



# 2019 New AFL Laws of the Game

- Hands in the back, allowing a player to hold his ground on an opponent in a marking contest but not to push the player in the back, is allowed.



- For all defenders who mark or gain a free kick within 9m of the opposition's goal, the player on the mark will be brought back to be in-line with the top of the goal-square.

- A player will no longer need to kick to himself / herself to play-on out of the goal-square in addition to moving the man on the mark back 10m (was 5m) and may elect to handball – only after the field umpire has called 'play-on'.



- Free kicks may be paid when players make contact with an umpire.
- Players are prohibited from setting up behind the Umpire at each Centre Bounce or Ball up.

- Post-siren, players do not have to stand directly in-line with the man on the mark when setting up for their shot on goal.
- A Player who has been awarded a Mark or Free Kick once play has ended will now be able to Kick across their body using a Snap or Check-side Kick. The Player shall dispose of the Football directly in line with the man on The Mark and the Goal.



- Ruckmen who take possession of the ball while contesting a ruck contest will not be regarded as having had prior opportunity. Where there is uncertainty over who is the designated Ruck, the Ruck for each Team will continue to nominate to the field Umpire.

- Player with the ball allowed to play-on during the advancement of the 50m penalty in any direction.
- Defending player must not delay or impede the player with the ball during the advancement.
- The player with the ball must be able to play on in any direction without being impeded or delayed.

