

# Verum Server Disciplinary Point System

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This point system is meant to punish any user (regardless of authority) for extensively breaking server guidelines/rules, instigating toxicity, and/or breaking discord terms of service. This document serves as an insight into how the system works as well as gives examples and definitions to some of the offenses listed, however, **much of these offenses will be interpreted based on the evidence at our disposal, so do not take the examples here as absolute to what we're basing our judgements on.** When someone accumulates enough points, disciplinary action will be taken against them. Though, as server owner, Arcadum reserves the right to remove any user from the server at any time, for any reason.

If you wish to know more about this system please scroll down to the **Q&A** section of the document, and if you have any questions after reading the section, please message a moderator.

These rules later on may be subject to change, if any rules are changed, they will be changed during/after the update stream.

## Minor Offenses (1-3 Points)

- Repetitive misuse of suggestion box
- Repetitive jumping of chain of command
- Being banned from using the GB shop for gold bouncing
- Unprofessional Server Application
- Being timed out in Arcadum's Twitch chat

## Moderate Offenses (4-7 Points)

- Disrespect of authority in OoC
- Repetitive Disruptive behavior in OoC
- Offensive name calling in OoC
- Blatant Minor Metagaming
- Repetitive misuse of reports

## Greater Offenses (8-11 Points)

- Blatant disregard of written rules of server
- Blatant Moderate Metagaming
- Repetitive Uncomfortable Behavior regarding adult topics
- Revealing information from Political Server in OoC without consent of Political DMs and/or public IC interaction
- Being temp banned from Arcadum's Twitch chat

## Major Offenses (12 Points - Phase Ban / Server Ban)

- Cheating in-session
- Severe Metagaming
- Lying to a DM
- Metagaming DM-only Knowledge
- Metagaming Mod-only Knowledge
- Falsifying Loot
- Blatant Major Metagaming
- Breaking a Forbidden Action
- Knowingly falsely accusing someone of Breaking a Forbidden Action when they didn't
- Blatant Bullying in OoC
- Repetitively promoting an unhealthy atmosphere

## Intolerable Offenses (24 Points - Server Ban / Perma-ban\*)

\* This amount of time will be deliberated on by the Mod Team and Arcadum based on severity of the offense

- Sexual Harassment in OoC
- Stalking in OoC/IRL
- IRL Threats
- Blatant Racist Behavior in OoC
- Blatant Sexist Behavior in OoC
- Intentionally trying to contact a user when blocked / Harassment
- Being Phase Banned a second time
- Blatant Sexuality Discrimination in OoC
- Breaking Discord Terms of Service
- Repetitively promoting an unhealthy atmosphere
- Knowingly spreading lies about a user
- Knowingly Gaslighting in OoC

- Blatant Abuse of DM/Staff Authority
- Blatant Abuse of Moderator Authority
- Being perma banned from Arcadum's Twitch chat

## Definitions and Examples

Offense	Examples/Definitions
Repetitive misuse of suggestion box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Meme Suggestions</li> <li>-Using expletives</li> <li>-Sending the same suggestion more than 3 times</li> </ul>
Repetitive jumping of chain of command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Chain of Command goes as follows: Mods (OoC)/DMs (Systems &amp; IC) -&gt; Admins -&gt; Arcadum</li> <li>-Going directly to Arcadum for a question that can be handled by mods or DMs</li> <li>-Going over mods on issues regarding OoC conduct between players</li> </ul>
Being banned from using the GB shop for gold bouncing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-See Trading Rules</li> <li>-<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-JheyQhHajhkhOgoCjEFHb4UCDi0WtEjPAbtIKo4RYk/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-JheyQhHajhkhOgoCjEFHb4UCDi0WtEjPAbtIKo4RYk/edit?usp=sharing</a></li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Unprofessional Server Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Untasteful jokes in application</li> <li>-Labeling yourself as better than other staff</li> <li>-Using expletives</li> </ul>
Being timed out on Arcadum's Twitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Being timed out for more than 30 Minutes</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Disrespect of authority in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Choosing to do something an authority figure recently said not to do</li> <li>-Repetitively ignoring Double Bars</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Repetitive Disruptive behavior in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Acting negatively against another player in session despite DM telling you to stop.</li> <li>-behavioral oddities that do not break the dark descriptor that are disruptive and voluntary</li> </ul>
Repetitive misuse of reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- False reports</li> <li>- Sending the same report after a decision has already been made on the matter</li> <li>- Blatant pattern of personal vendetta against another user</li> </ul>
Offensive name calling in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Intentionally hateful or disrespectful speech toward someone in a non-jovial manner</li> </ul>

