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

Assessment Process- Controlling Body Responsibilities

- 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

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
- **Direct Tribunal Referral**: The incident has been graded by the MRP as such and no base sanction is offered. The matter is referred directly to the AFL NSW/ACT Tribunal for determination.

Key Notes

- The description in the Notice of Charge is a summary used by the MRP for determination. This may include part or all of the Umpire Report, Club Citing submission, medical evidence received and/or player statements.
- Only the offence and sanction are recorded on the player's PlayHQ profile, not the offence description.
- This information is not publicly available

For Tribunal procedures, refer to the summary at the bottom of the *Notice of Charge, AFL NSW/ACT Tribunal Guidelines* and *Tribunal Process and Player Advocate Information Quick Guide.*