



Tamworth Australia Football League General Meeting Minutes 2014

Sunday 7th December 2014 at 12 noon
West Leagues Club, Philip Street, Tamworth

Agenda

1. Present
 - a. Moved (Gerry Griffiths) to accept those noted at AGM. Seconded: Zac Economou
2. Apologies
 - a. Moved (Gerry Griffiths) to accept those noted at AGM. Seconded: Zac Economou
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Moved (Gerry Griffiths) to accept those noted at AGM. Seconded: Zac Economou
4. Correspondence
 - a. In: Submission by Josh McKenzie Re: Draft Guidelines for Prescribed Penalties & Tribunal Sentencing
 - b. Out:
5. General Business
 - a. Appointment of Umpires Co-Ordinator
Nominated: Lindsay Brash By: Adrian Walsh
Seconded by: Jason Gobbert Accepted: Yes
No other nominations, elected unopposed
 - b. Appointment of Sporting Pulse Co-ordinator
Nominated: Rene Dasey By: Adrian Walsh
Seconded by: Lindsay Brash Accepted: Yes
No other nominations, elected unopposed
6. Other Business

- a. Draft Guidelines for Prescribed Penalties & Tribunal Sentencing – Josh presented a draft copy of the guideline to be introduced next season. It gives a fairer system of penalties to players. Josh to send Jason a summary of the guidelines.
- b. AFL NSW/ACT By-Laws Review – All Leagues Clubs throughout NSW/ACT will be governed by a one set of Generic Rules, whereby Leagues adhered to and can add notes to the By-Laws relevant to their League.
- c. AFL NSW/ACT 2015 Registration Process – User guides and webinars dates have been forwarded to all clubs
- d. Changes to JLT Insurance - Senior clubs will incur a small increase of \$45 per team (for \$282 worth of value). Junior teams will incur no increase. All teams will now receive the Silver benefit. Clubs who have previously elected to upgrade to silver, gold or platinum will now enjoy significant savings when upgrading as the base from which you upgrade is Silver not Bronze.

2015 INSURANCE COSTS -

SENIOR TEAMS - \$1425 per team (\$45 increase from 2014)

JUNIOR TEAMS - \$210 per team (no increase from 2014)

- e. 2015 Sherrin Ball Orders – New Order form has been sent out to all clubs and the new contact is now **Jessica Muscat (02 8333 8000)**
Jessica.muscat@aflnswact.com.au
- f. AFL North Coast Calendar – Rep Footy weekend has been allocated to the weekend of 5/6th July 2015. A request from Jason to have rep footy games at different regional centres was discussed unfavourably. More felt that it would be better to have a local comp with coastal League Clubs.
- g. AFL North Coast – Position Vacant/ Resignation Jason Sincock – Advice has been received from Rob McKelvie with the news that Jason has resigned. Position will be advertised shortly.
- h. 2015 Draw – Circulate with the amendments. Comments from clubs to be received by 31st January 2015.

7. Other

- a. John Woolaston - Development of AFL in the TAFL League. News is that members of the Sydney Swans will be visiting Armidale and Tamworth. Request that these visits also to include the areas of Gunnedah and Narrabri.

8. Next Meeting – 18th January 2015 at 11.00am at Bendemeer Hotel

9. Meeting Close – 2.05pm



Tamworth Australian Football League
General Meeting 07.12.2014

Submission by Josh McKenzie :

**GUIDELINES FOR
PRESCRIBED PENALTIES
AND
TRIBUNAL SENTENCING**

NOVEMBER 2014 (DRAFT 3)

Tamworth AFL



1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 These guidelines are intended to compliment:
A – the Laws of Australian Football;
B – the Tribunal Rules and Guidelines of the AFL NSW/ACT Commission; and
C – the By-laws of the Tamworth Australian Football League.
- 1.2 Any or either of those other rules or guidelines is to take precedence to the extent that any conflict exists with these guidelines.
- 1.3 These guidelines apply to reportable offences referred to in Law 19.2.2, including both:
A – reports from Match Officials; and
B – reportable offences referred by other means.

2. GRADING OF REPORTS

- 2.1 Where a Person is reported by a Match Official (the Reporting Officer), notice of such report is to be made as soon as practicable to the League Delegate, and generally not later than 9am on the day following the match in question.
- 2.2 Any report for offences against the following Laws is to be accompanied by an offence grading form:
A – Law 19.2.2.g.i (kicking);
B – Law 19.2.2.g.ii (striking);
C – Law 19.2.2.g.iii (tripping);
D – Law 19.2.2.g.v (charging an opponent);
E – Law 19.2.2.g.vii (unduly rough play); or
F – Law 19.2.2.g.xi (forceful front-on contact to opponent).
- 2.3 Where a report is not accompanied by an offence grading form, this offence grading advice may be given verbally by the Reporting Officer to the League Delegate.
- 2.4 On receipt of the report, and where applicable the offence grading form, the League Delegate will determine the grading of the offence in accordance with:
A – in the case of an offence referred to in 2.2 above, the table in Annexure A1; or
B – in the case of any other offence, the table in Annexure A2.
- 2.5 Where a reportable offence is referred by means other than reports from Match Officials, the League may:
A – nominate the League Delegate to grade the offence; or
B – determine to refer the matter directly to the Tribunal.

