

THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DORSET AND WILTS SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES

October 2007

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly Training Meetings will be held as follows:
DORSET at the Langton Arms on Mondays at 1930 hrs:

November 5: Offside.

February 4: Ruck / Maul.

March 3: TBD.

WILTSHIRE at Devizes RFC on Thursdays at 1930 hrs:

November 8: Offside.

Wiltshire meetings have been poorly attended. Your committee will be reviewing future options depending upon attendance this autumn.

Joint Meetings will be held:

December 3 at Salisbury RFC. Rob Clilverd, who is the Dorset and Wilts Chair of Coach Development will talk to us.

January 14 at 1930 at Salisbury RFC. Andy Melrose and Steve Harland will talk to us.

LAW POSERS

1. Red throw in at a formed lineout. The receiver joins the line, is legally supported, and gives quick ball off the top to Red scrum half, who was not part of the formed lineout, and has raced up from 10m back.
2. Red wing is racing up the touch line, is 1m from touch, and is barged into touch by Blue, who make no attempt to grasp Red winger.
3. Red wing is racing up the touch line, is 1m from touch, and, just after he has kicked the ball directly into touch 10m down field, is tackled round the thighs by Blue.
4. Red wing is racing up the touch line, is 1m from touch, and, just after he has kicked the ball directly into touch 10m down field, is obstructed from following up by Blue.

REFEREES' and REFEREE COACHES' COURSES

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE AWARD

The schedule is appended to this Newsletter.

CONTINUOUS REFEREE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Award can be taken as a mixture of Distance Learning for some modules; others will form the basis on the Society Training Programme over the next 2 years. For those unable to attend Training Meetings, I will cover some modules on a Sunday.

The programme will be:

18Nov, morning (1000):

Law and Principles of Refereeing

Understanding the Game

Afternoon (1330):

Scrum

Tackle / Ruck

25 Nov, morning (1000):

Scrum

Tackle / Ruck

Afternoon (1330):

Law and Principles of Refereeing

Understanding the Game

Would those who wish to take the Award please complete the form attached to the end of the Whistling Bustard. I have only received one reply so far.

The RFU are in the process of developing an on-line assessment system for the CRDA. When operational, Society members will be provided with login details to allow them to undertake a short assessment linked to each module. At this stage, the RFU are unable to provide you with a precise activation date and the RFU have therefore, in the meantime, decided to provide Certificates of Attendance until the system becomes active. Certificates will be issued at the end of the season and will reflect the modules attended.

Please note also that, for a certificate to be generated, members' details must be accurately recorded on RugbyFirst. If individuals have any questions in this regard, please contact your RefDM or RefDO.

TOUCH JUDGE: Will be run if needed.

SOCIETY REFEREE COACH/ADVISER COURSES: Stephen Dowse will arrange courses if necessary.

SHIRTS

I have a stock of Society:

Polo Shirts: All sizes, cost £15.00.

Track Suits: All sizes, cost £20.00.

Red Shirts: All sizes, free.

Blue Shirts: S only, free.

After much deliberation, the final decision, as subsequently modified, is that all current referees, including those undergoing ELRA3, will get a free shirt.

I will bring stocks to Training Meetings.

Bill Byham has:

Ties £7.80.

Blazer/Shirt badges £1.20

MAUL

I have been asked on a number of occasions about impending changes to the maul laws. Although as far as I know no changes are pending, the query may have originated from the 2006 Maul Law clarifications, which I have appended as a reminder.

ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS

1. Penalty to Blue, 15m in from touch, on Red offside line, i.e. 10m back from line of touch.
2. Penalty to Red, 1m from touch on the spot of the offence.
3. Penalty to Red, 1m from touch on the spot of the offence.
4. Penalty to Red, 10m down field and 15m in from touch.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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ELRA Course Schedule - Dorset & Wilts

Date (2007)	Days of Week	Location
25/26 October (Half term, young refs 14-24)	Thursday/Friday	North Dorset RFC
14 and 21 October	Sundays	Devizes RFC
11 and 18 November	Sundays	North Dorset RFC
Other County Courses* *open to all	See website: RFU Home/Community Rugby/ Referee&Officiate/Courses/Find a Course/ ELRA Course Calendar	

CONTINUOUS REFEREE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

NAME:

I wish to take the Continuous Referee Development Award.

