



# **2024**

# **Umpiring Guide**

**FIDA Operations**

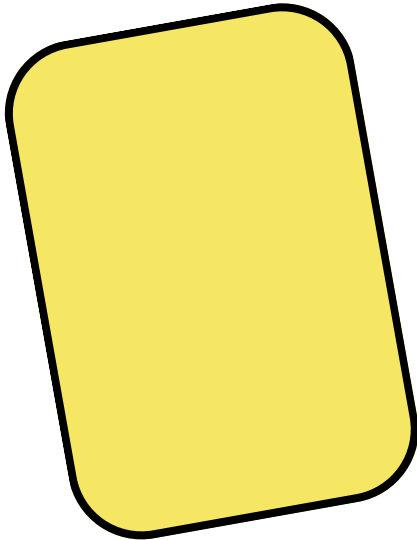
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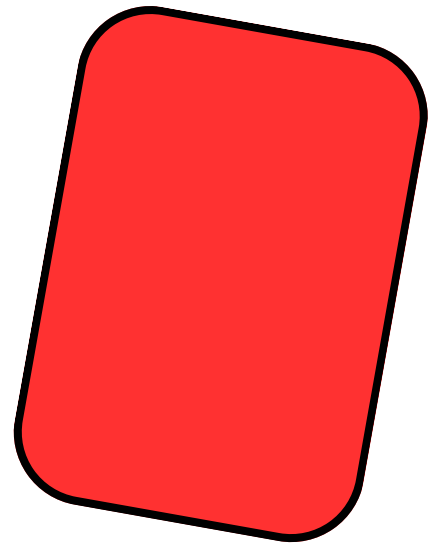
# FIDA CARD SYSTEM

PLAYERS ORDERED FROM THE GROUND BY FIELD UMPIRE



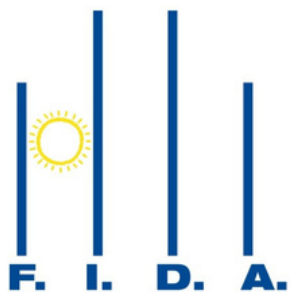
A player ordered from the field under a yellow card must leave the field of play immediately for **ten (10) minutes** of playing time. This player can be immediately replaced

A player ordered from the field under a red card must leave the field of play immediately. This player is **NOT** permitted to return to player for the remainder of the match. This player **CANNOT** be replaced



FIDA encourages umpires to use their cards to help manage the games. Do not be afraid to issue a Yellow or Red card as appropriate

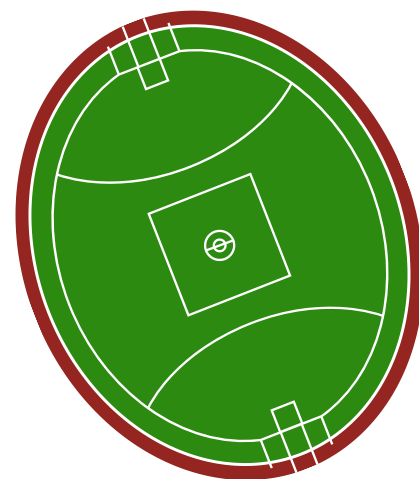
FIDA expects umpires to report incidents as you would in a mainstream competition. The league will manage the appropriate outcomes



# FIDA MODIFIED RULES

## Minimum Numbers

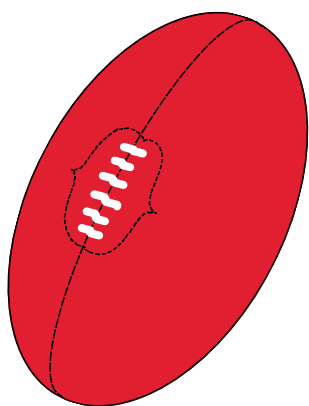
Each team taking the field must have the minimum number of their own registered players before a match can commence for competition points



<b>Metro Competition Grades</b>	14 Players
<b>Tackle-Free Carnival</b>	9 Players
<b>Central Conference</b>	10 Players
<b>Northern Conference</b>	10 Players
<b>Western Conference</b>	10 Players



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## Centre & Field Ball Ups

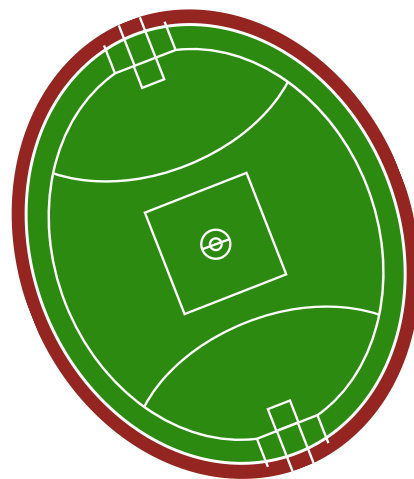
No Player may take possession of the ball from the ball up. The ball must go to another player via a tap or touch the ground before a player may take possession

