



# Notice of Complaint

This *Notice of Complaint* form is to be used by a person or Club seeking to lodge a complaint in relation to an alleged policy breach of the AFL NSW/ACT Rules, including the Code of Conduct, by a person, Club or League. Any evidence relied upon to support the complaint must be submitted with the form.

Reference
Rule 26.2.2

## PART A - Type of Complaint

Alleged Breach of		Against	
AFL NSW/ACT Rules	<input type="checkbox"/>	Player	<input type="checkbox"/>
AFL NSW/ACT Code of Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Vilification & Discrimination Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Official	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent / Spectator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender Diversity Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other AFL Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Umpire	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reportable Offence (this form is not to be used – *see guidance note)</b>		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PART B – Complaint Details

<p><b>Who is the complaint about?</b> E.g., name, from which club, role of person at club, jersey number, other identifying information etc.</p>	
<p><b>When did the incident occur or issue first arise?</b> Date and, if applicable, time</p>	
<p><b>Where did the incident occur?</b> Address and location within the venue or premises where the incident(s) occurred.</p>	
<p><b>What occurred?</b> Provide as much detail of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ any relevant background information including anything leading up to the incident,</li> <li>▪ exactly what happened, was observed or was said or was posted</li> <li>▪ duration of the incident</li> <li>▪ anyone else involved in the incident</li> <li>▪ if during a match, what teams were playing &amp; in what grade</li> <li>▪ if multiple incidents, provide as much detail of each as possible</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Who was the incident or issue initially reported to, when and what action, if any, was taken?</b> E.g. was it reported to the Ground Manager or an Official of the offending persons club and what actions did they take or say they would take?</p>	

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## PART C – Supporting Evidence

<b>Witness statements attached</b> Provide a brief summary who each statement is from, their role in the event, date of statement, contact details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Witness names and contact details</b> Other than those who have made a statement	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Film or images of incident attached</b> If film attached, detail the time in the film the incident occurred (e.g. at the 16.27 minute mark) If no film, details of anyone who may have this	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other</b> Details of what this is, e.g. screen prints of social media posts	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Any other information you wish to provide that may be relevant to assessment and resolution of the complaint.</b>					

## PART D – Person Making Complaint

<b>Your Name</b>		<b>18 or older?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Your Club</b>		<b>Your Role</b>				
<b>Your Email</b>		<b>Your Phone</b>				
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>				

**\*Guidance Note:** Law 22 of the *Laws of Australian Football* establishes what a “Reportable Offence” is. This provides an extensive list of offences (under Law 22.2.2) and the circumstances under which they may occur (Rule 22.1.1). A “Reportable Offence” applies to both Players and Officials. Common types of “Reportable Offences” include a player striking another player, engaging in rough conduct (e.g. dangerous tackle), abuse of an umpire by a player or official.

Where a club has evidence that a “Reportable Offence” has occurred and the offending person has not been reported by the umpire, the Club may lodge a *Notice of Citing* in accordance with the requirements of Rule 25.2.3 of the AFL NSW/ACT Rules.