	-Hateful, Racial, sexist, and other slurs (Based on American terminology) -If Arcadum doesn't say it on stream, don't say it.
Blatant Minor Metagaming	-Showing up to a place to exchange item with a person you barely know IC -Buying something for someone you barely know and have no affiliation with, and are only doing so based on OoC discussion -And other potential actions of the same severity <b>-Up to DM interpretation</b>
Blatant disregard of written rules of server	-Ignoring the rules in the server - -
Blatant Moderate Metagaming	-Showing up to a place when an Important event or NPC takes place with no pre-established IC reason to be there -Showing up to a place of someone you're looking for without any pre-established knowledge that said person is there or any pre-established IC reason to be there -And other potential actions of the same severity <b>-Up to DM interpretation</b>
Repetitive Uncomfortable Behavior regarding adult topics	-If told to stop once and decides to continue the uncomfortable behavior on adult topics without consent. -Making unsolicited comments about a player's physical appearance or sexuality should not occur. -Making comments about a character's physical appearance or sexuality after being told to stop by the Player of said character.
Revealing information from Political Server in OoC without consent of Political DMs and/or public IC interaction	-Self explanatory <b>-Up to Political DM interpretation</b> -
Being banned on Arcadum's twitch	-Self explanatory - -
Cheating in-session	-Intentionally acting unfairly or dishonestly to gain some kind of advantage -Using rigged macros <b>-Up to DM interpretation</b>
Sevenic Metagaming	<b>-Arcadum's Jurisdiction and Interpretation</b> -Applies only to Seven -
Lying to a DM	-Self explanatory -Similar to Cheating in-session -

Metagaming DM-only Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Self explanatory</li> <li>-<b>Up to DM interpretation</b></li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Metagaming Mod-only Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Self explanatory</li> <li>-<b>Up to DM interpretation</b></li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Falsifying Loot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Inflating Gold Amount</li> <li>-Adding items when bubbled</li> <li>-Self-explanatory</li> </ul>
Blatant Major Metagaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Showing up to a place of someone you're tasked with killing/capturing without any pre-established knowledge that said person is there or any pre-established IC reason to be there</li> <li>-Attempting to flee a place suddenly without any pre-established IC reason to just because a hostile PC is about to enter your RP location with IC reasons.</li> <li>-Taking Advantage of a weakness in life-or-death PVP without any pre-established IC knowledge of said weakness</li> <li>-And other potential actions of the same severity</li> <li>-<b>Up to DM interpretation</b></li> </ul>
Breaking a Forbidden Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pntOYZL6wxQYVXltw32IVxnJgTQfhn1YuAypQbmm2xE/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pntOYZL6wxQYVXltw32IVxnJgTQfhn1YuAypQbmm2xE/edit</a></li> </ul>
Accusing someone of Breaking a Forbidden Action when they didn't	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pntOYZL6wxQYVXltw32IVxnJgTQfhn1YuAypQbmm2xE/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pntOYZL6wxQYVXltw32IVxnJgTQfhn1YuAypQbmm2xE/edit</a></li> <li>- "If you falsely accuse someone of such things, or if you try to claim such things in a manner seen to troll or manipulate a situation, you will be punished as if you had committed them yourself."</li> </ul>
Sexual Harassment in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Making someone uncomfortable or unsafe through inappropriate sexual jokes, mentions of sexual assault, and requests for sexual favors</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Stalking in OoC/VC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "A course of conduct directed at a specific person that involves repeated physical or visual proximity, non-consensual communication, or verbal, written, or implied threats sufficient to cause fear in a reasonable person"</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
IRL Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-"a statement of an intention to inflict pain, injury, damage, or other hostile action on someone in retribution for something done or not done" irl and not IC</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>

Blatant Racist Behavior in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Behavior that demonstrates discrimination/prejudice against people of other races/ethnicities or believing their race/ethnicity is more superior than other races</li> <li>-Examples include common negative stereotypes of certain races</li> <li>- Definitions: Race (classification of people based on physical characteristics); Ethnicity (shared cultural heritage or nationality)</li> </ul>
Blatant Sexist Behavior in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Behavior that demonstrates discrimination/prejudice against people of other genders or believing their gender is more superior than other gender</li> <li>-Definitions: Gender (social definitions and expectations associated with being male or female); Sex (one's biological identity)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Intentionally trying to contact a user when blocked / Harassment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Repeatedly attempting to talk to them in public spaces such as Living World OOC or joining public voice chats knowing said block person is there.</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Being Phase Banned a second time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Someone who already has been banned for a phase once and commits another offense(s) that warrants a second phase ban</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Blatant Sexuality Discrimination in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Behavior that demonstrates discrimination/prejudice due to one's sexual identity, preference, and behavior</li> <li>-Also include homophobic behaviors or attitudes</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Breaking Discord Community Guidelines or ToS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="https://discordapp.com/guidelines">https://discordapp.com/guidelines</a></li> <li>-<a href="https://discordapp.com/terms">https://discordapp.com/terms</a></li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Repetitively promoting an unhealthy atmosphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Promoting ooc conflict</li> <li>-Flagrant history of poor and un-adult behavior</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Knowing spreading lies about a user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Intentionally spreading false information about someone to tarnish their reputation</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Knowingly Gaslighting in OoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "manipulate (someone) by psychological means into questioning their own sanity."</li> <li>-Link to gaslighting examples: <a href="https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/here-there-and-everywhere/201701/11-warning-signs-gaslighting">https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/here-there-and-everywhere/201701/11-warning-signs-gaslighting</a></li> <li>-</li> </ul>

