

QUICK GUIDE TO APPROVED LAWS

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Definition	A player carrying the ball or “juggling” to control the ball is deemed to be in possession of the ball.
3 Numbers	Uncontested scrums must be played with eight players per team. Team responsible loses a player.
5 Time	Penalty Kicks awarded after time expired of a half - must be played out fully, ie: lineout when kicked directly into touch.
7 Advantage	When multiple PK advantages are played, the non-offending captain can choose which PK the team prefers.
8 Scoring	A penalty try is 7 points – no conversion kick is taken.
14 Tackler	Tacklers must get up and may only play the ball from their team’s side of the tackle gate.
14 Tackle	After a tackle when a player is on their feet over the ball off side lines are formed.
15 Ruck	A player must not kick the ball out of a ruck. Players must hook the ball which is a backward motion.
17 Mark	A player in the 22m area can make a mark when that player catches the ball that has reached the 22m line.
18 Touch	The ball is not in touch if a player jumps from the playing area and returns the ball to the playing area before the player lands in touch.
18 Touch	The ball is not in touch if the ball-carrier reaches the plane of touch but returns the ball to the playing area before landing in touch.
18 Touch	A player in touch who catches or picks up a ball that has not reached the touchline has taken the ball out of play.
18 Touch	A player in the 22m area who catches or picks up a ball that has not reached the 22 meter-line has carried the ball into the 22m area
19 Scrum	A scrum half may align his shoulder with the middle line of the scrum and when the scrum is steady and stable, put the ball in straight without any signal from the referee.
19 Scrum	The hooker from the team putting the ball in must strike for the ball when it touches the ground in the tunnel.
19 Scrum	The hindmost player in a scrum may pick up the ball from the feet of their team mates in the second row.
21 In-Goal	A defending player in the in-goal who catches or picks up a ball that has not reached the goal-line has carried the ball into the in-goal.
21 In-Goal	A player in touch in-goal or in the dead-ball area who catches or picks up a ball that has not reached the touch in-goal line or the dead-ball line has taken the ball out of play.