

MRP-Tribunal Amendments

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AUSTRALIA'S GAME

Amendments to MRP-Tribunal System

SIMPLIFYING THE SYSTEM

- ❑ **Matches of suspension** to replace base demerit points
- ❑ Carry-over points eliminated
- ❑ Conduct graded as **Careless** or **Intentional**
- ❑ One common penalty scale
- ❑ MRP issues fines, 2 match & 3 match suspensions
- ❑ One match addition for bad record. Removal of automatic good record

MORE APPROPRIATE OUTCOMES

- ❑ High end and serious offences referred directly to the Tribunal
- ❑ Fines for low level offences. Increased fine for second offence. Suspension for third low-level offence **in the same season**
- ❑ MRP retains the capacity to upgrade impact where there is potential to cause serious injury
- ❑ Brownlow ineligibility for players who have been **suspended**
- ❑ Lower-end Grand Final incidents processed normally. More serious incidents (3+ matches) sent directly to Tribunal where the penalty is at large
- ❑ Regarding head clashes, the MRP will have the capacity to consider a range of factors in grading the incident

Revised Table of Offences

Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Plea
Intentional	Severe	All	Tribunal	Tribunal
	High	High	Tribunal	Tribunal
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	Fine	Fine
Careless	Severe	All	Tribunal	Tribunal
	High	High/Groin	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High/Groin	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	Fine	Fine
	Low	High/Groin	Fine	Fine
		Body	Fine	Fine

Features of Revised System

- Simplification of table
 - ✧ Reckless/Negligent merged to Careless
 - ✧ One common offence penalty scale
- Fines for low-level offences
- High-level offences to Tribunal with penalty at large
- MRP retains ability to escalate impact due to potential to cause serious injury (ie high bumps)

Financial Sanctions and Record

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS FOR LOW-LEVEL OFFENCES

- ❑ 1st Offence - **\$1500** (early plea = \$1000)
- ❑ 2nd Offence - **\$2500 + Reprimand** (early plea = \$1500 + Reprimand)
- ❑ 3rd Offence – **1 match suspension + \$2500** (early plea = 1 match, no fine)
- ❑ Note – Repeat offences *within the same season*. There is no carry-over of these offences into the following season

APPLICATION OF RECORD

- ❑ **1 match additional penalty** where players have previously accumulated 2 matches of suspension within the preceding 24 months
- ❑ Suspensions no longer affected by carry-over points or % loading
- ❑ **Automatic good record removed**. Players with an exemplary record have the ability to argue exceptional and compelling circumstances at Tribunal
- ❑ 8-10 players per year will have suspensions affected by record (down from 25 – 30 players)