



MEMORANDUM

Line out

IRB clarification for teams choosing not to engage at the lineout

- *if the defenders in the line out choose to not engage the line out drive by "leaving the line out as a group", PK to attacking team;*
- *if the defenders in the line out choose to not engage the line out drive by simply opening up a gap & "creating space" & not leaving the line out, the following process would be followed:*
 - *attackers would need to keep the ball with the front player, if they were to drive down-field (therefore play on, general play - defenders could either engage to form a maul, or tackle the ball carrier only);*
 - *if they had immediately passed it back to the player at the rear of the "group", the referee would tell them to "use it" which they must do immediately...*
 - *if they drove forward with the ball at the back (did not release the ball), the referee would award a scrum for "accidental offside" rather than PK for obstruction.*