Punishment Procedures

Ladders · Examples · Escalation



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SECTION 1

Golden rules

Fair, consistent, and backed by evidence

Pick the right category

Fits more than one? Use the **more serious** one. Unsure? Ask a SrMod+.

Check the history

Run `/history <player>`. Count offences **within that category**.

Stay calm

Never punish out of anger, frustration or a personal disagreement.

Use common sense

A rule can cover behaviour that clearly breaks its purpose. Unclear? Ask a senior first.

Old offences: nothing says offences expire. If an older offence makes the count unclear, ask a SrMod+.

SECTION 1

Golden rules

Part 2: choosing and limits

Right punishment

Chat → warn or mute. Gameplay → ban. Muting someone will **not** stop active griefing.

Know your limits

Helpers can't ban. Mods+ can. IP bans are SrMod+. Don't work around a missing permission — **escalate**.

Keep to the ladder

Never change a listed duration on your own. Ask a SrMod+ first.

Escalate severe cases

Hacking, doxxing, predatory behaviour, major attacks and serious harassment may skip the ladder.

SECTION 1

How to issue a punishment

Clear reason + offence number, every time

```
/<command> <player> <duration> <reason> [offence #]
```

```
/tempmute Steve 30m Spamming [2]
```

```
/tempban Steve 1d Griefing [1]
```

```
/tempban Steve 7d Hacking [1]
```

Argument order can vary by command and plugin version — check **/help** if unsure. Don't copy commands from other servers.

WORKED EXAMPLES

What would you do?

1. **Steve** spams the same message. `/history` shows **one** earlier spam warning.

   `/tempmute Steve 30m Spamming [2]`
   2nd chat offence → Mute 30 min

2. **Sam** is caught using X-ray for the first time.

   `/tempban Sam 7d Hacking [1]`
   1st cheating offence → Ban 7 days *(minimum)*

3. **Jo** sends a racial slur in chat. No previous offences.

   `/tempmute Jo 1d Racism [1]`
   1st offence → Mute 1 day minimum. Serious? Tell a SrMod+

WORKED EXAMPLES

What would you do?

4 **Alex** destroys a neighbour's build. First offence.

`/tempban Alex 1d Griefing [1]`

1st gameplay offence → Ban 1 day (Mod+). Rollback goes to a SrMod+

5 A **banned** player joins again on an alt account.

`Preserve evidence`

Punishment evasion → double the punishment. Refer to a SrMod+

6 A player posts another player's **home address**.

`Contact SrMod+ now`

Doxxing → permanent ban. Save the proof, don't repeat the info

SECTION 1

Which ladder?

Pick the category that best fits the rule broken

Chat

Warning → Perm mute

Spam, advertising, inappropriate chat, drama

Discrimination & Harassment

Mute 1d → Perm mute

Slurs, hate speech, targeted abuse

Gameplay

Ban 1d → Perm ban

Trapping, griefing, builds, scams

Cheating & Server Harm

Ban 7d → Perm ban

Hacking, lag machines, dupes

Severe Safety

Perm ban · SrMod+

Doxxing, predatory behaviour, staff impersonation

Special Cases

Varies · SrMod+

Evasion, no intent, account selling, real-life situations

Discord

Warning → Timeouts

Minor ladder, with 1-day minimum for extreme cases

SECTION 1

Who issues what?

- **Helper+** — warn, kick, mute and temp-mute
- **Mod+** — bans, temp-bans, IP mutes, appeal reviews
- **SrMod+** — IP bans, severe cases, rollbacks, ladder changes
- **Admin+** — staff misconduct reports

Can’t issue it? **Don’t work around it.** Preserve evidence and hand it to a rank that can.

SECTION 2

Chat Offences

Lower-level disruption — nothing severe or unsafe



Helper+ can issue every step. **Inappropriate chat** starts at the 2nd step.

CHAT

Spamming

Mute

- Repeating the same message or question
- Stretching words with extra letters to flood chat
- Random characters or keyboard mashes
- Excessive caps to demand attention
- Splitting words across lines, or symbol and ASCII blocks
- Spamming `/tpa` or `/msg` at another player

CHAT

Advertising & Inappropriate Chat

Advertising

Mute

- Other Minecraft servers
- Unapproved Discord invites
- Personal social-media promos
- Commercial links or recruiting for rival communities

Approved AetherBlock partners, events and promos are **not** advertising.

Inappropriate Chat

Mute · from 30 min

- Excessive vulgar language
- Deliberate filter bypassing
- Hostile or belittling remarks
- Explicit messages

Targeted, discriminatory or sexual? Use **Discrimination & Harassment**.

