

## ELVs adopted into Law

### Law 6

- Assistant Referees able to assist Referees in any way the Referee requires

### Law 19

- If a team puts the ball back in their own 22 & the ball is subsequently kicked directly into touch there is no gain in ground
- A quick throw may be thrown straight or towards the throwing team's goal line
- The receiver at the lineout must be 2m back away from the lineout
- The team not throwing in must have a player standing between the touchline and the 5-metre line when the lineout is formed. That player must stand two metres from the line of touch and two metres from the five metre line.
- Lineout players may pre-grip a jumper before the ball is thrown in
- The lifting of lineout jumpers is permitted

### Law 20

- Introduction of an offside line five metres behind the hindmost feet of the Scrum
- Scrum half offside line at the Scrum - non-throwing scrum half must start either in immediate opposition (same side) or behind 5m offside line
- When ball won, non-throwing scrum half can retreat to any position across the pitch behind an offside line behind his NO.8's feet

### Law 22

- The corner posts are no longer considered to be touch in goal except when the ball is grounded against the post

Also note that the following has been written into Law 17: Maul law

(f) When players of the team who are **not in possession of the ball** in the maul **voluntarily leave** the maul such that there are no players of that team left in the maul, **the maul may continue and there are two offside lines.** The offside line for the team in possession runs through the hindmost foot of the hindmost player in the maul and for the team not in possession it is a line that runs through the foremost foot of the foremost player of the team in possession at the maul.

Penalty: Penalty Kick

(g) When players of the team who are **not in possession of the ball** in the maul **voluntarily leave** the maul such that there are no players of that team left in the maul, **players of that team may rejoin the maul providing that the first player binds on the foremost player of the team in possession of the ball.**

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## ELVs that HAVE NOT BEEN adopted

### LAW 17

- Maul, head & shoulders not to be lower than hips
- Maul, pulling down the maul

### LAW 19

- Freedom for each team to determine lineout numbers

## IRB Directives (in their own words)

### Laws 15 & 16

- Providing a player from either side on their feet after a tackle comply with all aspects of Law 15 and have the ball in their hands prior to contact with an opposition player on his feet **those players may continue with possession of the ball even if a player from the opposition makes contact with those players in possession of the ball**
- **Any other players joining the two players contesting the ball must not handle the ball** in accordance with Law 16.4 (b). If the ball is not in possession of any player after a tackle and a ruck is formed players may not use their hands in accordance with Law 16.4 (b).

### Law 10.1 Obstruction (lineout/kick-off/kick restart)

Please think about these in relation to the formation of the maul...

- Blocking the tackler. A player must not intentionally move or stand in a position that prevents an opponent from tackling a ball carrier.
- Blocking the ball. A player must not intentionally move or stand in a position that prevents an opponent from playing the ball

### Dangerous Tackle Sanctions

To summarise, the possible scenario is when a tackler horizontally lifts a player off the ground:

The player is lifted and then forced or “speared” into the ground. A **red card should be issued** for this type of tackle.

The lifted player is dropped to the ground from a height with no regard to the player’s safety. A **red card should be issued** for this type of tackle.

For all other types of dangerous lifting tackles, it may be considered a **penalty or yellow card is sufficient**.

This is a summary, all amendments can be found in the IRB document at [http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/090430sglaexplanatory\\_7684.pdf](http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/090430sglaexplanatory_7684.pdf)