

# FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

*2025*





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# SEASON 2025



# RECORD REQUIREMENTS

## WHAT YOU NEED?

- **Player list for all grades – with numbers by March 23**

In template supplied by GL

- **Player Milestones**

Sent in with images by Monday 5pm of the week leading into that Round to [gm@gippslandleague.com.au](mailto:gm@gippslandleague.com.au)

Player lists with numbers must be correct as per GL bylaws. This data is crucial for the senior grade in relation to player statistics. Fines will be enforced in 2025.



# OFFICIAL QUERY

## Purpose

To provide a structure around official queries that can be processed to the Board of Management and League

**Note:** Any query needs to be sent in by an executive member listed in the affiliation agreement. Complaints must be sent in on a different form which is listed on GippslandLeague.com.au

## Process

Submit any official requests via this online form including:

- Bylaws – request for review, change or new implementation
- Meeting Agenda items
- Match Protests
- League Policy Review

## Time Limitations

Outside of match protests all queries will be dealt with at the next Board meeting (meetings scheduled on last Wednesday of each month)

Alinta Energy Gippsland League - OFFICIAL QUERY FORM

Please submit your official query via this form.

\* Required

1. Club Official Submitting (including Role): \*

Enter your answer

2. Email address \*

Enter your answer

3. Club Official Confirming Query (including Role) \*

Enter your answer

4. Email address \*

Enter your answer

5. Your Query relates to: \*

Bylaw - review request

Bylaw - current rule update or new rule

Form is available online

<https://forms.office.com/r/bF1tFm>

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# MATCH FILMING & STATS

## FILMING

- All senior football matches filmed per week
- All senior football matches live streamed each week via YouTube

### Access to footage

Clubs can access the vision via the following channels after the match

- Raw vision – take a hi speed USB stick to the camera operator and download direct
- YouTube vision – view via the online portal
- Gippsland League TV – download the full match via [GippslandLeague.TV](http://GippslandLeague.TV) on the days proceeding the match

## STATISTICS & VIDEO ANALYSIS

- All senior football matches will receive statistics reporting

### Access to statistics

Clubs can access statistics via the following channels after the match (Tuesday delivery)

- Online reports– view via the Gippsland League portal and link supplied. All matches for the season stored here.
- Email – Coaches and football ops can be added to the mailing list to receive the reports direct from iSports
- Video Analysis file – iSports will provide a coded file that can be used via their video analysis software for coaches. Contacts will be sent this direct once League receives.



# FOOTBALL USAGE 2025

## 2025 BALL DESIGNS

Match balls will utilize the same design as 2024

With the Alinta Energy logo as shown below and right



## FOOTBALL USAGE – Non twilight or night matches

In matches with severe weather, competing coaches may agree to utilise a yellow match football.

Competing coaches **or** team managers (as listed on the team sheet) must inform and co deliver the ball to the umpires in matches where a yellow football is to be used in substitute of a red football.

## BYLAWS

- i) **Clubs require written permission from the League to use and balls in matches outside of the stated requirements.**
  - ii) Any Gippsland League football match scheduled as twilight or night fixtures require a yellow ball to be used that also meets any requirements in 18 (i).
  - iii) Home clubs are responsible for the supply of two (2) A grade Sherrin footballs for all matches.
  - iv) A spare football must be left with the home club team manager / interchange steward.
- In the seniors, home clubs must provide one (1) new ball & one (1) approved ball for all matches

# UNIFORMS

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- Register up to date with current designs from clubs
- Encouraged to wear Away/Clash uniform for away matches however is not a requirement
- Requirement to wear Away/Clash uniform when listed 'CLASH COLOUR' matches the home teams main colour on the chart

## BYLAWS

- Each Club is to wear a registered Club uniform as accepted by the League with approved AFL Victoria logos. Fine for non-compliance is \$20-00 per instance.
- Visiting teams will wear white shorts with AFL Victoria piping. Fine for non-compliance is \$20-00 per instance.
- Teams playing at their home venue or listed first in the fixture will wear their registered 'home' uniform
- Teams playing at their away venue or listed second in the fixture will wear their registered 'away' uniform where the colours of competing clubs is the same /similar or is considered to be a clash
- Teams that do not compete in the correct uniform for each home and away match as per 19.1 will be fined \$20-00 per player not in the required uniform

