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The Full Back is kicking the ball in after a behind. After being instructed by the Field umpire to play on, he handballs the ball directly over the boundary line. What would be your decision?

As the Laws of Australian Rules Football states on page 41 :

13.KICKING THE FOOTBALL INTO PLAY AFTER A BEHIND HAS BEEN SCORED

13.1 FOOTBALL MUST BE KICKED

Unless Law 12.4 applies, when a Behind has been recorded, the following shall apply:

(a) the football must be Kicked back into play by any Player of the defending Team within a reasonable time;

(b) the football must be Kicked from within the Goal Square. For the avoidance of doubt, one foot of the Player must be behind any of the lines which define the Goal Square at the time when the Player Kicks the football;

(c) Other than the Player kicking the football into play, all Players must immediately vacate the area within 5 metres of the Goal Square.

(d) the Player Kicking the football into play may, provided they have Kicked the football clear from their hands, regain possession and play on from within the Goal Square.

13.2 DIRECTION BY UMPIRE AND FOOTBALL BROUGHT INTO PLAY INCORRECTLY

(a) After giving a Player a reasonable opportunity, the field Umpire shall direct a Player to Kick the football back into play. If a Player fails to Kick the football back into play after being instructed to do so by a field Umpire, the field Umpire shall call "Play On". The Player shall be required to dispose of the football in accordance with Laws 13.1 (b) and (d). Opposing Players, however, may enter the Goal Square and tackle the Player with the football once "Play On" is called. The provisions of these Laws relating to Free Kicks shall apply.

(b) If the field Umpire is of the opinion that a Player has not Kicked the football back into play in accordance with Law 13.1, the field Umpire shall bounce the football on the centre of the Kick-Off Line to recommence play.