

## OEFN SCHEDULE 16 - REPORTING PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

### AFL Laws of the game Rule 22.0

#### 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 AFL Laws of the game rule 22.

#### 22.2 REPORTABLE OFFENCES

##### 22.2.1 Degree of Intent – Clarification

Where any of the Reportable Offences listed in AFL Laws of the game rule 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.

#### 22.3 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.

## 22.4 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.

### 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.