## 19.1 - UNIFORM REGISTER

### HOME

Colours	Main Colour	Feature	Shorts	Clash colour
Bairnsdale	Navy	Red sash	Navy	Black
Drouin	Maroon	Gold V filled	Maroon	Maroon
Leongatha	Green	Gold V	Green	
Maffra	Black	Red Stripes	Black	Black
Moe	Maroon	Royal V	Royal	Maroon
Morwell	Black	Yellow Sash	Black	Black
Sale	White	Black/white stripe vert.	Black	
Traralgon	Maroon	White sash	Maroon	Maroon
Warragul	Black	Red V filled on Black strip	Black	Black
Wonthaggi Power	Black	Black, Teal & White V	Black	Black

### AWAY

Colours	Main Colour	Feature	Shorts
Bairnsdale	White	Navy sash	White
Drouin	Gold	Maroon V	White
Leongatha	N/A	N/A	White
Maffra	Grey	Eagle with Black & Red stripe	White
Moe	Royal	Gold lion, Maroon Y	White
Morwell	Yellow	Black Sash, Yellow	White
Sale	N/A	N/A	White
Traralgon	White	Maroon sash	White
Warragul	White	Red V filled	White
Wonthaggi Power	White	Black, Teal & White V	White

## CLASH EXAMPLES

- Bairnsdale (Black clash) – Away matches **required** to wear their AWAY uniform against are Maffra, Morwell, Warragul & Wonthaggi
- Drouin (Maroon clash) – Away matches **required** to wear their AWAY uniform against are Moe & Traralgon



# BROADCAST REQUIREMENTS

## RADIO BROADCAST:

- Ace Radio/TRFM are the official broadcast partner for the Gippsland League Senior Football competition.
- TRFM will release a schedule for broadcast matches and once confirmed this will be distributed to the affiliated clubs.
- During broadcast matches TRFM will require access to club media areas or an elevated calling area that is restricted for public access.
- Additional requests may be submitted by the broadcaster. Gippsland League appreciates club assistance in delivering additional requests to help further promote the broadcast, clubs and League.



## VIDEO BROADCAST:

- Gippsland League TV's approved filming company is Red Onion. Red Onion employed operators will film and stream Gippsland League TV matches weekly
- Gippsland League will release a schedule for video broadcast matches and once confirmed this will be distributed to the affiliated clubs.
- During video broadcast matches Red Onion will require access to the approved elevated filming area that is restricted for public access during the broadcast.
- Gippsland League will mark these areas at the venue for usage with signage
- Clubs are to ensure that public noise around the filming is limited as audio is picked up by the camera on non-radio broadcast matches



## Additional Broadcasts:

Any request to broadcast Gippsland League matches by providers not listed in this document require written approval from the Gippsland League. Please contact the Operations Manager for any clarification.

# MATCHDAY OPERATIONS



# MATCH RESULTS, TEAM SELECTIONS & LIVE SCORING



## MATCH RESULTS

A representative of the home Club must complete the match results, on line using the nominated IT system for the matches played that day. Final Scores must be entered no later than 30 (thirty) minutes from the conclusion of each game.

The Full Match Details must be entered on the PLAYHQ on the day the game is played by:

- Seniors: 6.00pm
- Reserves: 4.00pm
- Thirds: 1.00pm
- Fourths: 11:30am

Where twilight or night matches are played other arrangements may be put in place.

## TEAM LISTS

- Team line-ups for the upcoming round of scheduled matches submitted by 9:30pm Thursday night online via PlayHQ
- Senior, Reserves, Thirds and Fourths team line-ups must be listed with all players allocated a position.
- Up to 3 emergencies can be listed on the senior team sheet and listed as emergencies in the system

## LIVE SCORING

- During Senior games all scores must be entered live in real time.
- Reserves, Thirds and Fourths are all required to be live scored at a minimum of quarter by quarter.
- At the completion of each match scores must be correct and all goalkickers and best players entered and saved correctly.
- Should you have connectivity issues with the Internet, please alert your League Operations staff ASAP.

