



## Law Amendments – Substantive April 2002 Council Meeting

### LAW 13 Kick Off and Restart Kicks

#### Amend Definition

The kick off occurs at the start of the match and the re-start of the match after half-time/ Re-start kicks occur after a score or a touch down.

Amend Law 13 2(a) to read

"A team kicks off with a drop kick which must be taken at or behind the center of the half-way line"

Delete (b) (c)

**Re-letter** (d) as (b)

#### Add new 16

### 16 BALL GOES INTO THE IN-GOAL FROM A DROP OUT

(a) If the ball is kicked into the opponent's in-goal without having touched or been touched by a player, the opposing team has three choices:

- To ground the ball, or
- To make it dead, or
- To play on

(b) If the opposing team grounds the ball, or makes it dead, or if the ball becomes dead by going into touch-in-goal or on or over the dead-ball line, they have two choices:

- To have a scrum formed at the center of the 22metre line from where the kick was taken and they throw in the ball, or
- To have the other team drop out again

(c) If they opt to ground the ball or make it dead, they must do so without delay. Any other action with the ball by a defending player means the player has elected to play on.

**Re-number;** 16 as 17 and 17 as 18

#### Amend LAW 19 7 (d) to read:

When the ball is in touch, every player who approaches the line-of-touch is presumed to do so to form a line-out. Players who approach the line-of-touch must do so without delay. Players of either team must not leave the line-out once they have taken up a position in the line-out until the line-out has ended.

### LAW AMENDMENTS FOR CLARIFICATION

#### DEFINITIONS

##### Add

**Yellow Card.** A card, yellow in colour shown to a player who has been cautioned and temporarily suspended for 10 minutes playing time

**Red Card.** A card, red in colour shown to a player who has been sent off for contravening Law 10 Foul Play

**Playing Time.** The time that has been played excluding time lost as defined in Law 5 Time

**Actual Time.** Elapsed time including time lost for any reason.



## **Consequential Amendments to Law 10 and Law 3.10**

### **Law 10**

- 10 2 (a) at the end of the third sentence add the words "playing time"
- 10 3 (b) at the end of the second sentence add the words "playing time"
- 10 3 (c) at the end of the second sentence add the words "playing time"
- 10 4 (k) at the end of the second sentence add the words "playing time"

### **Law 3.10**

#### **Amend**

#### **10 TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT**

**(a) When a player leaves the field to have bleeding controlled and/or have an open wound covered, that player may be temporarily replaced. If the player who has been temporarily replaced does not return to the field-of-play within 15 minutes (actual time) of leaving the playing area, the replacement becomes permanent and the replaced player must not return to the field-of-play.**

#### **LAW 3 14 (a)**

##### **Amend the first sentence to read:**

"After a front row player has been sent off or during the time a player is temporarily suspended....."

#### **Law 3 14 (d)**

##### **Amend last four paragraphs to read:**

If a team elects to continue with a full scrum, the formation must be 3-4-1.

If a team is one player short in the scrum, then both teams must be in a 3-4 formation.

If a team is two players short in the scrum, then both teams must be in a 3-2-1 formation.

If a team is three players short in the scrum, then both teams must be in a 3-2 formation.

#### **LAW 6 A 8 REFEREE CONSULTING WITH OTHERS**

##### **Add a new (c)**

The official may be consulted if the referee is unsure when making a decision in in-goal with regard to the scoring of a try or a touch down when foul play in in-goal may have been involved.

**Re-letter** (c) to (g) as (d) to (h)

#### **LAW 6 B 5 TOUCH JUDGE SIGNALS**

##### **Amend (d) heading to**

When to lower the flag

#### **LAW 10 FOUL PLAY**

##### **LAW 10 2 (c) delete**

The word "on" after "voluntarily knock....."

##### **LAW 10 4 (e)**



#### **Amend the seventh paragraph to read**

A player must not tackle an opponent whose feet are off the ground.

**Exception:** A player is permitted to attempt to tackle a player who is in possession of the ball and is in the act of diving in an attempt to score a try

#### **LAW 10 4 (h)**

##### **Amend to read**

**Tackling the jumper in the air.** A player must not tackle nor tap, push or pull the foot or feet of an opponent jumping for the ball in a line-out or in open play.

#### **LAW 12 KNOCK ON OR THROW FORWARD**

##### **DEFINITION - KNOCK-ON**

##### **Amend EXCEPTION to read:**

**Charge down.** If a player charges down the ball as an opponent kicks it, or immediately after the kick, it is not a knock-on even though the ball may travel forward.

#### **LAW 12 1 (e) Voluntarily knock-on or throw forward**

##### **Amend to read:**

**Voluntarily knock or throw forward.** A player must not voluntarily knock the ball forward with hand or arm, nor throw forward.

#### **LAW 15 TACKLE**

##### **7 Other Players**

##### **Add new (b)**

After a tackle any players on their feet may attempt to gain possession by taking the ball from the ball carriers possession.

Re-letter paragraphs: (b) to (h) as (c) to (i)

#### **LAW 19 TOUCH AND LINE-OUT**

##### **Amend LAW 19 1 (d) to read:**

**Kicks indirectly into touch.** When a player anywhere in the playing area kicks indirectly into touch so that the ball bounces in the field-of-play the throw in is taken where the ball went into touch

When a player anywhere in the playing area kicks the ball so that it touches or is touched by an opposition player and then goes indirectly into touch so that the ball bounces in the field of play the throw in is taken where the ball went into touch.

When a player anywhere in the playing area kicks the ball so that it touches or is touched by an opposition player and then goes directly into touch the throw in is taken in line with where the opposition player touched the ball or where the ball crossed the touch line if that is nearer the opposition player's goal line.

##### **Add a sub heading before LAW 19 1 (e)**

#### **PENALTY KICK**



**Amend LAW 19 2 (e) to read:**

.....before it touches the ground or a player.

**LAW 19 11 PEELING OFF**

**Delete** the second sentence of the definition

**Add new 19 13 (e)**

No player of either team participating in the line-out may leave the line-out until it has ended.

**LAW 20 SCRUM**

**Add to scrum definition as new third paragraph:**

The middle line of a scrum must not be within 5 metres of the goal-line. A scrum cannot take place within 5 metres of a touch-line.

**LAW 20 4 TEAM THROWING IN THE BALL**

**Add** new (g)

If a scrum collapses or lifts up into the air without penalty a further scrum will be ordered and the team who originally threw in the ball will throw the ball in again

If a scrum has to be reformed for any other reason not covered in this Law the team who originally threw in the ball will throw the ball in again

**LAW 20 6 (b)**

**Amend to read:**

The scrum-half must hold the ball with both hands, with its major axis parallel to the ground and to the touch-line over the middle line between the front rows, midway between knee and ankle

**LAW 20 12 OFF-SIDE AT THE SCRUM**

**Add** new (a)

When the scrum is set, the scrum half not throwing the ball into the scrum must take up a position either at the same side of the scrum as the scrum half throwing in the ball or behind the offside line defined for other players.

**Re-letter** (a) to (g) as (b) to (h).

**UNDER 19 VARIATIONS**

**LAW 20 Scrum Exception**

**Delete** "may" add "must"