CHAT

Drama & Disruptive Chat

Warning or mute

- Long public arguments
- Baiting players into disputes
- Arguing staff decisions in public instead of using support
- Repeatedly derailing chat
- Repeated public cheating accusations → redirect to a report or ticket

A credible threat or real exploit report is **not** a joke. Preserve the evidence and escalate.

SECTION 3

Discrimination & Harassment

Not minor chat issues — hate, targeting and intimidation



1 day is the **minimum** for racism and discrimination. At the 6th step, SrMod+ steps in.

DISCRIMINATION

Racism & Discrimination

Mute · from 1 day

- Racial slurs and hate speech
- Derogatory stereotypes and xenophobic insults
- Hate symbols in builds or skins
- Targeting or excluding someone for their background or identity

Serious or repeated? Escalate to **SrMod+**.

DISCRIMINATION

Harassment

Mute

- Repeated targeted insults or belittling
- Messaging or following after being told to stop
- Encouraging others to target or mock someone
- Unwanted sexual comments or content
- Harassing across Minecraft and Discord after a block

Threats, coercion, stalking, predatory behaviour or severe sexual harassment → **SrMod+ immediately**.

SECTION 4

Gameplay Offences

Anything affecting another player's builds, items, claims or access



Bans need Mod+ Use the protections actually in use on that server — don't import rules from another network.

GAMEPLAY

Trapping & Scamming

Player Trapping

Ban

- Trapping players at portals, teleports or public areas
- Enclosed spaces with no reasonable way out
- Luring someone into an inescapable hazard

Did they have a fair way to leave? Was it intentional?

Scamming & Stealing

Ban

- Taking items or money in a trade without the agreed exchange
- Running a fraudulent shop or deal
- Taking from protected storage without permission

Review the logs and evidence first.

GAMEPLAY

Griefing

Ban

- Intentionally damaging or altering another player's build, island, claim or property
- Disrupting protected farms or systems
- Using fluids, blocks or mobs to vandalise someone's area

Procedure: investigate with CoreProtect, collect proof, then escalate to **SrMod+** for rollbacks, restoration and high-impact claim action. Helpers are read-only.

GAMEPLAY

Inappropriate Builds, Signs & Names

Ban

Visible content that breaks the rules:

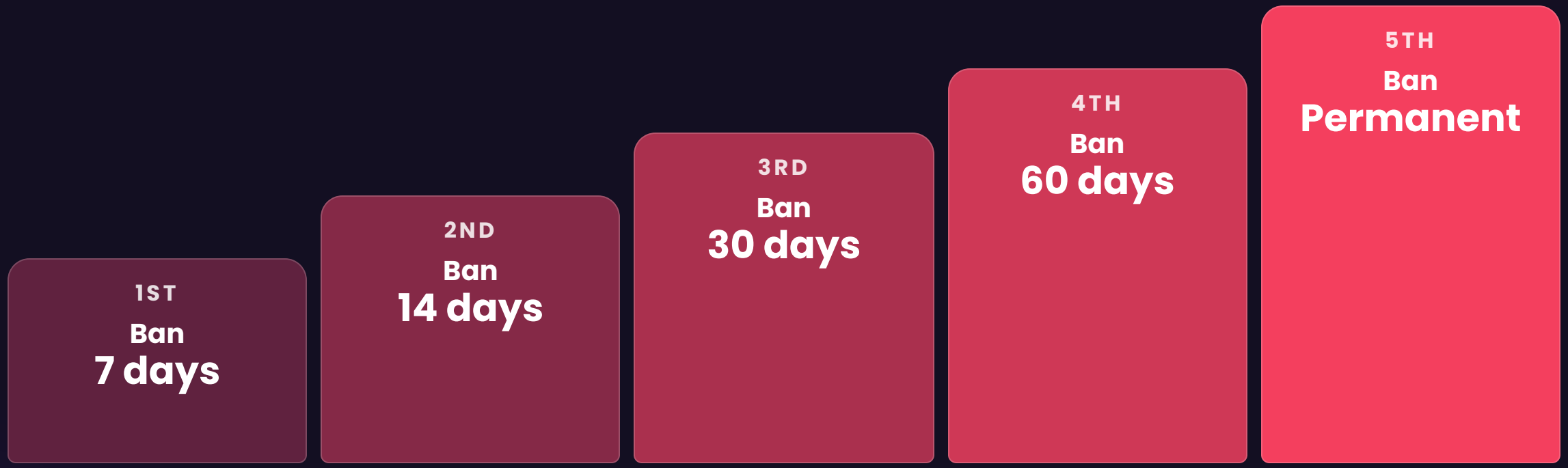
- Builds and signs
- Books and item names
- Island names
- Skins

Think: hate symbols, explicit imagery, slurs or targeted harassment.