# MATCH RESULTS, TEAM SELECTIONS & LIVE SCORING



## MATCH RESULTS INPUT - RESOURCES

- [Entering Statistics and Results](#)

## TEAM LISTS INPUT - RESOURCES

- [Team Selection Guide](#)
- [PlayHQ Match Day Guide](#)

## LIVE SCORING INPUT - RESOURCES

- Live Scoring Guide

Additional Resources can be found at [gippslandleague.com.au/resources](http://gippslandleague.com.au/resources)

# MATCH DAY PAPERWORK



## TASKS – SETTING UP MATCHDAY

### WHAT YOU NEED?

#### HOME

- Team sheets x 3 for all matches (1 for team manager & League submission, 1 for umpires & 1 spare) per match
- Senior Football MVP sheets – supplied sheets to be given to the senior coach of each competing team before the match
- Interchange Sheets x 4 – Placed in interchange steward area with the red GL vest
- JLT Matchday Checklist – to be completed at the start of the day
- Tribunal Notice of Charge Pad – placed in the umpires rooms
- GL Match Report Pad – placed in umpires rooms **with supplied envelopes** for League B&F

#### AWAY

- Team sheets x 3 for all matches (1 for team manager & League submission, 1 for umpires & 1 spare) per match

**Please note:** That both clubs need to sign off the JLT checklist at the beginning of the day to approve the conditions to play in. If conditions change throughout the day this list is to be revisited at any time.



## TASKS – Submission

- Compile all teams sheets e.g. FOURTHS, THIRDS etc.
- Paper clip sheets (no staples).
- Include match reports (votes sheets) envelopes bundled
- Place in the league supplied gold envelope with the netball documents and send.

**Please note:** Scorecards, timekeeper cards, JLT checklist checklist are not required to be sent in.

**Do not send these in the envelope.** Please store these at the club for review upon League request.

This envelope needs to be mailed the first business day after the home clubs match to 32 Berenger Avenue, Trafalgar, Vic 3824.

Alternatively clubs can drop off at the TRFM Front Desk at 11 Coonoc Rd, Traralgon 3844

# MATCH OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEER UMPIRES



## MATCH OFFICIALS

### HOME CLUB

Home club is to supply

- One interchange steward (all four grades)
- One time keeper (all four grades)
- One field umpire (reserves)
- One goal umpire and boundary umpires for reserves, thirds and fourths games

### AWAY CLUB

Visiting club is to supply

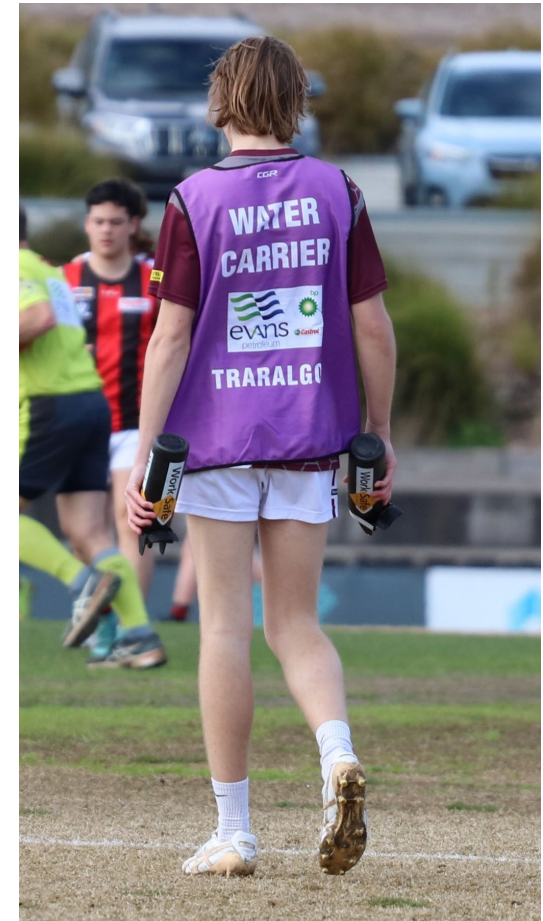
- One time keeper (all grades)
- One field umpire (reserves)
- One goal umpire for reserves, thirds and fourths

**RESERVES FIELD UMPIRES:** All clubs have been supplied with umpiring shirts for the reserves field umpires to wear. These are mandatory in 2025.

**NOTE:** Umpire Associations will attempt to supply boundary umpires & goals to junior grades. Appointment sheets will be sent to clubs once received by GL with the weekly umpire allocations.

