



SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

## MATCH REVIEW PANEL PROCEDURE

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## The Panel

The Match Review Panel (MRP) shall be appointed by the League. Match Review Panel members shall remain anonymous and there shall be no need for MRP members to ever have to attend a tribunal case.

The role of a Match Review Panel Member will simply be to review incidents referred to Panel by official League footage and decide whether to refer the incident to the Independent tribunal based on the Laws of Australian Rules Football.

## Assessment of Reports

The MRP will assess all Player Reports on the first business day as received from the matches played and have the power to impose or amend penalties as they deem appropriate. This will include involvement in melees (if captured on vision). The MRP will have a “Grading of Offences” table and a “Melee Matrix” available as a guide when deliberating on relevant penalties, with the aim to establish consistency.

## Review of Incidents

An Umpire, the Director of Umpiring, appointed Umpiring Coach, League Official or a Member Club may request a review of an incident during a period of the match (*for matches filmed by the League*) when given the ‘all clear’. Member Clubs will be shown a copy of the request at this time.

An official request to review a specific incident or incidents of concern must be made on the prescribed Video Request Form and submitted to the SFNL General Manager - Operations **by 10:00am the first business day after the match**.

The SFNL MRP will review the relevant footage, and if deemed appropriate, may lay a charge to be heard by the Independent Tribunal or offer a Set Penalty.

## Communication of an MRP Report

The League will notify any Club(s) via email by the first business day after the match of any charges laid by the SFNL MRP. Should the case be referred directly to the Tribunal, the email will contain details of the hearing.

### **MRP and Set Penalties**

If a set penalty is applied or amended by the MRP, the charged player will have **until 10:00am on the second business day** to request the charge be heard at the Independent tribunal or the Set Penalty will apply as offered.

Any player who appears before a the Tribunal, who has already refused to accept a “Set Penalty” and is subsequently found guilty of their charge must receive a penalty greater than they would have if they had accepted the set penalty per the Football Competition Regulations. The Club will be levied a **penalty of \$250.00 (incl. GST)**.

### **Appeals**

There is no avenue of appeal against a decision made by the Match Review Panel simply because that opportunity is available should a case move through the Tribunal process and an outcome has been determined. The Club may appeal the outcome of the Independent Tribunal hearing via SFNL By-Law 13 - Appeals.