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Subject: Law Changes - All levels

Good Morning,

Following our recent discussions relating to the Laws of the Game, I can indicate that the ARLC confirmed the three rules to be implemented across all levels of the game.

The three changes are:

Premature Breaking from the Scrum

Where a player(s) break from the scrum before the referee's call of 'break', a full penalty will be awarded to the non-offending team.

The team receiving the penalty will have the option of re-packing the scrum. If the scrum is re-packed and a player(s) again break before the referee is satisfied the ball has emerged correctly from the scrum, a further penalty will be awarded, and one of the offending players will be sent to the Sin-Bin.

Play-the-Ball Restarts after ball or player finds touch.

Where play is stopped because the ball or a player in possession of the ball has entered touch in general play, other than a restart (kick-off, goal-line drop-out, 20-metre drop-out or 20-metre optional restart), a 40/20, play will restart with a Play-the-Ball by the non-offending team.

The position of the Play-the-Ball will be 20-metres from the touchline and no closer than 10-metres from a goal line.

The referee will give 'reasonable' time to restart play.

2 Point Field Goal.

Two points will be awarded for a successful field goal kicked during general play from outside the opposition 40-metre line.

These changes will be included in the 2021, International Laws of the Games & Notes.

If you have any questions please contact.