## RUNNERS & WATER CARRIERS

- Eligibility as per AFL VICTORIA Rule 15.1.
- Duties as per AFL VICTORIA rule 15.2.
- Club Runners must be registered players/officials of the Club. Runners must wear the **Official GL Runner Uniform as directed by the league; pink top and bottom.**
- The **reserves, thirds and fourths teams will be allowed one runner each.** The senior teams may have up to **two runners each.** Only one runner, at a time, from each team, shall be allowed to enter the playing field. When using two runners, the runners must enter and leave the playing field between the interchange lines.
- If both runners, from the same team, are found to be on the playing field during play, at the same time, the field umpire shall send one runner from the field with a yellow card and AFL VICTORIA send off regulations shall be applied.
- Trainers and water carriers must be registered players/officials of the club. **Trainers and water carriers must wear the official GL vest during a match.** Trainers may wear white uniform or club attire under the vest. Design of the vests to be supplied by the League.
- Runners, trainers and water carriers to wear correct strip or the umpires will order them from the ground
- **Water carrier's minimum age is 15 years of age.**
- Trainers may deliver water to players during the course of play.





## Team Manager, Media & Goal Umpire Vests

- Additional vests have been supplied to clubs for Team Manager and volunteer Goal Umpire roles
- Additional can be ordered via each clubs online Puma store
- Team Managers will need to wear their vest while in the arena
- All officials that are in the arena (outside of the allocated 3 coaching roles per club) will need to be in an officials vest as per their allocated role on the team sheet



**Clubs with officials in the arena that are not listed on the team sheet or without a vest that applies to their role on the team sheet will have penalties enforced**



## Medical Reporting

- Gippsland League are requesting club's complete injury report forms for player injuries
- Forms are not required to be submitted to the League weekly however are to be retained by the club in case of requests relating to tribunal/MRP or insurance reporting
- These forms can be used by players when being referred to medical appointments

## Concussion Reporting

- AFL introducing system via PlayHQ in 2025 to assist with concussion reporting
- Clubs will need to input suspected concussions into PlayHQ to assist the player with management and ensure clubs are compliant in their duty of care

### INJURY REPORT FORM

CLUB:

GRADE:

MATCH:

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ROUND:

Note:

- The Gippsland League require an electronic copy of every injury report form completed to [operations@gippslandleague.com.au](mailto:operations@gippslandleague.com.au).
- This is not an Injury Claim Form. All claims must be made through AFL Victoria's Insurance provider.

INJURED PLAYERS' NAME & NUMBER:

DATE OF INJURY:

NATURE OF INJURY Please state the injury, proposed severity, time occurred in match

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#### OUTCOME OF INJURY

- Player returned to the field in the same quarter
- Player missed 1 quarter
- Player missed 2+quarters
- Player did not return to the field
- Player went to hospital for assessment

Name of person (inc club role) reporting injury

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# AWARDS



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## LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST AWARDS

- The Senior Best and Fairest - Trood Award/Rodda Medal
- The Reserves Best and Fairest - Hartley Medal
- The Thirds Best and Fairest - Wilkinson Medal
- The Fourths Best and Fairest - Shaw/Carter Medal

Umpire votes submitted via the match report sheet after the conclusion of the match. These votes are placed in a sealed envelope and the home club collates and sends into the League with the matchday paperwork

## LEADING GOALKICKERS AWARDS

- The Senior award will be called the J.C Lawless Award – Strap It Senior Leading Goalkicker
- The Reserves Goal Kicking award – Evans Petroleum Reserves Leading Goalkicker
- The Thirds Goal Kicking award – Strap It Thirds Leading Goalkicker
- The Fourths Goal Kicking award – Strap It Fourths Leading Goalkicker

Clubs input team sheet data into PLAYHQ and allocate the goals listed to the corresponding player. PlayHQ collates and publicly lists leading goalkickers via the website.

