

IRB Clarifications

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Knock on

If a player in tackling an opponent makes contact with the ball and the ball goes forward from the ball carriers hands, that is a knock on.

If a player rips the ball or deliberately knocks the ball from an opponent's hands and the ball goes forward from the ball carrier's hands, that is not a knock on.

Taking a conversion kick and running down time

A try is not scored until awarded by the Referee. The decision not to take the conversion must be relayed by the try scorer to the referee, by saying 'No Kick' after the award of the try and before the time reaches 00.00.

Once the decision is made to forfeit the conversion the referee will award a kick off. The kick off will take place regardless of whether players were ready at 00.00 or not.

Restart goes straight into touch = Options to opponents : restart, scrum at centre or lineout on halfway.

Scorer in touch

If player carrying the ball enters the opposition in-goal area and the player's feet touch the touch-in-goal or beyond, the player is touch and it's no try.

An attacking player in touch or in touch-in-goal line can score a try by grounding the ball in the opponents' in-goal provided he/she is not carrying the ball.

Only applies if the ball is on the ground. If the ball is in the air when the player touches it, he/she is carrying the ball – no try.

Players rejoining the game

A player who leaves a match because of injury, yellow card or any other reason must not rejoin the match until permitted by the referee who must not let a player return until ball is dead.

The ball is dead when the referee awards a scrum, lineout, an option to the non-offending team or a drop out.

Quick throw : If the referee allows a quick throw-in, the player who has been temporarily suspended or replaced will be permitted to rejoin the match at the next stoppage in play.

Clothing

Current trial allows players playing contact rugby at under 13 and below to wear specially designed and manufactured sports goggles. Referee can object to the player wearing the sports goggles if he/she reasonably believes that they are unsafe.

Women may wear chest pads with the IRB Approval Mark, cotton blend long tights with single inside leg seam under their shorts & socks and headscarves, providing they don't cause a danger to the wearer or other players.

Restart goes dead

Ball doesn't travel 10 metres and ends up in the kicking team's in-goal and is made dead by a defending player or goes into touch in goal or lands on or over the dead ball line.

Decision : 5-metre attacking scrum.

Sacking the jumper

A player who jumps and gains possession of the ball in the lineout may be tackled immediately upon returning to the ground.

A player who gains possession of the ball in a lineout without jumping may be tackled immediately.

In both cases, these actions must be commenced before a maul has formed.

When is the ball out ?

When the scrum half attempts to retrieve the ball from a ruck the ball is not out until that player has picked the ball up from the ground.

Also applies to a scrum.

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