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Free Kicks - Rough Conduct (Law 17.7.2)

A field Umpire shall award a Free Kick against a Player when that Player engages in rough conduct against an opposition Player which in the circumstances is unreasonable, which includes but is not limited to:

(a) executing a dangerous tackle on an opposition Player;

The Duty of Care is on the tackler to protect the tackled player. The umpires Duty of Care is to penalize the Rough Conduct.



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Things to consider:

- **Vulnerable Position** – Is the tackled player able to protect themselves?
- **Force** – Is the force of the tackle excessive to what is required?
- **Intent** – Is there intent to hurt the tackled player?

If you believe 1 or 2 of these are in play, Free Kick.

If you believe all 3 are in play, REPORT THE TACKLER (Minimum Yellow Card).

The law and interpretation are designed to protect the tackled player, to help prevent their head or neck making unreasonable contact with the ground.