
QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION

SANCTIONS FOR PUNCHING OR STRIKING; STAMPING OR TRAMPLING; DANGEROUS TACKLING; AND DANGEROUS CHARGING

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1.1 Policy Statement

The QRU believes this is an appropriate measure to assist in the elimination / reduction of foul play and to send a clear message to the community that Rugby is serious about countering this sort of behaviour.

1.2 Policy Coverage

For all senior competitions in Queensland it is mandatory as a minimum for referees to send off (Red Card) players who transgress either:

- Law 10(4)(a) **“Punching or striking.** A player must not strike an opponent with the fist or arm, including the elbow, shoulder, head or knee(s).” or ;
- Law 10(4)(b) **“Stamping or trampling.** A player must not stamp or trample on an opponent.”

It is mandatory in all competitions (Senior; Junior and School throughout Queensland as a minimum for referees to temporarily suspend (Yellow Card) players who transgress either :

- Law 10(4)(g) **“Dangerous charging.** A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without trying to grasp that player.” Or;
- Law 10(4)(j) **“Lifting a player** from the ground and dropping or driving that player into the ground whilst that player’s feet are still off the ground such that the player’s head and/or upper body come into contact with the ground is dangerous play.”