



Summary

- Before leaving the ground after the game where you issued a Red Card (RC):
 - Obtain the Name and Jersey Number of the offending player
 - Write some brief notes about the incident, when it occurred during the match and where it occurred on the field
- If the Send-Off is based on the report of an Assistant Referee then organise for the Assistant Referee to also submit a Send-Off Report.
- When writing your Send-Off Report:
 - Be very specific about the incident
 - Green 13 used the closed fist of his right hand to punch Gold 12 on the chin with significant force (refer further examples below)
 - Was there a video of the match? If Yes:
 - Is the incident clearly visible on the video?
 - If Yes, does your Send-Off Report align with what can be seen on the video? If not, why not?
 - If No, why isn't the incident visible on the video?
- Submit the Send-Off Report by using the link in your appointment in Rugby Xplorer (RX)
- Send-Off Reports are to be submitted in RX by midday Sunday for seniors, or midday Monday for juniors.

Submission of Send-Off Report

Send-Off Reports are to be submitted by midday Sunday for Seniors or midday Monday for Juniors.

A Send-Off Report is completed online in RX (<https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/appointments>).

If your appointment is not in RX contact your appointments officer for the game:

- Senior Appointments Kim Taufua at Kim.Taufua@nsw.rugby
- Junior Appointments Jack Jones at Jack.Jones@nsw.rugby

To write your Send-Off Report click on the 'Send-Off Report' button next to your appointment and the fixture details will pre-populate.

If the Send-Off was in a Sydney Juniors game, and the Team Manager has recorded the Send-Off in RX, then the player's name will appear in the drop-down list so you can select them to pre-populate their details.

If the Send-Off was in a Premiership, Suburban or Women's game, or if the Team Manager in a Sydney Juniors game has not recorded the Send-Off in RX, then select 'enter player details manually' and enter the offending player's Name and Jersey Number. Note Premiership, Suburban and Women use FuseSport, and not RX, for match day scoring.

If the Send-Off is based on the report of an Assistant Referee then ensure that the explanation of the incident in your Send-Off Report is aligned with the explanation of the incident in the Assistant Referee's Send-Off Report. If there are discrepancies, then explain why there are discrepancies.

The Assistant Referee will receive a link by email if they were appointed in RX to complete the send-off (SJRU matches). If they were not appointed in RX (i.e. Premier, Suburban and Women's matches) they will need to complete the word version of the send-off report, which Kim will send to them.

The Appointments Officer will review the Send-Off Report submitted and any available video evidence of the incident. If there are any inconsistencies between the written Send-Off Report and the video evidence the Appointments Officer will contact the Referee to clarify the inconsistencies.

Important Points about Writing a Send-Off Report

- Referees have to grade the seriousness of the offence as either low end, mid-range or top end. The Judiciary will use the referee's grading as a guide, not as a definite ruling. Any send-off for contact with the head must be mid-range or top-end.
- The wording in your report should be clear, precise and with sufficient detail for the Judiciary to understand what occurred.
- Where a player makes relevant comments during the incident, while you are speaking to them about the incident, as they are leaving the field or afterwards then include, in quotations, what the player actually said.
- Your decision-making process regarding a Red Card (instead of a Yellow Card) should align with the Foul Play and Sanction Framework in the Game Management Guidelines and Law 9 - Foul Play.
- If there is video of the match, ensure you watch it before you write your Send-Off Report.
- If there is a clear discrepancy between what you saw on the day and what the video shows then please explain this discrepancy in your Send-Off Report.
- If the video evidence shows that you made a mistake and issued a Red Card to the wrong player then explain that in your Send-Off Report.
- Game context is relevant. If a player claims they were punched and were retaliating, this should be included in the Send-Off Report, even if you didn't see it.
- If a player attempts to apologise after the game, this should also be included in the Send-Off Report.
- If a player is dissenting / abusive towards the referee or opposition after being sent off, this needs to be included in the Send-Off Report. If possible, the precise words should be included with quotations. (Refer example below)
- In Suburban games a punch is foul play and an automatic Red Card. A punch is a closed fist. Striking and stamping are also mandatory red cards in matches played using Pathway or U19 law.
- Dangerous tackles with swinging arms that make contact with the head are considered striking under the Laws of the Game.

Descriptions of Offences

Examples of good and bad descriptions of offences include:

Offence	Good Description (contains required detail)	Bad Description (lacks detail and/or has unnecessary information/opinion)
Striking / Punching	Green 13 punched Gold 12 with a closed fist to the jaw, making contact with significant force.	Green 13 was sent off for striking his opponent with a closed fist using a great deal of force.
Dangerous Tackle (lifting)	Red 6 lifted the legs of Blue 8 beyond the horizontal, dropping her in mid-air. Had Blue 8 not dropped the ball and put out her hands to prevent her fall she would have landed on her head.	Red 6 tackled the player, lifting her above 45 degrees and dropping the Blue player in a very dangerous position. The player was sent off for the offence. This is the worst example of a lifting tackle I've seen in my 20 years of refereeing.
Dangerous Tackle (high)	Gold 12 made late contact with Green 10 without attempting to grasp. Gold 12's shoulder made first contact with Green 10's head. The contact was made with considerable force.	Gold 12 tackled her opponent late with a shoulder charge to the head.
Dissent	I awarded a penalty against Red for repeated infringements. After the penalty was awarded Red 9 approached me and said, "you are a f**king cheat, that decision is completely f**king wrong". As Red 9 left the field he said "you are a f**king disgrace".	Red 9 swore at me, claiming my decision was wrong. He left the field continuing to question my opinion, swearing and carrying on.
Match Official Abuse	Blue 3 walked up to me and said, "ref, you're a f**king c***". After being sent off Blue 3 stood on the sideline and continued to question my decisions when there were lineouts or scrums near where he was standing.	Blue 3 approached me and abused me, swearing at me. He left the field without delay, before standing on the sideline and pointing at me during play. This sort of carry-on needs to be stamped out of the game.