

Summary of Changes to MRS Disciplinary Regulations

	Para.	Current Disciplinary Regulations	New Disciplinary Regulations
1.	21, 33	Paragraph 21 provides 21 days for a member's response to the possible ground(s) for disciplinary action; paragraph 33 provides 21 days for a member's response to the MRSB's notification that it is minded to decide that there is a case to be pursued where the Investigations Committee did not make such a finding.	Time reduced to 14 days. General statement included that the member may make a request for an extension of time in writing to the Standards Department, which the Standards Department may grant in exceptional circumstances.
2.	36	Provides that a written application made by a complainant to the Reviewer of Complaints, for a review of a decision by MRSB that there is no case to be pursued, will not be considered if it is received later than one month after the date of the decision unless there are exceptional circumstances (in the opinion of the Reviewer of Complaints).	Time reduced to 14 days. Statement included that the complainant may make a request for an extension of time in writing to the Reviewer of Complaints, which the Reviewer of Complaints may grant in exceptional circumstances and only if the request has been made within one month of the decision.
3.	48	Provides 28 days (or 35 days in the case of proposed demotion, suspension or expulsion from membership) for the member to respond to a notice sent under paragraph 42 and reserves the right for MRSB to vary those time limits in exceptional circumstances.	Time reduced to 21 days. Statement included that the member may make a request for an extension of time in writing to the Standards Department, which the Standards Department may grant in exceptional circumstances.
4.	84	This provides that all time limits will be doubled when the member concerned is an overseas member.	Statement amended to use inherent flexibility to provide extra time as necessary.