Blatant Abuse of DM/Staff Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Targeting a single player in a session for OoC/personal reasons</li> <li>-Giving disadvantages to a player through DM controlled systems for OoC/personal reasons</li> <li>-Sabotaging a player's macros</li> <li>-Deleting someone else's RP posts for negative OoC/personal reasons</li> <li>-Divulging DM or Staff only knowledge</li> <li><b>-Handled by Admins</b></li> </ul>
Blatant Abuse of Moderator Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Banning/Kicking someone for negative OoC/personal reasons in a side discord</li> <li>-Deleting someone else's RP posts for negative OoC/personal reasons</li> <li>-Divulging Mod only knowledge</li> <li><b>-Handled by Admins</b></li> </ul>

## Q&A

### Q1. Who manages the point system?

- A. The moderators, admins, and Arcadum manage the point system.

### Q2. What are Disciplinary Points and how are points given out?

- A. Disciplinary Points are a record of offences a user has committed within the community that can accumulate based on severity and/or frequency. When the mod team are aware of a potential offense, they will review all the evidence brought forward and speak with those involved. After deliberation, if there is indeed an offense, the mod team will then contact Arcadum to confirm the offense and the amount of points that should be given out.

### Q3. How many points do I start out with?

- A. Everyone starts out with 0 points on their record. Those who have been phase banned or server banned previously will start out with 12 points.

### Q4. Can these points be removed in any way?

- A. Points can not be appealed. However, if someone doesn't commit any offense during a 6 month period since their last offense, then 3 points will be deducted from their total record. If you go on hiatus, your decay period is frozen.

## Q5. Will I know when I've been given points and how many?

- A. You will be alerted by a moderator when you have been given points, but not how many. The exact total of points a user has will be kept in our records, as to avoid trolls from taking advantage of the system. So be on your best behavior.

## Q6. What do you mean by "Repetitive"?

- A. "Repetitive" for us means 3 or more instances.

## Q7. What do you mean by "Blatant"?

- A. "Blatant" for us means substantial evidence of intent that leaves little to question.

## Q8. What is a "Phase Ban"?

- A. A Phase Ban is a ban on a player that lasts throughout the current verum phase and its following downtime; their character at the time of the banned is also auto-retired. The ban is lifted once a new phase begins. If a player is phase banned during downtime, they will not be able to play until the next downtime. A phase ban is issued when a player accumulates 12 points on their record, or if the Mod team deems it fit for the situation.

## Q9. When I return from a Phase Ban, how many points will I have?

- A. When you return from a Phase Ban, you will have the total amount of points you had at the moment you were banned. Should you accumulate 24 points after you return from a Phase Ban, you will be server banned or permanently banned depending on the severity of your offenses.

## Q10. What is a Server Ban?

- A. A Server Ban is removal from the server for a time determined by the Mod Team and Arcadum based on the severity of the user's offences. A Server Ban can be issued when a user accumulates 12 or 24 points on their record, or if the Mod team deems it fit for the situation. The minimum amount of time a server ban can last is 3 months. After returning from a server ban, the total points on the user's record is brought down to 12. ~~Server bans can be appealed.~~ (Removed Sept 2020)



### Q11. What is a Perma-Ban?

- A. A Perma-Ban is a permanent ban from the server. This is reserved for the most serious of offenses. A Perma-Ban can be issued when a user accumulates 24 points on their record, or if the Mod team deems it fit for the situation. This ban can not be appealed in any way.

### Q12. I'm afraid that what I'm doing might give me points. What should I do?

- A. If you're questioning your actions, that's probably a good indication that you shouldn't do it. But if you are at a loss, always message a mod to verify if your potential actions are offensive to our rules. If they are, they'll warn you about it.

### Q13. I see someone potentially breaking a rule, what should I do?

- A. Please alert a moderator and report the offense. Community policing is okay, but accusations thrown around publically can quickly cause negative tensions and heated arguments, so if the situation is grey, inform a mod and they'll handle the situation.

### Q14. I want to report a potential rule break, but I wish to remain anonymous, what should I do?

- A. Anonymous reports are not recommended as they sometimes limit the context and scope of the report. However, it is still an available option for users. If you wish to make an anonymous report, you can do so in the following ways:
  - a. Filing a submission in the report box with detailed evidence and links to images.
  - b. Contacting another user to report information on your behalf.
  - c. Contacting a moderator to report information on your behalf.

### Q15. I want to report something that happened before the Point System was implemented, what should I do?

- A. Everyone who wasn't previously banned will start with a clean slate in this new system. However, if you wish to report something that happened before this new system, please do so we can know what to look out for going forward. Though, if this report is of a major or intolerable offense, please report it to us immediately.

Q16. How can I trust the Mod Team to not give special treatment to other mods, DMs, or admins?

- A. There's not much we can say in words to reassure this concern. Everyone is accountable for their actions regardless of the authority they have. Should anyone in a position of authority commit one of these offenses or be accused of an offense, they will be recused from the deliberation process, and will be held to the same standard as everyone else.