

2026 GDR – Grievance & Discipline Regulations – Summary of Changes

Change	Supporting Detail	Explanation
<i>Title</i>	Title change of the discipline regulations. Previously GDT, now GDR – Grievance and Discipline Regulations.	Due to relocation of Tribunal & Appeals sections, previously located in GDT. Now located in FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law (Sections 4 & 5).
<i>Throughout</i>	Minor changes to wording, spelling, and grammar.	
2	Updated definition and interpretation of a Supporter (Club Associate).	To help identify club associate's affiliation with a Club on Match Day, in particular when a fixture is played at a neutral venue (finals etc).
3.1.1	Confirming who may issue an offence in line with the GDR.	To clarify authority on issuing offences/sanctions.
4.4.2(c)	Accumulation of Yellow Card suspension to be served in the competition where the most recent Yellow Card was received, instead of the competition where majority of Yellow Cards were received.	Amended in line with the FV's Competition Management platform (Dribl).
4.4.2 - Note	Removal of Yellow Card Register from FV Website.	Yellow Card data recorded and displayed on FV competition management platform (Dribl). Notifications to be issued via Dribl.
5.3.3 – 5.3.4	Introduction of a time frame for a Tribunal Hearing to be heard upon referral request.	To ensure a Tribunal referral is conducted in a timely manner for all members involved and/or impacted by the matter.
5.9	Introduction of Three (3) Strike Policy.	Introduction of Three Strike policy. Please refer to policy document on FV website.

<i>Tribunal & Appeals</i>	Relocation of Tribunal and Appeals sections. Formerly Section 7 & 8 of the 2025 GDT.	Now situated in the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law (Sections 4 & 5).
<i>8.1.1</i>	Including FV Competition Management Platform for notification purposes.	Suspension notifications will be issued via Dribl (FV Competition Management Platform).
<i>Schedule 1 – Part A</i>	Merging Yellow card offence Y7 into Y6.	Align with FA National Discipline Regulations.
<i>Schedule 1 – Part B</i>	Amendments to Red Card codes.	Align with FA National Discipline Regulations.
<i>Schedule 1 – Part C</i>	Change in wording for Violent Conduct offence R2.1 & R2.2.	To clarify the level of degree between both offences (R2.1 & R2.2).
<i>Schedule 1 – Part C</i>	Inclusion of discriminatory offence towards Match Officials within Red Card offence R8.4.	Specific Red Card offence for discriminatory misconduct towards Match Officials.
<i>Schedule 3</i>	Introduction of new Misconduct penalties – MP1A & MP1B.	To differentiate the level of offence between engaging in Misconduct involving smoke devices and flares/fireworks.

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<i>4.4.1</i>	Removal of Yellow Card suspension clarification note	To align with 4.4.2 (c) and Dribl management of YC accumulation suspensions
<i>Schedule 1 – Part C</i>	Specifying the suspension length for participants Under 18 and 18 & Over for Red Card offence R8.4.	Align with Red Card offence - R6.5 grading (Under 18 / 18 & over)