

## Definition of a Reportable Offence

A **Reportable Offence** occurs when a Player or Official is alleged to have committed an offence under **Law 22.2.2 of the Laws of Australian Football**. While Law 22.2.2 provides a non-exhaustive list, AFL NSW/ACT may classify additional offences under these Rules.

A Reportable Offence may occur:

- **During a match**
- **On the day of the match** and within the immediate vicinity of the venue

## Types of Reportable Offences

1. **Low-Level Offence** – Does not require grading
2. **Classifiable Offence** – Requires grading
3. **Direct Tribunal Offence** – Referred directly to the Tribunal for hearing and determination

## Processing Reportable Offences

### 1. Assessment Process

- Review **Umpire Notice of Reports, Club Citing, or Footage Review**
- Notify clubs regarding the report and gather information on potential player impact (injury claims, witness statements, footage, medical reports, etc.)
- The **AFL NSW/ACT Match Review Panel (MRP)** assesses the offence and determines grading as per the **National Community Football Policy Handbook (Appendix 1)**
- If no offence is deemed to have occurred, the report is dismissed, and clubs are notified

### 2. Notice of Charge

If a Reportable Offence is confirmed, a **Notice of Charge** is issued to the Reported Person's Club, which includes:

- **Description of the incident**
- **Grading of the offence**
- **Early Guilty Plea (EGP) offer or Direct Tribunal Referral details**

The Club must (within the deadline):

- Communicate the **Notice of Charge** to the Reported Player

- Ensure the player understands their **options**

### Responding to a Notice of Charge

- **Accept the EGP:** The matter is closed, the suspension (if applicable) begins immediately, and the record is updated
- **Reject the EGP:** The matter is referred to the **AFL NSW/ACT Tribunal** for further determination

### Key Notes

- The **description** in the Notice of Charge is a summary used by the **MRP** for determination
- Only the **offence and sanction** are recorded on the player's **PlayHQ profile**
- This information is **not publicly available**

For Tribunal procedures, refer to the **AFL NSW/ACT Tribunal Guide**.