## ROOKIE OF THE YEAR – Each club supplied with VACCA sign

- League will nominate players for performances in the **Gippsland League** (not Gippsland Power etc)
- Players born 2005 or later eligible
- Players must not have played more than 8 senior games in a season **before** the 2025 season.
- Players must not be part of Gippsland Power's COATES LEAGUE primary list in 2025.
- Players will be ineligible to receive award if they are suspended.
- Players are only able to be nominated once in their career.
- Players must have played a minimum of 9 games in the current season





## VIRTUE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

- The two coaches participating in each senior football competition match shall at the conclusion of the match select three (3) best players in the match
- Two vote sheets – one for each coach to fill in
- Voting for the three most valuable players on the ground taking into account both clubs playing
- Home club sends in both vote sheets via electronic submission (email to [operations@gippslandleague.com.au](mailto:operations@gippslandleague.com.au)) and via hard copy (mailed with the team sheets in the gold envelope)

**Please note:** both vote sheets must be sent via electronic submission by 9pm on the day of the match

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**Gippsland LEAGUE**

**SENIOR FOOTBALL MVP**

**VIRTUE HOMES**  
BUILDING EXCELLENCE

**Both Senior Coaches** submit a 3 – 2 – 1 from the Senior football game. This will include the best three players on the field (can include both teams or only one side, please select the 3 most valuable players on the ground) with 3 votes given to the best player on the field.

ROUND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTES	PLAYER	TEAM
3		
2		
1		

These votes need to be electronically submitted to [operations@gippslandleague.com.au](mailto:operations@gippslandleague.com.au).

PLEASE MAIL THIS SHEET IN with your matchday paperwork.  
Failure to submit the votes by 9pm on the day of the game will result in a \$50 fine for the home club.

# TRIBUNAL & DISCIPLINARY



# MATCH REVIEW PANEL – Reportable Offences



## APPENDIX 1 – Reportable Offences

### 1. Application

- (a) This Appendix 1 sets out the different categories of Reportable Offences and appropriate sanctions and courses of action in respect of Reportable Offences.
- (b) The categories of Reportable Offences are as follows:
  - (i) Classifiable Offences (Clauses 2 and 3 of this Appendix 1);
  - (ii) Direct Tribunal Offences (Clause 4 of this Appendix 1); and
  - (iii) Low-level Offences (Clause 5 of this Appendix 1).
- (c) This Appendix 1 is to be used by a Controlling Body (including any Match Review Panel, Match Review Officer or other person(s) responsible for assessing a Reportable Offence) to determine the appropriate category of offence, sanction or course of action prior to any Tribunal involvement under Section 25.

*[Guidance note: Examples of Reportable Offences committed in the AFL/AFLW Competition are listed in Appendix 2. The AFL will make vision of these examples available to Controlling Bodies from time to time.]*

### 2. Classifiable Offences

#### (a) Which Reportable Offences are Classifiable Offences?

A Classifiable Offence is a Reportable Offence specified in Table 1 below which may be graded by a Controlling Body in order to determine an appropriate base sanction for that Reportable Offence.

Table 1 – Classifiable Offences
Charging
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Eye Region
Forceful Front-On Contact
Headbutt or Contact Using Head
Kicking
Kneeing
Rough Conduct
Striking
Tripping
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact to the Face

### (b) Grading Classifiable Offences

- (i) Unless otherwise specified in this Policy Handbook, a Controlling Body must grade a Classifiable Offence in accordance with Table 2 below:

Table 2 – Classification Table				
Conduct	Impact	Contact	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Intentional	Severe	High/Groin/Chest	5+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
		Body	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
	High	High/Groin/Chest	4 Matches	3 Matches
		Body	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Medium	High/Groin/Chest	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Low	High/Groin/Chest	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Fine and/or Reprimand
Careless	Severe	High/Groin/Chest	4+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
		Body	3+ Matches (Tribunal)	N/A
	High	High/Groin/Chest	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Body	2 Matches	1 Match
	Medium	High/Groin/Chest	2 Matches	1 Match
		Body	1 Match	Fine and/or Reprimand
	Low	High/Groin/Chest	1 Match	Fine and/or Reprimand
		Body	1 Match	Fine and/or Reprimand

*[Guidance note: Where 'Tribunal' is noted above, the matter will be referred directly to the Tribunal.]*

**INFORMATION:** All policy and information is in the the National Community Handbook under Appendix I.

# REPORTABLE OFFENCES PROCESS



## REPORTABLE OFFENCES OVERVIEW

### (b) Grading Auditory Offences

- (i) Unless otherwise specified in this Policy Handbook, a Controlling Body must grade an Auditory Offence in accordance with Table 8 below.

