



For use in all matches

REPORT BY UMPIRE

Great Flinders Football League

Match: _____ vs _____

at _____ Oval

Grade (please circle): A / B / Colts / Mini Colts

Date: ____ / ____ / 20__

Name of Player	Number	Club

Officiating Umpire: _____

Field Goal Boundary (tick appropriate box)

STATEMENT OF OFFENCE (e.g. Striking): _____

CONTRARY TO AFL LAW: _____

QUARTER: _____ MINUTES: _____

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: _____

UMPIRE'S ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE OF UMPIRE: _____

22.3 REPORTING PROCEDURE

22.3.1 Reports During a 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 the Reportable Offence has been committed (if applicable).
- (c) An Umpire may inform the captain, acting captain or Official of a Team of the 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.

22.3.2 Completing Notice of Report

- (a) During or after the completion of the Match, the Umpire shall complete a notice of report in the form prescribed by the Controlling Body.
- (b) The Controlling Body shall adopt rules which prescribe the procedures for the lodgement and notification of notices of report.

22. REPORTING PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

22.1 OBLIGATION TO REPORT

22.1.1 to Controlling Body

An Umpire shall report to the Controlling Body any Player or Official who commits or engages in conduct which may constitute a Reportable Offence:

- (a) during a Match; or
- (b) on the day of the Match and Within the Immediate Proximity of the Arena where the Match is conducted.

22.1.2 Other Appointed Persons

In addition to an Umpire, a Controlling Body may authorise a person or persons to report any Player or Official who commits or engages in conduct which may constitute a Reportable Offence. Any person so authorised shall have the same powers and duties as imposed upon an Umpire under this Law 22.3

22.2 REPORTABLE OFFENCES

22.2.1 Degree of Intent - Clarification Where any of the Reportable Offences listed in Law

22.2.2 specify that conduct may be intentional or careless:

- (a) any report or notice of report which does not allege whether the conduct was intentional or careless shall be deemed to and be read as alleging that the conduct was either intentional or careless; and
- (b) the Tribunal or other body appointed to hear and determine the report may find the report proven if it is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the conduct was either intentional or careless.

22.2.2 Specific Offences

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) Charging an opponent;
 - (v) engaging in Rough Conduct against an opponent;
 - (vi) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down over the football;
 - (vii) head-butting or making contact to another person using the head;
 - (viii) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of another person;
 - (ix) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of another person;
 - (x) scratching another person; or (xi) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (b) eye-gouging another person;
- (c) stomping on another person;
- (d) intentionally making contact with, or striking, an Umpire;³
- (e) attempting to strike an Umpire;
- (f) spitting on or at an Umpire;
- (g) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (h) using abusive, insulting or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (i) unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an Umpire;
- (j) carelessly making contact with an Umpire; (k) disputing a decision of an Umpire;
- (l) spitting on or at another person;
- (m) attempting to strike another person;
- (n) attempting to kick another person;
- (o) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (p) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured Player;
- (q) engaging in a Melee;
- (r) instigating a Melee;
- (s) wrestling another person;
- (t) pinching another person;
- (u) engaging in an act of staging;

- (v) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language;
- (w) use of an obscene gesture;
- (x) engaging in Time Wasting;
- (y) interfering with a Player Kicking for Goal;
- (z) intentionally shaking, climbing or otherwise interfering with a goal or behind post;
- (aa) failing to leave the Playing Surface when directed to do so by an Umpire;
- (bb) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Law 9; or
- (cc) engaging in any other act of misconduct or serious misconduct.

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22.4 SANCTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

22.4.1 Controlling Body

- (a) A Controlling Body shall hear and determine a report made against a Player or Official and if the report is proven, may impose such sanctions (including suspension for any term or a monetary sanction), make such orders and give such directions in each case as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.
- (b) A Controlling Body may prescribe set sanctions for Reportable Offences.