I wish to attend one of the following sessions (please indicate which):

Sunday 18 November, Morning. Law and Principles of Refereeing
Understanding the Game

Sunday 18 November, Afternoon. Scrum
Tackle / Ruck

Sunday 25 November, Morning. . Scrum
Tackle / Ruck

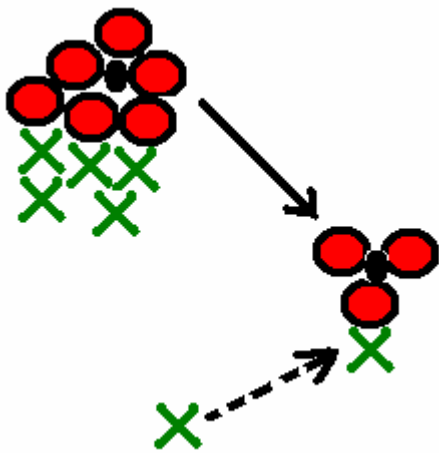
Sunday 25 November, Afternoon. Law and Principles of Refereeing
Understanding the Game

iRB LAW

CLARIFICATIONS

THE MAUL

Scenario 1

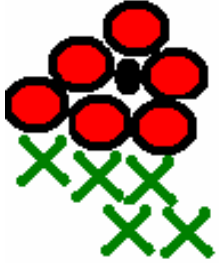


The defender can tackle the ball carrier or if he decides to only drive into the maul to stop the drive then by definition he is forming a new maul.

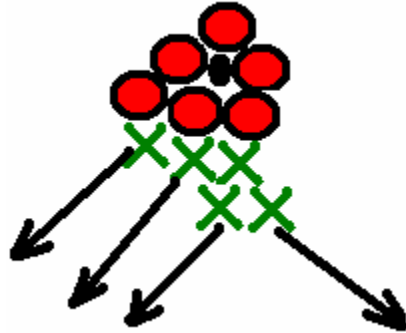
However the ball needs to be at the front or it is obstruction.

Scenario 2

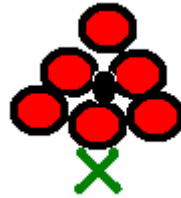
(a)



(b)



(c)