## Out of Bounds

FIDA does not currently require boundary umpires. As such if the ball goes out of bounds between the 50m arcs the last touch rule will be applied (a free kick

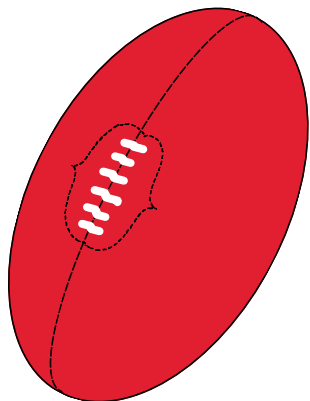
awarded to the opposing team to whom last touched the ball before it went out of bounds).

If unclear who touched the ball last or the ball goes out of bounds inside the 50m arcs the controlling umpire will bring the ball in 10m from the boundary line and ball up.





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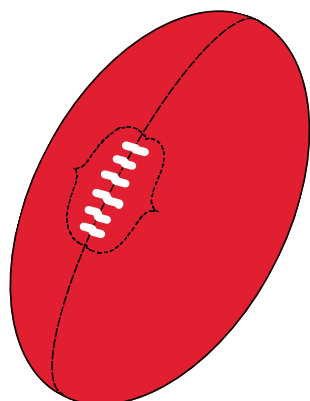
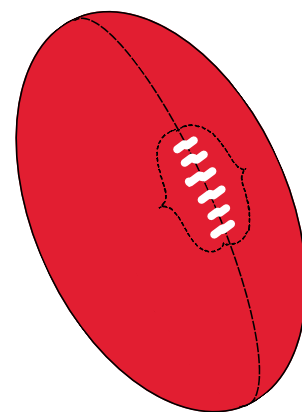
## Marking

A mark is paid to a player catching the ball from a kick, provided the kick travelled at least ten (10) meters and was not touched.

Given the nature of FIDA Umpires may use their discretion to award lower functioning players a mark as is reasonable

## Bouncing the Ball

A player may bounce the ball a maximum of two (2) times (20 meters total distance) then must make a genuine attempt to dispose either by hand or foot

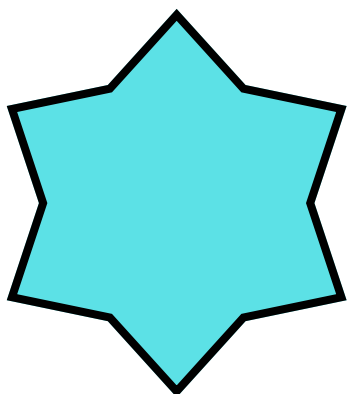


## 15 Meter Penalty

In all conference a 15- meter penalty may be applied in addition to a free kick



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## Mercy Rule

Applied if either team is leading by the designated margin at any stage during the game

<b>Metro Competition Grades</b>	40 Points
<b>Tackle-Free Carnival</b>	40 Points
<b>Central Conference</b>	20 Points
<b>Northern Conference</b>	30 Points
<b>Western Conference</b>	30 Points

When Mercy Rule is applied the centre ball up will cease and the trailing team will take the kick from the centre.

- If the trailing team kicks a goal from this centre kick the centre ball up will recommence
- If the leading team kick a behind the trailing team will take the kick out from the back of the centre square
- if the leading team kick a goal the trailing team will continue to restart play with a kick from the centre circle instead of a bounce
- Clubs must ensure that players remain in position, there should be no 'dropping players behind the ball', flooding etc.



# FIDA NON-TACKLE PLAYERS



A Non-Tackle player is identified by a yellow long-sleeve vest under their playing jumper.

These players can not:

- be tackled by other players
- tackle other players

A Non Tackle player may not run with and/or bounce the ball. Their possession should be treated like a mark or free kick where they may go back of the mark and take an unimpeded kick.

A Non-Tackle player may be accompanied by a care provider.



# FIDA CARE PROVIDERS

Care providers may assist their designated player with possession and/or disposal of the football should the player be awarded possession or a free kick



Care Providers may not:

- Pick up the ball whilst in dispute
- interact with general play

As the controlling umpire you may issue the care provider with the appropriate warnings

Should care provider continue to disregard your warnings you may direct the care provide to leave the field and report the care provider to FIDA Operations