22.4.2 Delegation

A Controlling Body may delegate the power to investigate, hear and determine a report to a Tribunal or other similar body duly established and constituted in accordance with the Controlling Body's Constitution.⁴

22.4.3 Rules

Each Controlling Body shall adopt Rules which prescribe the procedures for the hearing and determination of a report. Such Rules must prescribe that the person reported be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

22.4.4 Effect of Suspension

- (a) Unless Law 22.4.4(d) or 22.4.4(e) applies, a Player or Official suspended by a Controlling Body is, for the period of the suspension, or while the suspension remains unserved, prohibited from playing or participating in a Match conducted by the Controlling Body imposing the suspension and a Match conducted by any other Controlling Body.
- (b) Where a suspended Player or Official transfers from one Club to another Club competing in the same or another competition, the Player or Official shall complete the period of suspension with their new Club if that Club competes in a competition conducted during the same period as the Club from which the Player has transferred.

- (c) A Controlling Body may still require a Player or Official to complete any period of a suspension imposed by the Controlling Body, if the Player or Official returns to the competition conducted by the Controlling Body within 12 months of completing the suspension in another competition. This Law applies even though the Player or Official has completed the suspension in another competition.
- (d) A Player or Official who has been suspended from playing or participating in a competition conducted primarily between 31 March and 30 September may, upon obtaining the prior written approval of the Controlling Body who imposed the suspension, play or participate in a competition conducted primarily between 1 October and 31 March.
- (e) A Player or Official who has been suspended from playing or participating in a competition conducted primarily between 1 October and 31 March may, upon obtaining the prior written approval of the Controlling Body which imposed the suspension, play or participate in a competition conducted primarily between 31 March and 1 October.

23. ORDER OFF LAW

23.1 APPLICATION

This Law 23 applies to all competitions other than the AFL competition.

23.2 ORDER OFF REPORTABLE OFFENCES

In addition to being reported, a field or emergency Umpire shall order the Player reported from the Playing Surface for the remainder of the Match if the Player is reported for any of the following Reportable Offences:

- (a) intentionally striking, kicking, kneeing, stomping, eye-gouging or head-butting another person;
- (b) intentionally striking or making contact with an Umpire;
- (c) attempting to strike or make contact with an Umpire;
- (d) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (e) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (f) spitting on another person;
- (g) an act of serious misconduct. A Controlling Body may specify other Reportable Offences or conduct for which a Player may be ordered from the Playing Surface for the remainder of the Match.

23.3 SECOND REPORTABLE OFFENCE

A Player reported on a second occasion by an Umpire for the same or any other Reportable Offence other than those listed in Law 23.2, shall, in addition to being reported, be ordered from the Playing Surface for the remainder of the Match.

23.4 REPLACING PLAYER

A Controlling Body may determine a period of time which must elapse before a Player ordered from the Playing Surface under Laws 23.2 or 23.3 can be replaced by another Player. In the absence of a determination by a Controlling Body, a Player ordered from the Playing Surface under this Law shall not be replaced by another Player.⁵

23.5 ORDER OFF FOR SPECIFIED PERIOD

In addition to being reported on the first occasion for committing a Reportable Offence, other than those listed in Law 23.2, a Controlling Body may determine that a Player be ordered from the Playing Surface for such period as it in its absolute discretion deems fit.

23.6 SIGNALLING AND PROCEDURE FOR ORDER OFF

23.6.1 Signal

- (a) A field Umpire shall, in addition to informing a Player that they are to immediately leave the Playing Surface, signal that the Player has been ordered off the Playing Surface by pointing to the Interchange Area.
- (b) The field Umpire shall hold aloft a red card to signal that the Player has been ordered off for the remainder of the Match or a yellow card to signify that the Player has been ordered off for a period of time as specified by the Controlling Body.

23.6.2 Player to Leave Playing Surface

- (a) A Player shall immediately leave the Playing Surface when ordered to do so by an Umpire under this Law 23.
- (b) Where a Player refuses to or does not immediately leave the Playing Surface when ordered to do so by an Umpire, the following shall apply:
 - (i) in addition to being reported for the Reportable Offence which led to the Player being ordered from the Playing Surface, the Player shall be reported for misconduct in failing to follow a direction of an Umpire;
 - (ii) the Match shall immediately end and the reported Player's Team shall forfeit the Match; and
 - (iii) Law 11.2 shall apply to any Match which is forfeited.