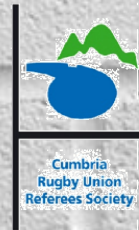


IRB LAW EMPHASIS

Penrith RFC, 25th August 2010

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These are **NOT** changes in law rather
a change in emphasis

*The purpose of this session this evening is to explore
which of these 'points of emphasis' are
applicable/relevant to refereeing games in Cumbria*

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Areas of emphasis:

- Offside from kicks – more prevalent now we have a growth in ‘ping/pong’ kicking i.e. keeping the ball in play
- ‘Guarding’ at rucks
- Illegal maul formation at LO – getting players in front of the ball
- A slower scrum engagement sequence and ‘feeding’
- Breakdown - allowing the tackled player the opportunity to play the ball i.e. releasing ball and player, getting players in through ‘their’ gate, and keeping players on their feet

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WE'LL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AFTER THE CLIPS:

1. Do we have a problem with this kind of offence officiating in Cumbria?
2. Are we going to bother unduly with this IRB 'emphasis'?
3. I've got some suggested action points

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During the actual presentation Paul Renton showed clips of games that the IRB has supplied.

These are available to be viewed on the RFU website at this address:

<http://www.rfu.com/TakingPart/Referee/LatestLawUpdates.aspx>

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Offside from kicks - Law 11.1 (a)

Suggestions

1. Try to identify early those players advancing & or not retiring out of 10m who are 'intentionally' attempting to close down the playing space
3. Mentally say: "Blue kicked"; verbally say "Hold/retire Blue"
4. If player/s continue to advance / or not retire out of 10 and is / are having material effect - PENALISE
5. Offer options to Captain – Scrum where ball kicked from or PK where player first moved forward / or 10m up from ball landing if inside 10m

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Offside at rucks (Team not in possession): Law 11.1 (a)

Suggestions

1. Try to pick-up early and manage with preventative encouragement
2. Don't neglect managing attacking team players standing offside as screens
3. Consider your positioning – are you able to manage & accurately call a clear & obvious offside

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Illegal maul formation @ the LO: Law 10.1 (c)

Suggestions:

1. Be aware that this could be a growing trend at higher levels – the higher you referee things tend **not** to happen accidentally!
2. If you think it maybe happening @ LO consider standing @ back to monitor
4. Also be aware that this kind of obstruction can happen at restarts by members of the receiving team

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Scrum engagement sequence: Law 20.1 (g)

Suggestions:

1. Slow down engagement 'calling' sequence (4 = timed calls) – explain this at the briefing
2. With each call focus on front row players' actions – at any stage blow your whistle if you're not happy
3. Manage it – safety is the number one priority

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Scrum feeds: Law 20.6 (d)

Suggestions

1. Ensure scrum half stands @ the centre of the tunnel
2. Ensure a 'credible' scrum feed (particularly with scrum under pressure)
3. Warn then Free kick if necessary – deal with early and don't pull a rabbit out of a hat!

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Breakdown clips:

Those involved in a tackle who remain on their feet must release the ball and the ball carrier: *Law 15.6 (c)*

Players 'involved' in a tackle and remaining on their feet must play the ball from behind the tackled player : *Law 15.6 (c)*

At a tackle, arriving players must enter through 'their' gate: *Law 15.6 (d)*

Tackler not moving away from ball & tackled player: *Law 15.4 (b)*

Players falling on or over the players lying on the ground after a tackle: *Law 15.7 (c)*

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Suggestions

1. Be aware of those who are involved in bringing the ball carrier to ground and what they can and can't do i.e. releasing and coming in through 'their' gate
2. A tackling player who gets to his feet immediately can compete for the ball – look for elbow movement in genuine attempt to get the ball
4. Ensure arriving players stay up (both attacking & defending) – maintain own body weight without being supported by lying on a player on the ground
5. Deal with clear & obvious first infringement – set clear standard/ expectation

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So how do you communicate what we've discussed to the game?



Paul suggested that his presentation should be made available in the Society's and CB's website

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