

20 ORDER OFF RULE

20.1 In all competitions conducted by the League, the following order off procedures shall apply:

A. Where a Field Umpire has reported a player for a breach of the laws of Australian Football that player shall, where the reporting umpire considers the player's conduct is of such a serious nature that the player should not participate any further in the game :

- (i) be shown a Red Card;
- (ii) leave the playing surface immediately; and
- (iii) not be eligible to participate in the match for the remainder of that match.

B. Where a Field Umpire has reported a player for a breach of the laws of Australian Football , that player may:

- (i) be shown a Yellow Card;
- (ii) leave the playing surface immediately; and
- (iii) not be eligible to return to the playing surface until 15 minutes playing time (not including any breaks that might occur) has elapsed from the time the player left the playing surface following the report/Yellow Card.

C. Where a Field Umpire considers that a player is behaving in an unduly aggressive and unruly manner or in any manner that would bring the game into disrepute, that player may:

- (i) be shown a Blue Card;
- (ii) leave the playing surface immediately; and
- (iii) not be eligible to return to the playing surface until 15 minutes playing time (not including any breaks that might occur) has elapsed from the time the player left the playing surface following the Blue Card.

In each of the above circumstances, the player shown the Red, Yellow or Blue Card, as the case maybe, may be replaced immediately.

- 20.2 Where a Field Umpire proposes to issue a Red, Yellow or Blue Card to a player the Umpire shall:
- A. Show the player Red, Yellow or Blue Card as applicable by holding the Card above the umpire's head for a period of five (5) seconds;
 - B. Inform the player that the player is to leave the field immediately;
 - C. Hold the applicable Card aloft above the umpire's head for a further period of five (5) seconds in the direction/s of both the interchange bench of the team of the player who has been shown the card and in the direction of the timekeepers.
- 20.3 The timekeepers of the match shall determine when the 15 minute time period has elapsed.
- 20.4 A player who has been shown a Yellow Card on two separate occasions in the same match by the Field Umpire/Umpires must be ordered to leave the playing surface and shall remain off for the remainder of the game but such player can be replaced by the player's Club with another player immediately.
- 20.5 Where a player has received three (3) blue cards in a season, the player shall be automatically suspended from playing for one (1) match. The player shall receive a further suspension of one (1) playing match for every third blue card received.

The suspensions shall take place on the date/s, as advised by the League, in writing to the Secretary of the Affiliated Club the player is registered with.

20.6 Club Officials – All competitions

In all competitions conducted by the League, where a Field Umpire has reported an official of a Club, that official shall leave the Playing Surface immediately and shall remain off for the remainder of the game (except in the case of a trainer or other recognised medical official) but such official can be replaced by the official's Club with another official after 15 minutes playing time (not including any breaks that may occur) has elapsed after the reported official was ordered off.

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case of a trainer or other recognised medical official) but such official can be replaced by the official's Club with another official after 15 minutes playing time (not including any breaks that may occur) has elapsed after the reported official was ordered off.

- 20.7 The application of Rule 20 Order Off Rule shall be reviewed at the end of the 2017 Season.