



AFLSE Coaching
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- 1. HTB – Prior Opportunity**
- 2. HTB – Incorrect Disposal**
- 3. HTB – No Genuine Attempt**
- 4. HTB – Diving on the ball**

1. HTB – Prior Opportunity

What are the 7 cues / actions that must occur for the play to be considered a prior opportunity?

1. HTB – Prior Opportunity

- Evade**
- Fend**
- A prior option to dispose**
- Balanced and steady**
- Has taken a mark/FK been awarded**
- Drives head**
- Ducks head**

2. HTB – Incorrect Disposal

What are the key elements that must be in play for this type of free kick?

2. HTB – Incorrect Disposal

What are the key elements that must be in play for this type of free kick?

- Legal tackle
- No prior opportunity
- Ball is not correctly disposed of

*** If a ball is knocked out in the tackle and there has been no prior opportunity, what do we do?**

3. HTB – No Genuine Attempt

- Player has no prior opportunity prior to being tackled.**
- Tackled player is able to and does not make a genuine attempt to dispose.**
- A reasonable time is provided.**

***As umpires, what must we ensure we do in these circumstances?**

4. HTB – Dive on the ball

- If a player elects to dive on/drag the ball underneath the body and is tackled legally by an opposition player a free kick shall be paid.**

***If the player elects to stand up after dragging the ball in and is tackled legally, what is the decision?**

*** In this instance, does a player need to have had prior?**