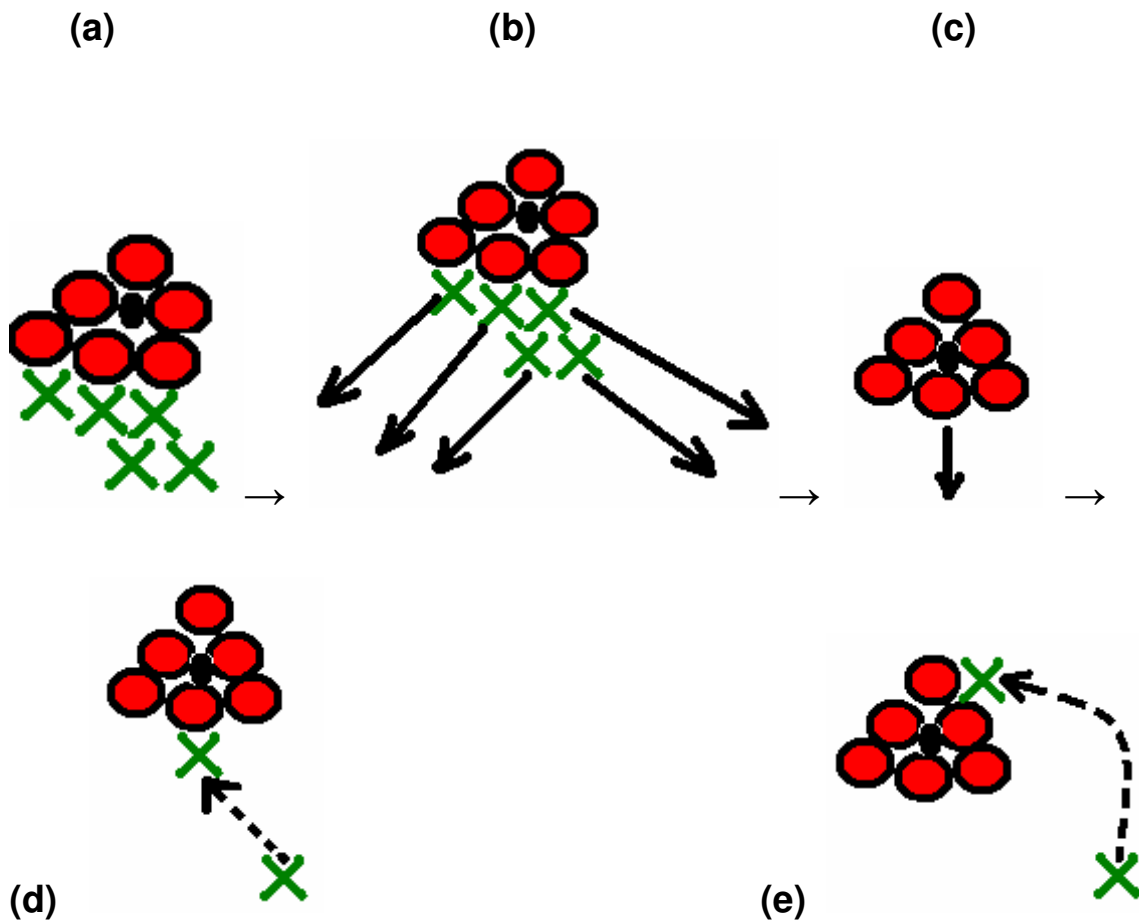


(a) A maul is created

(b) Defending players leave the maul apart from one defender who is still involved in the maul.

(c) If the defender collapses the maul a penalty should be awarded

Scenario 3



(a) A maul is formed

(b) All defending players leave the maul.

(c) The iRB have decreed as the defenders engaged their opponents in forming the maul should they decide to leave by definition the maul is in fact still active under Law 17.5.

Successful End To A Maul

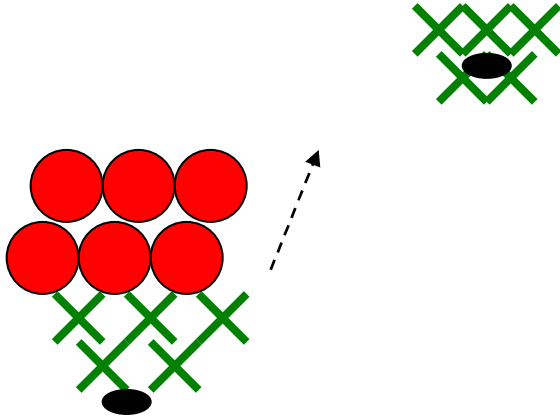
A maul successfully ends when the ball or a player carrying the ball leaves the maul.

(d) A player at a Line Out wins possession of the ball, his team mates bind onto one another and move forward with the ball held in the middle of the group, their opponents back away making no attempt to tackle the ball carrier or form a maul. In this scenario play continues however, should a defender be prevented from making a tackle due to the ball being held in the middle or at the rear of the attacking group the referee should penalise the side in possession of the ball.

(e) A player at a Line Out wins possession of the ball and his team mates bind onto him without moving forward through the line of touch, the opposition do not engage their opponents and a defending player moves to a position at the rear of the opponents group. As the players have not moved through the line of touch the defending player is deemed off side and should be penalised.

If the side in possession of the ball move forward through the line of touch and the opposition do not engage their opponents and the defending player moves to a position at the rear of the group in possession of the ball the referee should play on.

Scenario 4



Provided side X are deemed to spin and break off intentionally, the maul is ended.

Only if it is absolutely clear that side ● broke off and left the maul intentionally is the maul still active.