them over Threshold 2 so a Level 1 offence in August results in a further 20 point deduction.

The club would know that accruing 8 De-Merit points in September 2024 (perfectly possible with 2 Level 2 offences say) will relegate them given 24 De-Merit points and Threshold 3 reached.