

How to Kick and Ban Players on Your Minecraft Server

Managing player behavior is essential for maintaining a friendly and fair environment on your Minecraft server. Whether you need to remove a disruptive player temporarily or permanently, kicking and banning are effective tools for server admins. This guide will walk you through the steps of kicking and banning players using in-game commands, as well as through the use of plugins like **LiteBans**.

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Kicking Players

Kicking a player removes them from the server temporarily, usually due to disruptive behavior. This action does not prevent the player from joining again unless combined with a ban.

Use the `/kick` Command

To kick a player, follow these steps:

1. Open the Chat or Console

You can either run the command from the chat (if you are an admin) or from the console (for full control).

2. Type the `/kick` Command

The basic format of the command is:

```
/kick <player> [reason]
```

- Replace `<player>` with the player's username.
- Optionally, add a `[reason]` to explain why they are being kicked (this will be shown in the player's chat).

Example:

```
/kick Notch Griefing in spawn
```

This will kick the player **Notch** for griefing in the spawn area.

Verify the Player Is Kicked

Once the command is executed, the player will be removed from the server. They will receive a message indicating the reason for the kick (if provided), and they can attempt to rejoin at any time.

Banning Players

Banning a player prevents them from joining your server either temporarily or permanently. Bans are ideal for serious violations of server rules.

Use the `/ban` Command

To ban a player, follow these steps:

1. Open the Chat or Console

Like kicking, the ban command can be used from either chat or console.

2. Type the `/ban` Command

The basic format is:

```
/ban <player> [reason]
```

- Replace `<player>` with the player's username.
- Optionally, add a `[reason]` to provide context for the ban (this will be shown in the player's chat).

Example:

```
/ban Griefer Spamming TNT in spawn
```

This will permanently ban **Griefer** for spamming TNT in the spawn area.

Verify the Player Is Banned

Once the command is executed, the player will be disconnected from the server and will be unable to rejoin until the ban is lifted. A message will appear in the chat, confirming that the player has been banned.

Temporary Bans

If you want to ban a player temporarily, you can specify the duration of the ban.

Step 1: Use the `/tempban` Command

1. Open the Chat or Console

Run the following command from either chat or the console.

2. Type the `/tempban` Command

The format for a temporary ban is:

```
/tempban <player> <duration> [reason]
```

- `<player>` is the player's username.
- `<duration>` is the amount of time for the ban (e.g., `30m` for 30 minutes, `1d` for one day, `2w` for two weeks).
- `[reason]` is optional.

Example:

```
/tempban Notch 1d Breaking server rules
```

This will ban **Notch** for 1 day with the reason "Breaking server rules."

Using LiteBans Plugin for Enhanced Management

If you are using the **LiteBans** plugin for better player management, it provides advanced features like banning via IP, history tracking, and more.

Step 1: Install LiteBans

1. Download the **LiteBans** plugin from [SpigotMC](#).
2. Place the `.jar` file in the `/plugins` folder.
3. Restart your server.

Step 2: Use LiteBans Commands

After installing LiteBans, you can use its extended commands to manage bans:

- **Ban a Player**

```
/ban <player> [reason]
```

- **TempBan a Player**

```
/tempban <player> <duration> [reason]
```

- **Ban an IP**

```
/ipban <ip> [reason]
```

- **Unban a Player**

```
/unban <player>
```

- **View Ban History**

```
/history <player>
```

LiteBans also integrates with MySQL for persistent ban storage, meaning bans will be saved even if you switch servers.

Managing & Removing Bans

Managing Bans

Use the `/banlist` Command

To view all active bans, use the `/banlist` command.

Step 1: Use the `/banlist` Command

Run:

```
/banlist
```

This will display a list of all banned players. You can see both players and IPs that have been banned.

Removing Bans

To lift a ban, whether temporary or permanent:

Step 1: Use the `/pardon` Command

1. **Open the Chat or Console**

Use this command from either the chat or console.

2. **Type the `/pardon` Command**

The format is:

```
/pardon <player>
```

Example:

```
/pardon Griefer
```

This will unban **Griefer** and allow them to rejoin the server.

Additional Help

If you encounter any issues or need further assistance, open a support ticket via the [Billing Area](#). Our support team is ready to assist you.
