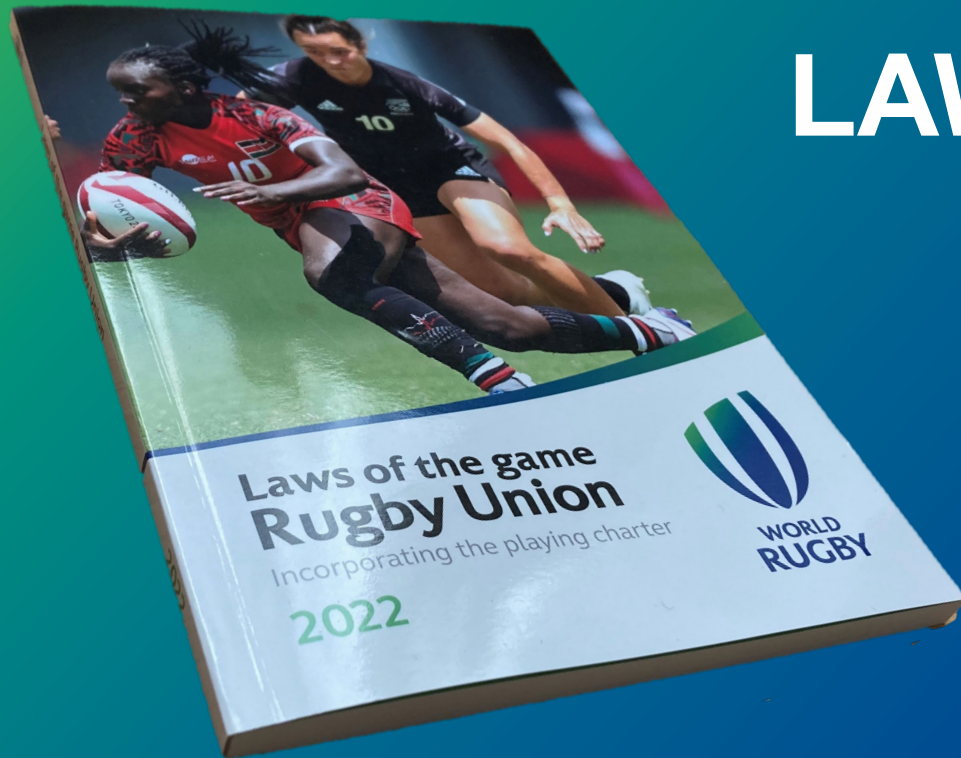


LAW CHANGES - JULY 2022



GLOBAL LAW TRIALS

2021 Global Law Trials

GLDO

50:22

Flying wedge

Latcher

Jackler protection



All move into full Law

Two new Global Law Trials for 2022

1) Brakefoot



2) Water carriers & Technical zone



Plus

- Adding Clarifications into law
- Minor amends
- Updated TMO protocol

BRAKE FOOT

GLOBAL LAW TRIAL

Scrum engagement

- Crouch

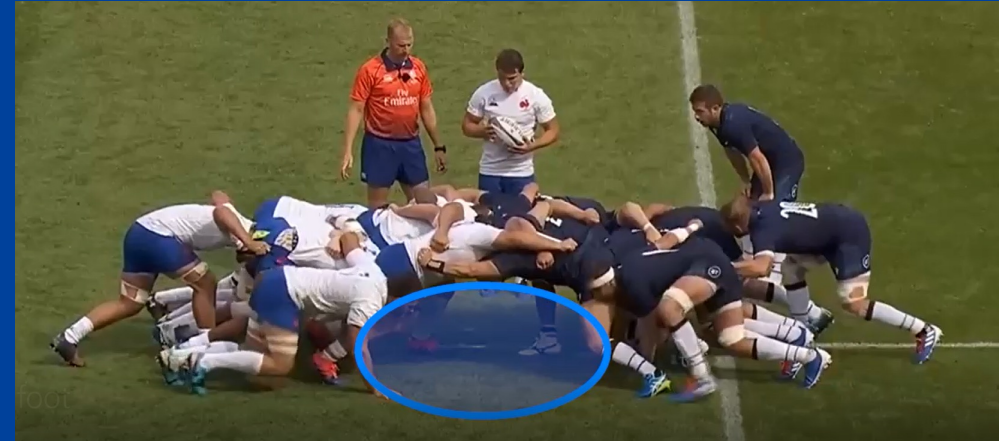
Law 19.10 c Hookers must have a 'brake' foot positioned to help stability and to avoid axial loading. Sanction: FK

- Bind

Brake foot maintained

- Set

19.12a Only then must the hooker remove the brake foot and the teams engage, completing the formation of the scrum and creating a tunnel into which the ball will be thrown. Sanction: FK



WATER CARRIERS/MEDICS

GLOBAL LAW TRIAL

- Reducing number of water carriers in total – x2 per team
- Restricting who they can be – Not a Head Coach/DofR
- Limiting where they can be – Technical Zone only (medics can roam)
- In elite rugby, restricting when they can come onto field – Twice per half (15mins at least) at natural stoppage points determined by the referee
- Restricting what they can do
 - Bring water only
 - Pass on messages to players but not speak to match officials
 - Medics can speak to match officials about medical matters
 - Tee carrier can bring water for kicker only
 - Medics can bring water for injured player only
- **Water available in Tech Zone (all times) or in dead ball area (after a try)**
- **Adding a sanction for physically interfering with live ball or play -
Penalty Kick at point of restart**



CLARIFICATIONS

Added into law

- **Movement at a conversion (8.14)**
- **Jumping into/over tackler (9.11)**
- **GLDO addition (12.12)**
 - The ball is played or taken into in-goal by an attacking player and is **then** held up, **grounded or otherwise made legally dead** by an opponent.
- **Ruck** – no diving on ball when “near” a ruck (15.6)
- **Maul** – ripper/long arm transfer and no sliding back (16.2 & 16.10)
- **In-goal** – ball held up in goal can also lead to a 5m scrum as per existing law (21.16)



MINOR AMENDS

- **Uncontested scrums** – conversation at next scrum not at stoppage (3.16)
- **Rolling replacements for 7s** – removed the 7s exclusion so Unions can now decide if to use rolling replacements in 7s tournaments (3.34)
- **Permitted clothing** (Law 4)
 - Removed women only section
 - Headscarves for all/approved chest pads into full list
 - Player monitoring devices
 - No padded leggings



MINOR AMENDS

Players on ground in in-goal – a player can score/touchdown if on ground (Law 13.3 clarified to add in ‘field of play’ and so making clearer it does not apply in-goal)

In-goal – Can knock a ball from opponent’s hands (21.10)

Lineout – ball stopped from going 5m – clarified this is a FK (18.25). Sanction now aligned with Quick Throw law (18.6)



TMO PROTOCOL

Reinforcing TMO involvement for “Clear and Obvious” offences in general play and related to foul play.

Reinforces Referee as key decision-maker, who leads the process

Brings established practice into the protocol – Live decisions and Formal decisions

Speeding up decision-making, reducing unnecessary stoppages

Incident pre-try can be referred by/to TMO up to the restart, rather than up to the conversion

