



# Laws of the Game Update 2015

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**AUSTRALIA'S GAME**

- No Law changes in 2015
  - Interpretation changes
    - Holding the ball (prior opportunity)
    - Marking contests (blocking)

# Holding the ball – prior opportunity

An outcome from the Laws of the Game Committee is that there will be a stricter interpretation of holding the ball – prior opportunity in 2015

- If the player with the ball is balanced and steady (reasonable time)
- If a player has chosen to take a player on (fend or evade)
- If a player has had an opportunity to dispose and chooses not to

# Marking contests - Blocking

Laws of the Game Charter says “Our game features spectacular high marking and contested marking”

An outcome from the Laws of the Game Committee is that there will be a stricter policing of marking contests/blocking in 2015

- Stricter policing of players who intentionally block an opponent in an unreasonable manner from contesting the ball if the opponent is realistically attempting to contest the ball

# Marking contests - Blocking

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## Cues:

- Players who move off the line to prevent an opponent from contesting the ball
- Shepherds an opponent from contesting the ball (2 v 1)

# Examples - Vision

<http://www.afl.com.au/video/2015-02-18/how-the-game-will-be-umpired-in-2015>