



Field Umpires Coaching
Wednesday March 15
2023 Interpretations

AFL South East
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Objectives of the session

- To provide clarity around interpretations for all AFLSE umpires in 2023.

Holding the Ball

What constitutes prior opportunity?

- Mark or Free kick
- Fend or evade
- Reasonable time to dispose
- Balanced and steady
- Baulk
- Running with the ball

Holding the Ball

Video examples

<https://www.loom.com/share/ca69cc3a9e8549f8b06a2cf4e7379ae4>

<https://www.loom.com/share/63b75599c54e42dea1901aeed43f0022>

<https://www.loom.com/share/b273f1f0870e41bf82c54ecd7fa900a8>

Holding the Ball – Diving on the ball

Video examples

<https://www.loom.com/share/25a789c9d1064447b1852087ffbe3d1b>

<https://www.loom.com/share/b632920f1459439cb83c31edee0b9307>

Ruck Contests

Spirit of the Law in relation to ruck contests?

The player whose sole objective is to contest the ruck shall be permitted to do so.

Ruck Contests

Where incidental contact occurs and the spirit of the law is upheld – play on.

Illegal contact = push, block, fend, bump, hold, high contact.

Ruck Contests

Video examples

<https://www.loom.com/share/03d3b7a6d0ed4692b9717f2c7f3ee0f7>

<https://www.loom.com/share/24bf6db497b04d8cbc21ae2154a978de>

Forceful Contact Below the Knees

What cues are we looking for?

- **Generally front on contact**
- **Bowling ball effect**
- **Take your time / take in the action**

Forceful Contact Below the Knees

Video examples

<https://www.loom.com/share/29063703fa114494b9d30a34f624c77f>

<https://www.loom.com/share/583bc90a884d4544977d9978e7be2b24>

Insufficient Intent

What cues are we looking for?

Insufficient Intent Cues

Empty space

Player steps over the line

Kick/handball/knock on to the line.

PRESSURE is NOT a factor. (different from DRB)

However, no FK for a genuine skill error when showing sufficient intent.

Or for a spoil in a marking contest.

Insufficient Intent

Video examples

<https://www.loom.com/share/b842288ef34e4a9bbd7110f4058be9fb>

<https://www.loom.com/share/4965f81f2d5e46d0a63798d1bbdb51fc>

<https://www.loom.com/share/e7f309d692aa41e6acb95e85b0b03d38>

Next Week

Monday 20 March : Skills – positioning.

Wednesday 22 March : Season Launch.

Reminders

- **Practice Matches 18-19/25-26 March.**
- **HUB.**

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