3. PRESCRIBED PENALTIES

- 3.1 Reportable offences graded 1 through 4 shall be subject to the offer of a prescribed penalty to the Reported Person as follows:

GRADING	PRESCRIBED PENALTY
1	1 match suspension
2	2 match suspension
3	3 match suspension
4	4 match suspension

- 3.2 The prescribed penalty shall be increased by one (1) match suspension where a Reported Person, in the previous twenty-four (24) months (determined by the date of the respective reportable offences), served a period of suspension after either:
A – accepting a prescribed penalty for a reportable offence; or
B – being found guilty by a Tribunal for a reportable offence.
- 3.3 Where reports are made of multiple offences by a Reported Person, any loading referred to in 3.2 applies only to one (1) of those offences, and will be applied to the offence with the higher grading.
- 3.4 Where reports are made of multiple offences by a Reported Person, any prescribed penalties are to be served consecutively.
- 3.5 On advice of the Reporting Officer, the League Delegate may determine not to apply the prescribed penalty and may refer the matter directly to the Tribunal.
- 3.6 The League Delegate will notify the Reported Person or their Club of the prescribed penalty as soon as practicable after the receipt of the report, and generally not later than 6pm on the day following the match in question.
- 3.7 The Reported Person or their Club must advise the League Delegate, no later than midday the day after notice of the prescribed penalty is made, if they accept or decline the prescribed penalty.
- 3.8 Where the Reported Person or their Club fails to respond by the nominated time, the prescribed penalty may be automatically imposed.
- 3.9 A report is not nullified due to any failure of the Reporting Officer or the League Delegate to advance the report within time frames referred to in 2.1 and 3.6 above.

4. TRIBUNAL REFERRALS

- 4.1 Tribunal hearings are to be convened when:
A – a Reported Person or their Club does not accept a prescribed penalty;
B – an offence is graded 5 or 6; or
C – an offence is referred directly to the Tribunal.
- 4.2 The League Delegate will advise all involved parties of the time, date and location of a Tribunal hearing.

5. CHALLENGING GRADING

- 5.1 A Reported Person appearing before the Tribunal may enter a plea of guilty and challenge the grading of the offence.
- 5.2 Where the Tribunal upholds any challenge to the offence grading, the Tribunal may re-determine the offence grading.
- 5.3 Where the Tribunal upholds any challenge to the offence grading, the Reported Person is entitled to accept the prescribed penalty as would otherwise have been applicable for the grading as re-determined by the Tribunal.

6. TRIBUNAL SENTENCING

- 6.1 Where a Reported Person is found guilty at a Tribunal Hearing (except where challenging the grading as provided above), the guiding penalty relative to the grading of the offence is as follows:

GRADING	GUIDING PENALTY
1	2 match suspension
2	3 match suspension
3	4 match suspension
4	5 match suspension
5	6 match suspension

- 6.2 Guiding penalties for offences against Laws 19.2.2.a and 19.2.2.b that are graded 6 are as provided for in Annexure A3.
- 6.3 Except where extraordinary circumstances are found by the Tribunal, the guiding penalty should be applied as a minimum penalty.
- 6.4 Except where extraordinary circumstances are found by the Tribunal, only any parts of the penalty above the applicable guiding penalty should be suspended.
- 6.5 Except where extraordinary circumstances are found by the Tribunal, and expressly otherwise stated by the Tribunal, any part of a penalty that is suspended is suspended for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
- 6.6 The period for which a suspended part of a penalty is suspended is to commence after the unsuspended part of that penalty has been served.
- 6.7 The maximum part of any penalty that is to be suspended is 30% of the total penalty.
- 6.8 Except where extraordinary circumstances are found by the Tribunal, and where the serving of concurrent penalties is expressly determined by the Tribunal, penalties for multiple offences are to be served consecutively.
- 6.9 Irrespective of the offence and any finding of extraordinary circumstances, where a Reported Person is found guilty by the Tribunal, the minimum unsuspended penalty of a one (1) match suspension is to be applied.

