



# NRL JUDICIARY OVERVIEW

Within 24 hrs of each match being completed, the MRC will form a view on:

- » Based on the evidence whether there is a reasonable prospect of the player being found guilty of the offence
- » Complete an assessment of the grading by following a process to determine what they believe is the correct grading.

The process to determine the grading of a charge is a two-step process.

1. Assess the **Key Grading Indicators**
2. Assess any **Mitigating Factors** or **Aggravating Factors**.

## STEP 1. KEY GRADING INDICATORS

There are three Key Grading Indicators which the MRC must assess when considering the correct grading.

- » **FORCE**
- » **RISK OF INJURY**
- » Was the conduct **CARELESS, RECKLESS, INTENTIONAL**

These three indicators must be assessed as:

- » **LOW**
- » **MODERATE**
- » **HIGH**

**For Grade 1 Offences** - the three key factors would generally be assessed in the **LOW** to **MODERATE** ranges.

**For Grade 2 Offences** - the three key factors would generally be assessed in the **MODERATE** range.

**For Grade 3 Offences** - the three key factors would generally be assessed in the **MODERATE - HIGH** range.

## STEP 2. ASSESSING OTHER FACTORS

Assess whether there are other relevant factors that may see a Grading for a charge either **INCREASED** or **DECREASED**.

**AGGRAVATING FACTORS** - factors may see a player being awarded a **HIGHER** penalty.

**MITIGATING FACTORS** - these factors may favour a player being awarded a **LOWER** penalty.

### AGGRAVATING FACTORS

- » Injury to a player
- » Direct contact to the head/neck
- » No ability for player to protect themselves
- » Other relevant factors

### MITIGATING FACTORS

- » Other players have impacted outcome
- » Contact/impact not direct
- » Attacking player has dropped significantly
- » Other relevant factors

## FINAL GRADINGS

**Grade 1 Charges** will generally see Key indicators in the **LOW** to **MODERATE** range with no Aggravating factors.

**Grade 2 charges** will generally see Key Indicators in the **MODERATE** range with some Aggravating factors. There may also be some other Mitigating factors.

**Grade 3 charges** will generally see Key Indicators in the **MODERATE** to **HIGH** range with several Aggravating factors. There is generally no Mitigating factors for the player charged.