



GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

Report Procedure

Gippsland League policy – as per by law 25 &26

Matchday procedure: The home club must ensure that the secretary/match day manager communicates with the field umpires at the conclusion of each match to obtain the “all clear” (no report) or that there is a report and then ensure that the report procedure is followed. Fine for non-compliance is \$100-00 per instance.

In the event of a report:

On match day the umpires are to complete their match report sheet and if there has been a report made they must fill in the **AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY 2023 NOTICE OF REPORT** sheet. Umpires are meant to deliver this sheet to the HOME CLUBS match day manager (Secretary, President, team manager etc). We recommend both clubs check if they are unsure if a report has been made.

This sheet must be fully completed after the match including all sections at the base of the page

- Please ensure that the umpire has fully completed their section.
- Clubs must ensure in their sections that they tick the appropriate boxes if they wish to take the set penalty or request the tribunal to hear the case.

**A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB (Secretary, President, Team Manager etc)
MUST MEET AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH MATCHDAY AND CHECK TO SEE IF THERE ARE
ANY REPORTS AND CHECK THAT THEY ARE SIGNED OFF CORRECTLY.**

The **AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY 2023 NOTICE OF REPORT** sheets from should be allocated as follows.

- WHITE - Sent into the League by home club
 - YELLOW - Umpires retain
 - PINK – Witness/ Offended Club
 - BLUE – Charged Player / Club

The white sheet is to be scanned or legibly sent to the league via the following email addresses:
operations@gippslandleague.com.au & gm@gippslandleague.com.au by no later than 7pm of the matchday.

Failure to do so will incur a \$250 fine for the home club.



TRIBUNAL PROCESS

Operating Procedure

In the event of a report and a set penalty is offered:

If there is a set penalty offered to the player. The offending players club must notify, **via email**, the League by 12pm of the first working day following the match their intentions to either accept the set penalty or take the case to the tribunal. **The club must notify the League via email, no exceptions.**

If this does not occur, the case will be automatically referred to the tribunal and subject to the tribunal process and fees.

If a player elects to take the case to the tribunal.

By 12pm of the first working day following the match:

- The offending players club must notify the League via email of their intention to take the case to the tribunal
- Pay the League a bond of \$250 and send a copy of the receipt by 12pm of the first working day following the match. Failure to do so may see the League enforce the set penalty.

If the player is found guilty at the tribunal (including a guilty verdict of 0 weeks and suspended matches) a fine of \$250 will be implemented to the offending players club. If the player is found not guilty the bond will be returned to the club.

If a player elects to take the set penalty.

- The offending player will be suspended as per the set penalty offered
- No fine will be issued to the offending club

If the player is sent directly to the tribunal via the report.

The tribunal secretary will arrange a tribunal hearing and notify all clubs. **If the player is found guilty under the following conditions:**

- **Guilty** (match suspension and /or suspended matches & **no fine attached**) - the League will implement a fine of \$250 to the offending players club.
- **Guilty** (match suspension and /or suspended matches & **fine attached by the tribunal**) - the League will implement the recommended fine of the tribunal if it exceeds \$250. If the fine is less than \$250 then the League will impose an additional fine to cover administration expenses.
- **Not Guilty** - No fine will be issued to the offending club

All hearings and appeals will be conducted by the AFL Victoria handbook and proceedings.