Table 8 – Auditory Classification Table				
Conduct	Receiver	Volume	Base Sanction	Early Guilty Plea
Threatening	Umpire*	Any	4 or more Matches (Tribunal)*	N/A
	Another Person	Loud	4 or more Matches (Tribunal)*	N/A
		Medium or Low	3 Matches	2 Matches
High-level Abusive / Obscene / Insulting	Umpire	Loud	4 Matches	3 Matches
		Medium or Low	3 Matches	2 Matches
	Another Person	Loud	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Medium or Low	2 Matches	1 Match
Low-level Abusive / Obscene / Insulting	Umpire	Loud	3 Matches	2 Matches
		Medium or Low	2 Matches	1 Match
	Another Person	Loud	2 Matches	1 Match
		Medium or Low	1 Match	Fine and/or Reprimand

### (a) Which Reportable Offences are Low-level Offences?

Low-level Offences are the following low-level Reportable Offences which, having regard to the provisions of this Clause 5 and Clause 8 of this Appendix 1, do not require classification (i.e. do not require an assessment of the Reportable Offence using Table 2):

Table 5 – Low-level Offences
Attempt to Strike / Kick / Trip
Careless Contact with an Umpire
Disputing Decision
Instigator of a Melee / Wrestle
Interfering with a Player Kicking for Goal
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact with an Injured Player
Unreasonable or Unnecessary Contact with an Umpire
Not Leaving the Playing Surface
Obscene Gesture
Pinching
Prohibited Boots, Jewellery or Equipment
Scratching
Shaking, Climbing or Interfering with Goal or Behind Post
Spitting at Another Player
Staging
Striking
Kicking
Time Wasting
Tripping
Engaging in a Melee / Wrestle
Any Other Act of Low-Level Misconduct which is not a Classifiable Offence or Direct Tribunal Offence



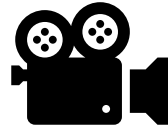
# REPORTABLE OFFENCES PROCESS

## METHODS TO REPORT A PLAYER



### UMPIRE REPORT

- This notice is completed post-match and requires an umpire to grade an incident using the classification table (Appendix 2) and three provisions: Conduct, Impact & Contact OR for Auditory Offences using provisions: Conduct, Receiver, Volume from the Auditory Offences Table (Appendix 1).
- This grading informs the MRO of how the Umpire interpreted the offence.
- Importantly, the Reporting Official will notify the involved Club of any Reports from the Match.
- Umpires can lay reports until 5pm on the first business day after the match.
- If footage is available, the MRO will review and MRO sends recommendation to Gippsland League
- Gippsland League notifies the outcome



### MATCH REVIEW PANEL

- Match Review Panel review all free kicks and cards from the Senior football matches
- On the first business day after each weekend, the Match Review Panel reviews footage.
- Further investigation can be undertaken at this stage
- MRO sends any recommendations for reportable offences and their grading to Gippsland League
- Gippsland League notifies the outcome to the **offending party only**



### MRO CLUB REQUESTED REVIEW

- Club President or Secretary submits an official MRP review form with incident details
- Form to be submitted by 12pm Noon the first day after the match
- On the first business day after each weekend, the Match Review Officer reviews all submissions
- Further investigation can be undertaken at this stage
- MRO sends recommendation to Gippsland League
- Gippsland League notifies the outcome

# MATCH REVIEW OFFICER CLUBS REQUEST

## Submitting an incident

The MRP Referral Form must be submitted to the Operations Manager by no later than 12pm on the first day after the incident

The footage will be sourced by the League and be sent for review to the MRP by no later than 5:00pm on the day that the MRP request form is received. Unless, the official footage is not available at that point in time.

- I. The MRP will review the footage and forward their recommendations to the General Manager within 24 hours of receiving their video footage.
- II. The MRP may list any of the following recommendations

## Recommendations:

- There is insufficient video evidence to prosecute a Notice of Charge,
- The incident should potentially go to the Independent Tribunal, with an opportunity for the player to apply for a Set Penalty or Early Guilty Plea,
- The incident is seen as more serious and should go to the Independent Tribunal for resolution, without the player being offered the opportunity to take a set penalty,
- The video is inconclusive or more complex and the incident needs to be referred to the League investigation officer.

