



SET PENATLY GUIDE

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1. STANDARD RANGE OF PENALTIES

OFFENCE	FIRST OFFENCE	SECOND OFFENCE
Striking	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Kicking	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Kneeing	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Stomping	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Charging	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Rough Conduct	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Forceful front on contact	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Headbutt or contact using head	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Eye-gouging/unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face	1-5 weeks	2-10 weeks
Scratching	1-5 weeks	2-10 weeks
Tripping	2-10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Intentional contact with an umpire	4 weeks – 2 years	Life Ban
Striking an umpire	2 years – 10 years	Life Ban
Spitting on or at an umpire	1 year – 5 years	Life Ban
Spitting on another person	2 – 10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Attempting to strike an umpire	1 year – 5 years	Life Ban
Instigator of a Melee	2 – 10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks
Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an umpire	2 - 10 weeks	4 – 20 weeks

2. CLASSIFIABLE OFFENCES

Which Reportable Offences are Classifiable Offences?

Classifiable Offences are those Reportable Offences (specified in the table below) which may be graded in order to determine an appropriate base sanction for that offence.

Classifiable Offences
Charging
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Eye Region
Forceful Front-On Contact
Headbutt or Contact Using Head
Kicking
Kneeing
Rough Conduct
Striking
Tripping
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Face
Using Abusive, Insulting or Obscene Language Towards or in Relation to an Umpire

3. GRADING CLASSIFIABLE OFFENCES

Classifiable Offences in accordance with the following table:

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction
Intentional	Severe	High/Groin/Chest*	5+ Matches (Tribunal)
		Body	4+ Matches (Tribunal)
	High	High/Groin/Chest*	4 Matches
		Body	3 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin/Chest*	3 Matches
		Body	2 Matches
	Low	High/Groin/Chest*	2 Matches
		Body	1 Match
Careless	Severe	High/Groin/Chest*	4+ Matches (Tribunal)
		Body	3+ Matches (Tribunal)
	High	High/Groin/Chest*	3 Matches
		Body	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin/Chest*	2 Matches
		Body	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin/Chest*	1 Match
		Body	1 Match

**References to 'Chest' apply to females only.*

4. CONDUCT

The following definitions are to be applied to intentional and careless cases.

Intentional - 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.

- An intention is a state of mind. Intention may be formed on the spur of the moment.
- Whether or not a player intentionally commits a Reportable Offence depends upon the state of mind of the player when the act is committed.
- For example, a strike will be regarded as Intentional where a player delivers a blow to an opponent with the intention of striking them, regardless of where contact was intended.

Careless - A player's conduct will be regarded as 'Careless Conduct' 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).
- To constitute a breach of duty of care, the conduct must be such that a reasonable player would not regard an act as reasonable in all circumstances.
- A player will be deemed careless if they breach their duty to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence.

5. IMPACT GUIDELINES

IMPACT	DEFINITION
LOW	Minimal or no impact on the match - the Player continued to play the majority of the match and suffered no or minimal ongoing issues.
MEDIUM	Clearly some impact on the Player, and / or the Player left the field for a lengthy period of time, and/ or some possible lower level ongoing treatment(s) required.
HIGH	Major impact on the Player, and / or the Player was unable to participate in the remainder of the game, and / or major ongoing issues that require medical intervention and / or may miss some matches.
SEVERE	Major impact and serious injury to the Player, and / or likely to miss a significant number of matches.
Note – These are base level impact guidelines. The impact can be raised under the potential to cause serious injury. Multiple impacts within an individual incident will be considered as one reportable offence.	

6. DIRECT TO TRIBUNAL OFFENCES

Which Reportable Offences are Direct Tribunal Offences?

Direct Tribunal Offences are those Reportable Offences (specified in the table below) which are referred by the League directly to the Tribunal for determination without grading (ie without an assessment of the offence using the Classification Table):

Attempting to strike an Umpire
Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire
Eye Gouging
Intentional contact with an Umpire
Spitting on another person
Spitting on or at an Umpire
Stomping
Striking an Umpire
Serious misconduct