

Determining the scale of seriousness

When considering whether to rank a send-off Low End, Mid Range or Top End consider some of the following points:

1 – Be aware that some cases ranked ‘Low End’ (usually excluding cases of dissent) may be eligible for an early guilty plea, which means the player takes a set suspension and does not need to attend a judiciary.

2 – Before listing ‘Top End’, consider – is this the worst kind of possible offence of this type? ie. if the offence is a lifting tackle, was the action somewhat comparable to the worst kind of possible lifting tackle? If so, ‘Top End’ may be warranted. If not, consider ‘Mid Range’. Take a similar approach for dissent.

3 – To assist with determining a scale, consider plotting the incident on the graph below, considering the degree of intentionality of the action, and the degree of dangerousness of the action (or threatening nature if dissent).