## Incident Referral Form - MRP

INCIDENT REFERRAL FORM – Confidential

Date:

To: Match Review Panel  
Gippsland League

I, the undersigned, give notice I wish to refer an incident:

- (a) That is not the subject of an Umpire report; and
- (b) Which may constitute a Reportable Offence.

### Incident Details

Person(s) involved	
Club(s) of Person(s) involved	
Match date	
Grade	
Match between	
Time of incident	
Law infringed	
Other relevant information	

Print name: .....

Club: .....

Role: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

This form is to accompany by a receipt of a bond payment of \$250 to

Gippsland League Inc  
BSB: 013610  
ACC: 483711375

Any form submitted, that is not signed by a President or Secretary and accompanied with a receipt of a bond payment will not be processed.



# REPORTABLE OFFENCES PROCESS

## OUTCOMES OF A REPORT

### MRP Issue "Notice of Charge"



By 5pm on the first business day after the match, if the MRP believes a reportable offence has occurred, a Notice of Charge will be issued.

This notice will be sent to the Charged player's Club via email and it will outline the specifics of the charge including the classification and appropriate penalty.

An incident can also be referred directly to the Tribunal.

There is no communication between the club, Gippsland League or MRP after a notice of charge is laid unless the query directly relates to administration

Penalties will be enforced by the Gippsland League for non compliance



### Early Guilty Plea

After receiving the notice of charge, the charged player and their Club has until 12pm on the business day after the notice is issued to accept the early plea if eligible.

Alternatively, Clubs can challenge the charge via the Tribunal.

If a response is not received prior to 12pm, then the charged player will receive the appropriate base sanction.

### Challenging a Notice of Charge

If a Club wishes to challenge a Notice of Charge, the Club can do so at the independent Tribunal.

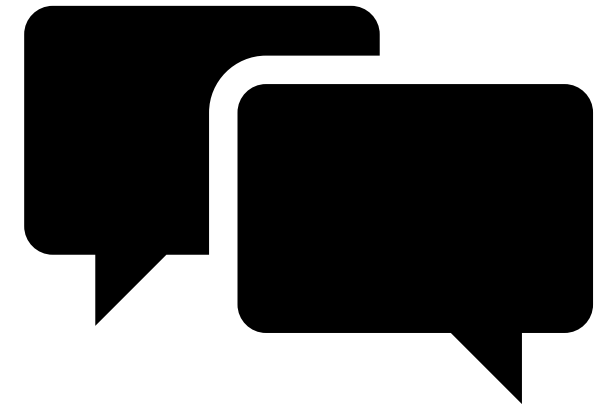
Clubs must electronically notify the Gippsland League and submit a \$250 bond and receipt of payment by the time listed on the notice of charge

In a normal situation, the Tribunal hearings occur on Wednesday evenings



***The Reportable Offences Process was adopted ahead of the 2023 Season and is covered within the National Community Football Policy Handbook (NCFPH). For reference, the full Disciplinary Policy can be found in PART E (page 65) of the National Community Football Policy Handbook.***

# FAQ's



There are a lot of questions regarding the updated policies

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WHY HAS THE REPORTING PROCESSED CHANGED?**

- AFL Victoria implemented changes in 2023 to expedite reportable offence cases and provide structured guidelines in line with the AFL system updated procedures. The National Community Handbook was implemented for all community Leagues in Australia with the reportable offences and grading systems. This system reduces administration and volunteer workloads for clubs and Leagues by having the ability of offer set penalties and alleviate unnecessary tribunal hearings.

## **WHO ARE THE MRP?**

- All reports whether made by umpires or a match review panel are required to be reviewed by the controlling body under the updated system. The Match Review Panel is led by our Football Umpire Coordinator role who acts as the Match Review Officer. The Match Review Officer leads the MRP process that passes on recommendations on reportable offences or umpire reports to the Gippsland League who are responsible for issuing notice of charges.