ANNEXURE A1**GRADING OFFENCES AGAINST LAWS 19.2.2.g.i, 19.2.2.g.ii, 19.2.2.g.iii, 19.2.2.g.v, 19.2.2.g.vii AND 19.2.2.g.xi**

A1.1 GRADING TABLE

CONDUCT	IMPACT	LOCATION	CONTACT	GRADING
Intentional	Severe	Behind Play	High/Groin	5
Intentional	Severe	Behind Play	Body	5
Intentional	Severe	In Play	High/Groin	5
Intentional	Severe	In Play	Body	4
Intentional	Moderate	Behind Play	High/Groin	4
Intentional	Moderate	Behind Play	Body	3
Intentional	Moderate	In Play	High/Groin	3
Intentional	Moderate	In Play	Body	3
Intentional	Minor	Behind Play	High/Groin	3
Intentional	Minor	Behind Play	Body	2
Intentional	Minor	In Play	High/Groin	2
Intentional	Minor	In Play	Body	2
Reckless	Severe	Behind Play	High/Groin	4
Reckless	Severe	Behind Play	Body	3
Reckless	Severe	In Play	High/Groin	3
Reckless	Severe	In Play	Body	2
Reckless	Moderate	Behind Play	High/Groin	2
Reckless	Moderate	Behind Play	Body	2
Reckless	Moderate	In Play	High/Groin	2
Reckless	Moderate	In Play	Body	1
Reckless	Minor	Behind Play	High/Groin	1
Reckless	Minor	Behind Play	Body	1
Reckless	Minor	In Play	High/Groin	1
Reckless	Minor	In Play	Body	1
Negligent	Severe	Behind Play	High/Groin	3
Negligent	Severe	Behind Play	Body	2
Negligent	Severe	In Play	High/Groin	2
Negligent	Severe	In Play	Body	2
Negligent	Moderate	Behind Play	High/Groin	1
Negligent	Moderate	Behind Play	Body	1
Negligent	Moderate	In Play	High/Groin	1
Negligent	Moderate	In Play	Body	1
Negligent	Minor	Behind Play	High/Groin	1
Negligent	Minor	Behind Play	Body	1
Negligent	Minor	In Play	High/Groin	1
Negligent	Minor	In Play	Body	1

A1.2 GRADING DEFINITIONS

Intentional: a deliberate act – the reported person intended to make the contact in the manner in which it was made.

Reckless: a careless act – the reported person may not have intended to make the contact in the manner in which it was made, but acted with no regard as to whether or not any such contact may have been made, particularly in circumstances where such contact is likely to be made.

Negligent: an act done without clear intent.

Severe: causing or likely to cause a significant injury. A significant injury is one requires ongoing after-match treatment, or renders a player unavailable for future matches.

Moderate: causing or likely to cause an injury. An injury is one that requires more than just immediate on-field attention, or causes the loss of an unreasonable amount of playing time.

Minor: unlikely to cause an injury.

Behind Play: where the ball is not in contest, nor in the near vicinity of the field where the ball is being contested and done outside of the course of play

In Play: where the ball is in contest, or in the near vicinity of the field where the ball is being contested and done in the course of play

High/Groin: contact to the head or above the shoulders, or contact to the groin, and includes contact made in those areas with another player or other objects (including fence or ground) that is caused by the offending action.

Body: contact to any other part of the body.

**ANNEXURE A2
GRADING OTHER OFFENCES**

A2.1 GRADING TABLE

LAW	OFFENCE	GRADING
19.2.2.a	Threaten an umpire	6
19.2.2.a	Negligently make contact with an umpire	1
19.2.2.a	Recklessly make contact with an umpire	2
19.2.2.a	Intentionally make contact with an umpire	6
19.2.2.a	Negligently strike an umpire	4
19.2.2.a	Recklessly strike an umpire	6
19.2.2.a	Intentionally strike an umpire	6
19.2.2.b	Attempt to make contact with/strike an umpire	6
19.2.2.c	Abusive or insulting language	2
19.2.2.d	Abusive or insulting behaviour	2
19.2.2.e	Disputing an umpire's decision	1
19.2.2.f	Use of an obscene gesture	1
19.2.2.g.iv	Time wasting	1
19.2.2.g.vi	Throwing an opponent	2
19.2.2.g.vi	Violently pushing an opponent	2
19.2.2.g.viii	Engaging in a melee	1
19.2.2.g.x	Spitting	2
19.2.2.h	Attempting to kick	1
19.2.2.i	Attempting to strike	1
19.2.2.j	Attempting to trip	1
19.2.2.k	Shaking a goal post	1
19.2.2.l	Wrestling another person	1
19.2.2.m	Audible obscenity	1
19.2.2.n	Remaining on the playing field	1
19.2.2.o	Wearing equipment prohibited by Law 9	1
19.2.2.p	General misconduct	2

**ANNEXURE A3
GUIDING PENALTIES FOR GRADE 6 OFFENCES**

A3.1 GUIDING PENALTY TABLE

LAW	OFFENCE	GUIDING PENALTY
19.2.2.a	Threaten an umpire	8 match suspension
19.2.2.a	Intentionally make contact with an umpire	6 match suspension
19.2.2.a	Recklessly strike an umpire	8 match suspension
19.2.2.a	Intentionally strike an umpire	16 match suspension
19.2.2.b	Attempt to make contact with/strike an umpire	6 match suspension

