



2015 Hume Football League

Reporting Procedure

19.3 Reporting Procedure (2015 Laws of Australian Football)

19.3.1 Reports During Match

- (a) Where an Umpire reports a Player or Official during the course of a Match, the Umpire shall use their best endeavours to inform the Player or Official of the report:
- (i) at the time of the incident;
 - (ii) before the commencement of the next quarter; or
 - (iii) where the incident occurs in the final quarter, after the completion of the Match.
- (b) The Umpire shall use their best endeavours to inform the person against whom a Reportable Offence has been committed of the report (if applicable).
- (c) An Umpire may inform the captain, acting captain or Official of a Team of a report where it is impracticable to inform the Player or Official who has been reported.
- (d) Apart from informing a Player or Official of the report, an Umpire shall not speak with the reported Player or Official or any other Player or Official about the report which has been made.

Notice of Report (2015 AFL NSW/ACT National Match Tribunal Guidelines)

As soon as practical after the completion of the Match, the Umpire shall complete a Notice of Report as issued by the League. The Umpire shall:

- a) Identify the specific Reportable Offence using the section below called Specific Offences as reference.
- b) Where applicable, complete the Grading Templates attached (Contact/Auditory).
- c) Issue copies of the Notice of Report as stated on the Report sheet.
- d) Immediately contact League Secretary (Dalton Wegener 0413 864 876) of report and confirm Reportable Offence and Grading information.
- e) As stated above, do not speak to players or club officials about the report.

19.2.2 Specific Offences (2015 Laws of Australian Football)

Any of the following types of conduct is a Reportable Offence:

- (a) intentionally or carelessly;
 - (i) striking another person;
 - (ii) kicking another person;
 - (iii) kneeling another person;
 - (iv) stomping on another person;
 - (v) charging another person;
 - (vi) engaging in rough conduct against an opponent which in the circumstances is unreasonable;
 - (vii) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down over the football;
 - (viii) head-butting an opponent or making contact to an opponent using the head;
 - (ix) eye-gouging an opponent or making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of an opponent;
 - (x) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of an opponent;
 - (xi) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured Player;
 - (xii) scratching another person; or
 - (xiii) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (b) intentionally making contact with, or striking, an Umpire;
- (c) attempting to make contact with, or strike, an Umpire;
- (d) carelessly making contact with an Umpire;
- (e) spitting at or on an Umpire;
- (f) spitting at or on another person;
- (g) attempting to strike another person;
- (h) attempting to kick another person;
- (i) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm,

foot or leg;

(j) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language;

(k) using abusive, insulting or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire;

(l) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;

(m) disputing a decision of an Umpire;

(n) use of an obscene gesture;

(o) engaging in time wasting;

(p) engaging in an act of staging;

(q) engaging in a melee, except where a Player's sole intention is to remove a teammate from the incident;

(r) instigating a melee;

(s) wrestling another person;

(t) pinching another person;

(u) interfering with a Player kicking for goal;

(v) kicking or otherwise causing the football to hit any part of a stadium roof's structure;

(w) intentionally shaking a goal or behind post when another Player is preparing to Kick or is Kicking for Goal or after the Player has Kicked for Goal and the football is in transit;

(x) failing to leave the Playing Surface when directed to do so by an Umpire;

(y) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Law 9;
or

(z) engaging in any other act of misconduct or serious misconduct.

NOTE:

- a Player can bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on will be deemed to be front-on;

- a Player with their head down in anticipation of winning possession of the football or after contesting the football will be deemed to have their head down over the football for the purposes of this law.

Contact Offence Grading Template

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	All	Tribunal	N/A
	High	High/Groin	Tribunal	N/A
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Reprimand
Careless	Severe	All	Tribunal	N/A
	High	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Reprimand
	Low	High/Groin	1 Match	Reprimand
		Body	1 Match	Reprimand

Intentional conduct:

A Player intentionally commits a Classifiable Offence if the Player engages in the conduct constituting the Reportable Offence with the intention of committing that offence.

Careless conduct:

A Player's conduct will be regarded as Careless where it constitutes a breach of the duty of care owed by the Player to all other Players. Each Player owes a duty of care to all other Players, Umpires and other persons (as applicable) not to engage in conduct which will constitute a Reportable Offence being committed against that other Player, Umpire or other person (as applicable). In order to constitute such a breach of that duty of care, the conduct

must be such that a reasonable Player would not regard it as prudent in all the circumstances. Further, a Player will be careless if they breach their duty to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence.

Impact (Low, Medium, High or Severe)

In determining the level of impact, regard will be had to several factors.

Firstly, consideration will be given to the extent of force and in particular, any injury sustained by the Player who was offended against.

Secondly, strong consideration will be given to the potential to cause injury. For example, contact to the head will generally have more impact than contact to the body if the force used is similar.

Thirdly, consideration will be given not only to the impact between the offending Player and the victim Player, but also any other impact to the victim Player as a result of such impact.

In addition, consideration will be given to the body language of the offending Player in terms of flexing, turning, raising or positioning the body to either increase or reduce the force of impact. The absence of injury does not preclude the classification of impact as Severe.

Low impact (which is the minimum impact required for a Classifiable Offence to constitute a Reportable Offence) requires more than just a negligible impact. Most Reportable Offences require at least low impact and a collision or incident involving negligible force will not ordinarily result in a charge.

Contact (High/Groin, Body)

High contact is not limited to contact to the head and includes contact above the shoulders. Contact to the Groin includes contact to the crease or hollow at the junction of the inner part of each thigh with the trunk together with the adjacent region and including the testicles.

Where contact is both High and to the Body, the Match Review Panel will classify the contact as High.

Auditory Offences

In the case of auditory offences the umpire may grade the offence in accordance with the following matrix:

(a) Auditory

Comments were	Loud = 3	Medium = 2	Soft = 1	
Comments were	Directed at the umpire (you) = 4	Directed at another player or person = 2	In the vicinity of umpire or player = 1	
Comments were	Threatening & obscene = 4	Threatening = 3	Abusive / Obscene = 2	Insulting = 1
Comments were result of disputed decision		No = 2	Yes = 1	
Attitude of player when informed of report				
Unrepentant = 3	No response = 2	Apologetic = 1	Unknown = 0	

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