

### LEVEL OF OFFENCE

Once the level of offence has been determined it will be used in calculating the penalty.

Penalty reductions may be considered by the Tribunal, at its absolute discretion, for the following:

- Early guilty plea and/or genuine remorse shown by offending player
- Offending player has not been found guilty of any reportable offence within the last five (5) years in any match of a League affiliated with The Australian Football League (AFL).

### PENALTY GUIDELINES

Conduct	Striking/Undue Rough Play			Kicking/Headbutting
	Contact	Impact/ Circumstance	Match Penalty (Guideline Only)	Match Penalty (Guideline Only)
Intentional	High/Groin	Severe	8 - 10	10 - 12
Intentional	Body	Severe	7 - 9	9 - 11
Intentional	High/Groin	High	6 - 8	8 - 10
Intentional	Body	High	5 - 7	7 - 9
Intentional	High/Groin	Medium	4 - 6	6 - 8
Intentional	Body	Medium	3 - 4	5 - 7
Intentional	High/Groin	Low	3 - 4	4 - 6
Intentional	Body	Low	2 - 3	3 - 5
Careless	High/Groin	Severe	5 - 6	5 - 8
Careless	Body	Severe	4 - 5	5 - 8
Careless	High/Groin	High	4 - 5	4 - 7
Careless	Body	High	3 - 4	4 - 7
Careless	High/Groin	Medium	3 - 4	3 - 6
Careless	Body	Medium	2 - 3	3 - 5
Careless	High/Groin	Low	2 - 3	2 - 4
Careless	Body	Low	1 - 2	2 - 4
Tripping another person by foot or leg				3 - 5
Charging another person				3 - 5
Engaging in a melee				3 - 6
Spitting at or on another person				5 - 8
Pinning the arms of another and driving their head and or upper body to the ground				3 - 6
Attempting to kick another person				3 - 4
Attempting to trip another person by foot or leg				2 - 3

**NOT WITHSTANDING THE ABOVE GUIDELINES**  
**ALL PENALTIES WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRIBUNAL**

### **Offences against an umpire**

Intentionally or carelessly making contact with an umpire	Discretion of Tribunal
Attempting to make contact with or strike an umpire	Discretion of Tribunal
Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	3 - 8
Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	3 - 8
Disputing a decision of an umpire or failing to leave the playing field when directed to so by an umpire	2 - 4

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**The above penalties are for players only.**

Penalties against officials/coaches will be at the discretion of The Tribunal and will be considered more serious.

The Tribunal reserves the right to adjourn to consider any penalty and deliver the finding at a later point in time.

### **Suspended Penalties**

Suspended penalties may be considered with the following guidelines

1. The player has not been found guilty at any previous Tribunal.
2. The offence (if striking) is not considered intentional, high/severe or high/groin.
3. The suspended portion is no greater than 50% of the total penalty. For example:
  - a. Should a player be suspended for four matches and a suspended penalty is considered, it can be no more than 2 matches suspended e.g. 2 served and 2 suspended but NOT 1 served and 3 suspended.
  - b. 5 matches – 3/2, 4/1 but NOT 2 served and 3 suspended.
  - c. 2 matches (minor offences) - can be judged 1 served and 1 suspended.