

## 22.2 REPORTABLE OFFENCES

### 22.2.1 Clarification

- (a) Where any of the Reportable Offences listed in Law 22.2.2 specify that conduct may be intentional or careless:
  - (i) any report or notice of report which does not allege whether the conduct was intentional or careless shall be deemed to and be read as alleging that the conduct was either intentional or careless; and
  - (ii) the Tribunal or other body appointed to hear and determine the report may find the report proven if it is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the conduct was either intentional or careless.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision in the Laws, in all circumstances a Player owes a duty of care to all other Players, Umpires and other persons (as applicable):
  - (i) not to engage in conduct which will constitute a Reportable Offence being committed against that other Player, Umpire or other person; and
  - (ii) to take reasonable care to avoid acts which can be reasonably foreseen to result in a Reportable Offence

### 22.2.2 Specific Offences

Any of the following types of conduct is a Reportable Offence:

- (a) intentionally or carelessly:
  - (i) striking another person;
  - (ii) kicking another person;
  - (iii) kneeling another person;
  - (iv) charging an opponent;
  - (v) engaging in Rough Conduct against an opponent;
  - (vi) bumping or making forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that Player has their head down over the football;
  - (vii) head-butting or making contact to another person using the head;
  - (viii) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the eye region of another person;
  - (ix) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact to the face of another person;
  - (x) scratching another person; or
  - (xi) tripping another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;

- (b) eye-gouging another person;
- (c) stomping on another person;
- (d) intentionally making contact with, or striking, an Umpire;
- (e) attempting to strike an Umpire;
- (f) spitting on or at an Umpire;
- (g) behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (h) using abusive, insulting or obscene language towards or in relation to an Umpire;
- (i) unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an Umpire;
- (j) carelessly making contact with an Umpire;
- (k) disputing a decision of an Umpire;
- (l) spitting on or at another person;
- (m) attempting to strike another person;
- (n) attempting to kick another person;
- (o) attempting to trip another person whether by hand, arm, foot or leg;
- (p) making unreasonable or unnecessary contact with an injured Player;
- (q) engaging in a Melee or wrestling another person;
- (r) instigating a Melee;
- (s) pinching another person;
- (t) engaging in an act of staging;
- (u) using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language;
- (v) use of an obscene gesture;
- (w) engaging in Time Wasting;
- (x) interfering with a Player Kicking for Goal;
- (y) intentionally shaking, climbing or otherwise interfering with a goal or behind post;
- (z) failing to leave the Playing Surface when directed to do so by an Umpire;
- (aa) wearing boots, jewellery and equipment prohibited under Law 9; or
- (bb) engaging in any other act of misconduct or serious misconduct.