



BSRFUR – Monthly Meeting

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Warm Up

Thank you to Bruce Bladon.

Eng Ire, 75 minutes; following a scrum to Ireland, Danny Care dives forwards and knocks the ball out of Luke McGrath hands. Penalty awarded, presumably a deliberate knock on.

Questions:

**When is it OK to knock the ball out of someone's hands and when is it not?
Is it even a knock on as McGrath had not passed the ball yet, so was actually losing possession of it?**



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Warm Up

Group discussion raised the following:

It is alright to grab or knock the ball out of an opponents hands

If in knocking the ball it goes forward as it did in the above scenario, there is a risk of penalty for a deliberate knock on. If the ball had gone straight down or backwards, no problem.

Coaching point for players: do not go for the ball but take the ball-carrier's arm and he will probably spill the ball forward conceding a knock-on.



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Agenda

Kicks

At goal

Kick off / restart

22 drop out

Open Play



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Kicks at goal

Thanks to Billy McClean

**Evening game under floodlights @ (Maidenhead RFC)
Touch line been run by 1 from each team**

Green team scores a try. Green Team take conversion

Green Team linesman puts flag up

Red Team Linesman Doesn't Put flag up

**With the flood lights as they are I could not determine
if the ball went over.**

**I asked the Green Linesman and he said definitely Yes,
the Red linesman was not sure!!**

All Red players are adamant that it missed.



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Kicks at goal

What should I do in this situation?

Referee is the judge of fact, the linesmen are advisory

Generally, can only award the score if sure.

In this scenario what was the balance of probability?

What would be the effect on the result of the match?

Points were raised re positioning – ensure sun/floodlights etc do not create a problem.



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Kicks at Goal

Checklists:

Conversion

**Defenders behind line
Still until the kicker
commences his kick when
they can begin to charge**

Penalty

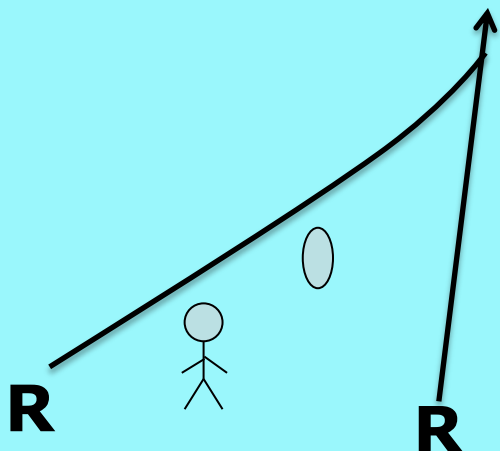
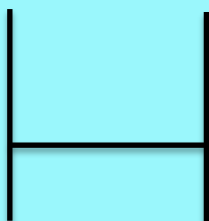
**Defenders 10m back
Still**

**Kicker's team behind
the ball (unless a quick
penalty in which case off-
side in open play arises)**



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Kicks at goal



Referee Position

Out of the kicker's line of sight

Do not begin to follow the ball until it has been kicked

Important to follow the ball from a penalty in case it rebounds from the woodwork or misses and does not go dead.



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Kick off / Restart

The kick off occurs to start the match and to start the second half. Restart kicks occur after a score.

Key Points:

⚠️ Kick offs and restarts are taken by a drop kick.

Ball must travel 10 meters unless the opposition plays it first.

If the ball reaches or crosses the 10 metre line and is blown back over that line the referee will play on.