## **CAN I DISCUSS THE OFFENCE WITH THE MATCH REVIEW OFFICER?**

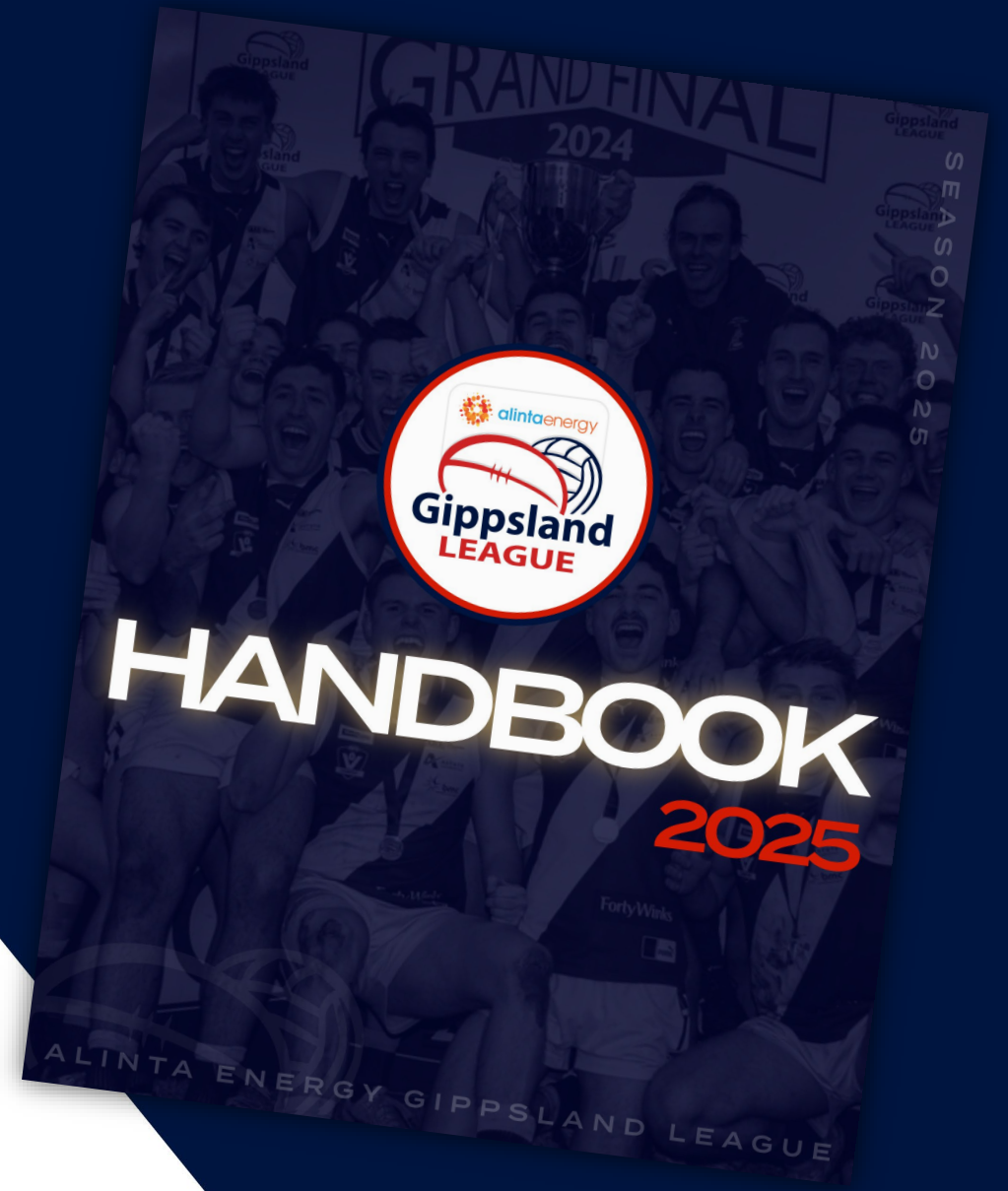
- No, the MRO operating the Match Review Process is not the tribunal and clubs can not consult or argue notice of charges from a Match Review Panel. If a club does not agree with the notice of charge then the tribunal exists as the avenue to challenge the report.

## **WHAT IS THE NEW TRIBUNAL STRUCTURE?**

- The tribunal does not operate under the previous process and systems. The tribunal now has the power to hear each case under their absolute discretion. This is encouraged under the rules to be done with as little formality as possible. The tribunal is not a court of law and acts under the processes given in the National Community Handbook.
- Clubs can appeal the decision of a tribunal to AFL Victoria

# HANDBOOK

All info and policies to be available online and in your club administration packs



# QUESTIONS?

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