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Football

Community Football

Offence Matrix

Grading Matrix – Auditory Offences

An Auditory Offence is a Reportable Offence specified below;

- Using Abusive, Insulting, Threatening or Obscene Language
- Using Abusive, Insulting or Obscene Language towards or in relation to an Umpire

Conduct	Directed At	Volume	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Threatening	Umpire	Any	6+ Matches (or Tribunal)	Not Applicable
	Another Person	Loud	5+ Matches (or Tribunal)	Not Applicable
		Low	4 Matches	3 Matches
Abusive / Obscene	Umpire	Loud	4 Matches	3 Matches
		Low	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Another Person	Loud	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Low	2 Matches	1 Match
Insulting	Umpire	Loud	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Low	2 Matches	1 Match
	Another Person	Loud	2 Matches	1 Match
		Low	1 Match	Yellow Card

Threatening Any verbal communication or gesture that intimidates, harasses, causes fear, or implies harm or aggression towards another individual. This includes direct or implied threats of physical violence, verbal abuse, emotional harm, or any form of aggressive behaviour that creates a hostile or unsafe environment.

Obscene / Abusive Any verbal communication or gesture that is offensive, vulgar, or demeaning. This includes the use of profanity, personal insults, slurs, or any form of verbal abuse intended to humiliate, insult or belittle another individual, disrupting a positive game day environment.

Insulting Any verbal communication or gesture that is disrespectful, derogatory or intended to provoke or demean another person. This includes mocking, belittling, or ridiculing others based on their abilities, appearance, skill level or other personal characteristics, undermining the principles of fair play and mutual respect.

Loud Could be heard more than 50 metres

Low Could be heard less than 50 metres

Note: For auditory offences, if the individual is unrepentant, one (1) match may be added to the Base Sanction and Early Guilty Plea at the discretion of the Match Review Panel or Tribunal.

Grading Matrix – Junior Leagues

The below matrix is to be used by **Junior League's** for grading *Classifiable Offences*.

A Classifiable Offence is a Reportable Offence specified below;

- Striking
- Kicking
- Kneeing
- Charging
- Rough Conduct
- Tripping
- Forceful Front-On Contact
- Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Face or Eye Region
- Headbutt or Contact Using Head
- Behaving in an Abusive, Insulting, Threatening or Obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	All	6+ Matches (or Tribunal)	Not Applicable
	High	High / Groin / Chest	5+ Matches (or Tribunal)	Not Applicable
		Body	4 Matches	3 Matches
	Medium	High / Groin / Chest	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High / Groin / Chest	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 match	Not Applicable

Careless	Severe	All	4+ Matches (or Tribunal)	Not Applicable
	High	High / Groin / Chest	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High / Groin / Chest	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Not Applicable
	Low	High / Groin / Chest	1 Match	Not Applicable
		Body	1 Match	Not Applicable

Note: Chest applies to Female Footballers only

Grading Matrix – Senior Leagues

The below matrix is to be used by **Senior League's** for grading *Classifiable Offences*. A *Classifiable Offence* is a Reportable Offence specified in the *National Community Football Policy Handbook*.

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	High / Groin / Chest	5+ Matches (Tribunal)	Not Applicable
		Body	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	Not Applicable
	High	High / Groin / Chest	4 Matches	3 Matches
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High / Groin / Chest	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High / Groin / Chest	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 match	Fine and/or reprimand

Careless	Severe	High / Groin / Chest	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	Not Applicable
		Body	3 Matches (Tribunal)	Not Applicable
	High	High / Groin / Chest	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High / Groin / Chest	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Fine and/or reprimand
	Low	High / Groin / Chest	1 Match	Fine and/or reprimand
		Body	1 Match	Fine and/or reprimand

Note: Chest applies to Female Footballers only

Standard Range of Penalties

The below matrix is utilised by the Community Tribunal for *Direct to Tribunal Offences* and also *Classifiable Offences* when the matrix does not dictate a penalty.

STANDARD RANGE OF PENALTIES	
Intentionally or carelessly; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Striking another person; - Kicking another person; - Kneeing another person; - Charging an opponent; - Engaging in Rough Conduct against an opponent; - Bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down over the football; - Head-butting or making contact to another person using the head; - Making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of another person; - Making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of another person; - Tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg; 	4 – 16 matches
<i>Carelessly</i> eye-gouging another person	2 – 10 matches
<i>Intentionally</i> eye-gouging another person	4 – 16 matches
Stomping on another person	4 – 16 matches
Intentionally <i>making contact with</i> an Umpire	4 matches – 2 years
Intentionally <i>striking</i> an Umpire	2 – 10 years
Attempting to strike an Umpire	5 matches – 2 years
Spitting <i>at</i> an Umpire	10 matches – 2 years
Spitting <i>on</i> an Umpire	1 – 5 years
Behaving in an <i>insulting</i> manner towards or in relation to an Umpire	2 – 6 matches
Behaving in an <i>abusive or obscene</i> manner towards or in relation to an Umpire	4 – 10 matches
Behaving in a <i>threatening</i> manner towards or in relation to an Umpire	6 matches – 2 years
Spitting <i>on</i> another person	5 – 10 matches
Using <i>threatening</i> language	4 – 16 matches
Engaging in any other act of <i>misconduct</i>	2 – 5 matches
Engaging in any other act of <i>serious misconduct</i>	4 matches – 3 years

Note: If this is the second offence within the last twelve months, then penalty range above is to be doubled.