All other players of the kicking team must be behind the ball when it is kicked

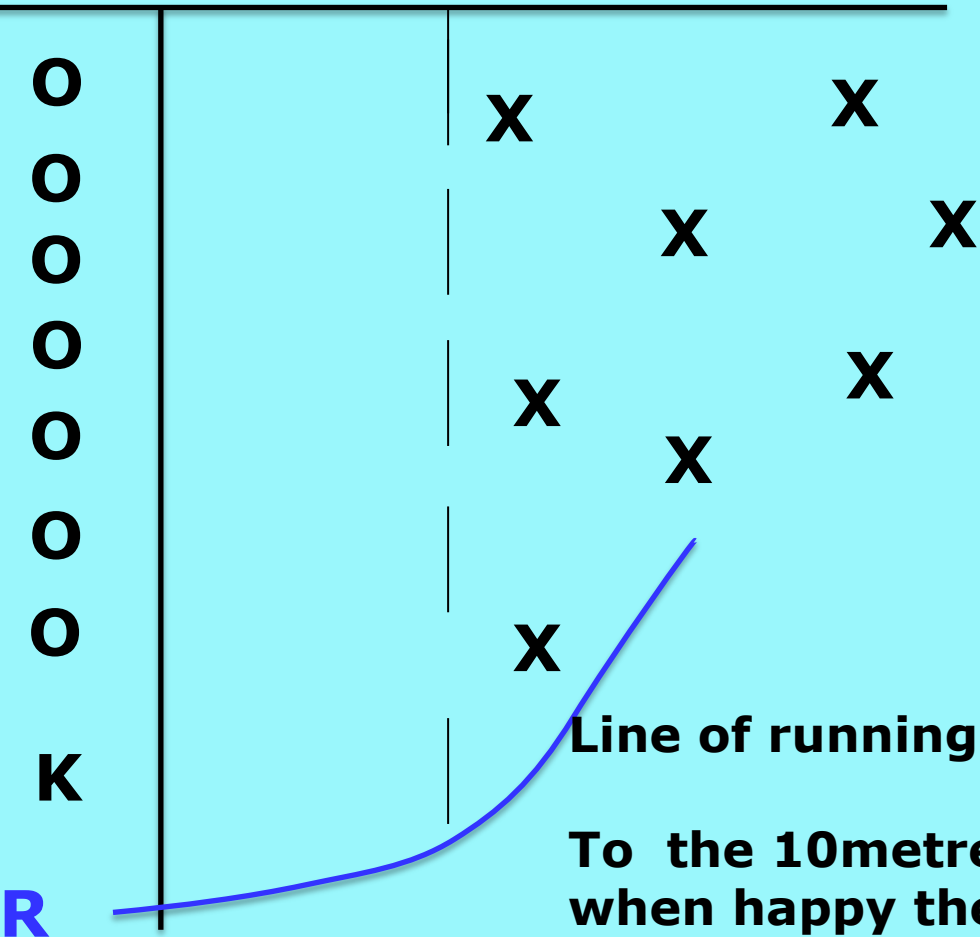


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Kick off / Restart

Referee Position

“Outside” the kicker so you get a clear view of the kicker’s team to adjudge if anyone was in front at the time of the kick



Line of running

To the 10metre line and then when happy the ball has crossed it, veer in to where the ball is to be played.



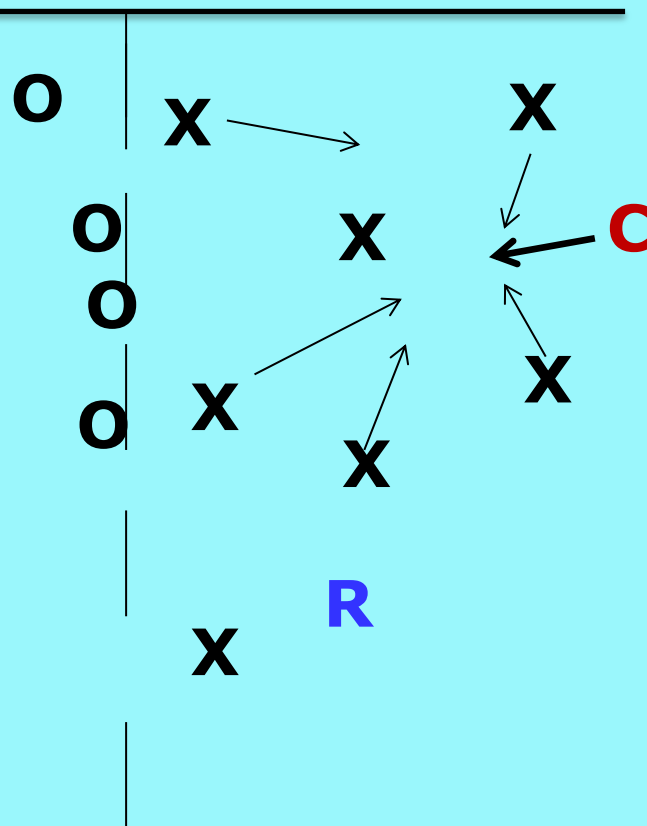
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Kick off / Restart

Catcher comes to the ball, supported by two teammates.

Ensure support does not form a block

Also beware of others obstructing chasers





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Kick off / Restart

Kick Outcome & Option	Kick again	Scrum	Lineout
Not 10	✓	✓	X
Directly into touch	✓	✓	✓ At the half way line
In---Goal (Grounded or made dead immediately)	✓	✓	X
Goes out via Touch & Goal/Dead Ball Line	✓	✓	X
Player Ahead of Kicker	X	✓	X
Wrong kick/place	✓	✓	X

Note: If a player is ahead of the kicker. May not be material and also can use preventative calls to tell him to “wait” or “hold”



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22 Drop Out

	O		X		X	
Similar	O					
positioning and	O			X		X
issues, but:	O					
	O					
Ball only needs	O		X			X
to cross the line	O			X		
	O					
Often get a long	O					
kick downfield,	O		X			
hence need to						
follow the ball.	K					?
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22 Meter Drop Out

Kick Outcome & Option	Kick again	Scrum	Line out	Free Kick
Not crossing 22m line	✓	✓	X	X
Directly into touch	✓	✓	✓	X
In---Goal (Grounded or made dead immediately)	✓	✓	X	X
Goes out via Touch & Goal/Dead Ball Line	✓	✓	X	X
Player Ahead of Kicker (unless taken quickly)	X	✓	X	X
Wrong kick/place	✓	✓	X	X
Delay	X	X	X	✓



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Kicks in Open Play

Key Points:

At the time of the kick, note:

Is there potential for a late hit on the kicker?

Who is behind the kicker

Who is up-field – offside in open play and potentially within the 10 metre zone

As the ball “lands”:

If the ball does not go into touch,

safety of the catcher in the air

opponents within 10 metres must retire – cannot wait to be put on-side

have others been put on-side before they advance?

Ensure legal chasers are not blocked



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Kicks in Open Play

Some other considerations:

**Box kick from SH after I/o or ruck/scrum/maul
all participants of the I/o or r/s/m must not move
forward until put onside**

**Reds kick long downfield, blue retrieve and kick the ball
back – very high chance of blue players infringing the 10
metre law**

**If the ball does go into touch, players who were in front
of the kicker must not prevent a quick throw in.**

Legal chasers will rarely be given a clear run to the ball.



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Kicks in Open Play

Red full back, hindmost player in his team, kicks the ball long, but slips so cannot chase the ball.

As the red full back regains his feet, the Blue full back, hindmost player in his team, catches the ball.

At this point how many players are offside? 28

Of these, who do we penalise?

None unless they are within 10 metres and do not retire or are interfering with play

How do the players get onside?

Off-side in open play – possible option for another evening. Laws 11.2 to 11.5 apply