



# **BSRFUR – Monthly Meeting**

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2016**



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## **Law Changes**

**Law changes with effect from 1st July.**

**IRB initial document now on our web site  
contains all the changes**



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### **Caution:**

**At the same time as initially issuing these changes World Rugby also issued papers re trials and experiments**

**DO NOT CONFUSE**



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**Attempt to simplify laws relating to substitutes and replacements.**

**Note from RFU:**

**With rolling subs they are largely inconsequential for us**



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### Minor changes include:

- **Management of medical/support team coming on pitch during play**
- **Repeated infringement by team; mandatory red card removed**
- **No penalty or free kick to be taken within 5 metres of the goal line by either team**
- **Ball held at back of static scrum – call to “use it”**  
*Discussion led to society decision that if the ball is not used immediately then we award a turnover scrum – to be mentioned in pre-match brief*



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## **Law Changes**

### **Headline changes are:**

**Illegal for a player to feign that he has been subject to unfair play**

**[vid 1](#)**

**definition of forward pass changed**

**wheeled scrum not now turnover – same team throws ball into the reset scrum**

**scrum formation – at crouch must align ear-to ear**



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### Headline changes are:

**scrum offside – SH may not move into the gap between the flanker and the No 8.**

**Illegal for any player to prevent the ball going 5 metres at lineout**



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**Headline changes are:**

**Can now play advantage if scrum collapses**

**RFU Guidance:**

**Although old Law 8.3 (d) is deleted from the law book, this does not remove the referee's responsibilities for player safety.**

**Law 20.3 (h) covers a scrum collapse, stating: If a scrum collapses, the referee must blow the whistle immediately so the players stop pushing.**

**Clearly this is the behaviour we will promote and although difficult, distance ourselves from the game people may see on TV, despite it being quoted at us in meetings.**





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### **IRB directives for the maul**

**The ball can be moved backwards hand-to-hand once the maul has formed.**

**A player is not allowed to move/slide backwards in the maul when the player is in possession of the ball and**

**the ripper needs to stay in contact with the jumper until they have transferred the ball.**

**Sanction: **Penalty kick****



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### **IRB directives for the maul**

**In simple English the RFU says .....**

- 1. The ripper must be attached to the jumper - No long arm transfers**
- 2. The ball must be transferred hand to hand - No Sliding backwards**
- 3. Arriving players must not join ahead of the ball carrier**
- 4. Arriving players from both teams must not slide or swim along the side of the maul**

**[Examples](#)**



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IRB directives for the maul

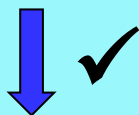
Two key questions

Was the player bound into the maul before he took the ball from the catcher?



**Penalty**

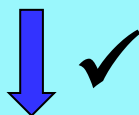
or at lower levels  
Accidental O/S and  
upgrade to penalty  
if it persists



If the ball arrived at the back, was it through the hands?



**Penalty**



Play on