SECTION 5

Cheating & Server Harm

Unfair advantage or damage to the economy and performance



7 days is the **minimum** for hacking. At the 5th step, **SrMod+** steps in.

CHEATING

Hacking

Ban · from 7 days

- Hacked clients and X-ray tools
- Automated combat
- Movement cheats
- Automated mining or building for an unfair edge
- Scripts or bots playing without real input

Check the **current AetherBlock rules** for the exact list of allowed and banned mods.

CHEATING

Lag Machines

Minor

Ban

- Built to lag or disrupt **nearby** players
- Does not hit the whole server

Incidental lag isn't automatically malicious. Weigh **intent, scale and impact**.

Major

Permanent ban · SrMod+

- Server-wide lag, crashes or TPS drops
- Server crashers, mass-entity lag
- Redstone or hopper overload

Preserve evidence and escalate **immediately**. Never reproduce the setup yourself.

CHEATING

Duping & Glitch Exploits

Decided by SrMod+

- Duplicating items or currency
- Exploiting glitches to bypass game or plugin limits
- Teaching or spreading a known dupe

Procedure: collect evidence without spreading the exploit, escalate to **SrMod+** immediately, and never test a suspected dupe on the live server unless authorised.

SECTION 6

Severe Safety Offences

Handled by SrMod+ wherever possible

Doxxing	**Permanent ban**
Predatory behaviour	**Permanent ban**
Staff impersonation	**30 days → permanent**

Helpers and Mods must **not** manage these alone. They may skip the normal ladders.

SEVERE

Doxxing & Impersonation

Doxxing

Permanent ban

- Posting real names, addresses, phone numbers, IPs, school or work
- Sharing private photos or documents without consent
- Threatening to expose personal info

Save evidence securely. Don’t repeat the info in public. Contact **SrMod+** now.

Staff Impersonation

30 days to permanent

- Posing as staff or claiming a rank
- Issuing fake punishments
- Fake “investigations” to get passwords, info or items

Repeat or harmful cases go to **SrMod+**.

SEVERE

Predatory Behaviour

Permanent ban

- Grooming or exploitative behaviour
- Requesting or sending explicit content
- Coercing someone into sharing private info or media
- Pressuring for age, location, webcam or off-platform contact after a refusal

Don’t run your own long interrogation. Preserve the report, protect the player’s privacy, escalate to **SrMod+** immediately.

SECTION 7

Punishment Evasion

Double the punishment **Senior review**

- Joining on an alt while banned
- Bypassing a mute via signs, books, Discord or another account
- Helping another player evade

Preserve evidence and refer to **SrMod+**. They decide whether to double the remaining or original time. Original was permanent? **Escalate.**

SPECIAL CASES

Intent & Account Selling

No Intent to Follow Rules

Permanent ban · SrMod+

- Joins just to vandalise, spam or cause chaos
- Openly shows no plan to follow the rules

Helpers and Mods: collect evidence and involve **SrMod+**.

Account Selling & RWT

Decided by SrMod+

- Selling accounts
- Trading items or currency for real money outside an authorised arrangement

Collect evidence. Don’t decide alone.

SPECIAL CASES

Sensitive Real-Life Situations

Self-harm, serious personal problems, real-life threats

1. Stay **calm and humane**. You're not a counsellor.
2. **Never promise secrecy.**
3. **Don't investigate** it yourself.
4. Encourage them to talk to **someone they trust**.
5. Immediate danger? Escalate to senior staff **promptly**.

SECTION 8

Discord Offences

Minor offences — use AetherBlock's published Discord rules



No Discord permission? **Preserve the evidence** and pass it to an authorised staff member.

DISCORD

Extreme Discord Offences

1-day timeout minimum

- Explicit sexual content
- Severe harassment
- Predatory behaviour and doxxing
- No-intent disruption

Escalate repeat or severe cases to **SrMod+**. A timeout never replaces any needed in-game action or safety response.

SECTION 9

Proof & Logging

Every action needs a record

Proof

Evidence

Screenshot, video, chat, or CoreProtect record

Offender

Exact name

Username and the offence number

Rule

Category

Rule broken and punishment category used

Action

What and how long

The punishment issued and its duration

Context

Short note

Any escalation or senior direction

Post proof **only** in the designated private staff area. Leave out unnecessary personal info, IPs and private chats.

SECTION 9

Appeals

1. Players appeal through the **appeal ticket** route.
2. Reviewed by **Mod+**. Avoid the **original issuer** where possible.
3. Review the evidence, history and any new info.
4. Aim to decide within **48 hours** — but don't rush.
5. You can only lift punishments from **your rank or below**.



Fair. Calm. Consistent.

Unsure? Ask a senior. You don’t have to handle everything alone.

Aggressive player? **Disengage politely and escalate.**