



USA RUGBY

The **FALL 2017** *World Rugby*
LAW TRIALS

USA Rugby Referees




What, When and Why?

- New Law Trials being implemented by World Rugby and USA Rugby. (Trials, not law changes. These will not be reflected in the law book yet)
- Beginning August 1st for 15s, Beginning August 14th for 7s
- To refresh the laws, fix some issues, implement items that have worked in trials



Global Law Trials - Definitions

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p>Definition - Possession</p>  <p>A player who is attempting to bring the ball under control is deemed to be in possession of the ball.</p>	<p>This happens when a player is carrying the ball (or attempting to bring it under control) or the team has the ball in its control; for example the ball in one half of a scrum or ruck is in that team's possession.</p>

Most important for: **All Positions, Wings, Fullback**




Global Law Trials – Law 3

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 330 697 372">3.6 Number of Players – The Team</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 330 1798 426">Uncontested scrums as a result of a sending off, temporary suspension or injury must be played with eight players per side.</p>

Most important for: Captains, Loose Forwards




Global Law Trials – Law 5

Law	Law Amendment Trial
5.7 (e) Time 	<p>If a penalty is kicked into touch after time has elapsed without touching another player, the referee allows the throw-in to be taken and play continues until the next time the ball becomes dead.</p> <p><i>To end the half, the ball must be tapped before the kick to touch.</i></p>

Most important for: Captains, Kickers, Decision Makers




Global Law Trials – Law 8

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 314 421 361">8.1 (a) Advantage</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 314 1796 464">When there are multiple penalty infringements by the same team, the referee may allow the captain of the non-offending team to choose the most advantageous of the penalty marks.</p>

Most important for: Captains, Kickers, Scrumhalves

Global Law Trials – Law 9

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 317 529 363">9.A.1 Method of Scoring</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 317 1746 467">Penalty Try. If a player would probably have scored a try but for foul play by an opponent, a penalty try is awarded. No conversion is attempted.</p> <p data-bbox="741 525 967 571">Value: 7 points</p>

Most important for: **All Positions**



Global Law Trials – Law 15

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 328 537 372">Amended Tackle 15.4 (c)</p> <p data-bbox="247 473 533 495">The tackler must get up before playing the ball and then can only play from his side of the tackle gate.</p>	<p data-bbox="741 328 1789 423">The tackler must get up before playing the ball and then can only play from their side of the tackle gate.</p>

Most important for: All Positions, Key for Loose Forwards

Global Law Trials – Law 16

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 317 595 358">Law 16: Amended Ruck Law</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 317 1816 568">A ruck commences when at least one player is on their feet and over the ball which is on the ground (tackled player, tackler). At this point the offside line is created. A player on their feet may use their hands to pick up the ball as long as this is immediate. As soon as an opposition player arrives no hands can be used.</p>

Most important for: **All Positions**

Global Law Trials – Law 16

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 274 649 314">Law 16.4 : Other Ruck Offences</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 274 1392 372">A player must not kick the ball out of a ruck. Sanction: Penalty kick</p> <p data-bbox="741 481 1485 525"><i>The player can only hook it in a backwards motion.</i></p>

Most important for: **All Positions, Loose Forwards, Second Rows**






Global Law Trials – Law 18

Law	Law Amendment Trial
Law 18 Definition Mark	To make a mark a player must have one or both feet on or behind that player's 22-metre line and catch a ball that has reached the plane of the 22-metre line.

Most important for: **Wings, Fullback, Flyhalf**



Global Law Trials – Law 19

Law	Law Amendment Trial
Law 19 Touch Definition  <p>In this case, if the ball has passed the plane of touch when it is caught, then the catcher is not deemed to have taken the ball into touch.</p>  <p>If the ball has not passed the plane of touch when it is caught or picked up, then the catcher is deemed to have taken the ball into touch, regardless of whether the ball was in motion or stationary.</p>  <p>Law 19 A player may jump from the field of play over the plane of touch or touch-in-goal and catch a ball back into play.</p>	<p>If the ball has passed the plane of touch when it is caught, then the catcher is not deemed to have taken the ball into touch.</p> <p>If the ball has not passed the plane of touch when it is caught or picked up, then the catcher is deemed to have taken the ball into touch, regardless of whether the ball was in motion or stationary.</p> <p>If a player jumps from the playing area and knocks the ball back into the playing area (or if that player catches the ball and throws it back into the playing area) before landing in touch or touch-in-goal, play continues regardless of whether the ball reaches the plane of touch.</p>

Most important for: **All Positions, Wings, Fullback**




Global Law Trials – Law 19

Law	Law Amendment Trial
Law 19.1(c) No Gain in Ground	<p>If a player, with one or both feet on or behind the 22-metre line, picks up the ball, which was outside the 22, or catches the ball in front of the 22-metre line and kicks it directly into touch from within the 22, then that player has taken the ball back inside the 22, so there is no gain in ground.</p> <p>Delete 19.1(e) and re-letter subsequent paragraphs accordingly.</p>

Most important for: All Positions, Wings, Fullback, Flyhalf


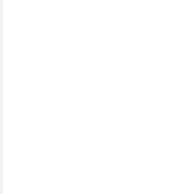


Global Law Trials – Law 20

Law	Law Amendment Trial
20.5 Throwing the ball into the scrum	No signal from referee. <i>The scrum must be stable before the scrumhalf puts in the ball, and there must be no delay once the ball has been presented to the scrum.</i>
20.6 (d) How the scrum-half throws in the ball 	The scrum-half must throw the ball in straight, but is allowed to align their shoulder on the middle line of the scrum, therefore allowing them to stand a shoulder width towards their side of the middle line.


Most important for: **Front Row, Scrumhalf, 1-8**

Global Law Trials – Law 20

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p>Law 20 Striking after the throw-in</p> 	<p>Once the ball touches the ground in the tunnel, any front row player may use either foot to try to win possession of the ball. One player from the team who put the ball in must strike for the ball.</p> <p>Sanction: Free-kick</p> <p>Secondary Signal: </p>

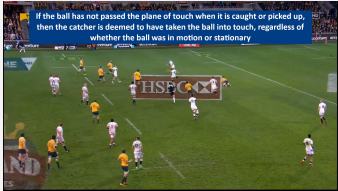
Most important for: **Front Row, Hooker, Scrumhalf**

Global Law Trials – Law 20

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 299 842 345">20.9 (b) Handling in the scrum - exception</p> 	<p data-bbox="898 299 1779 390">Allow the number eight to pick the ball from the feet of the second-rows.</p>

Most important for: Number 8, Scrumhalf

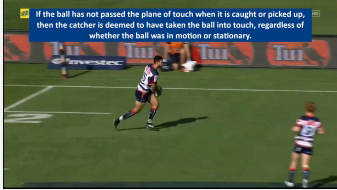
Global Law Trials – Law 22

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 328 683 423">Law 22.9 (b) Defending Player in In-goal</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 328 1798 478">If a player with one or both feet on or behind the goal line picks up the ball from within the field of play, or catches the ball in front of the goal line, that player has taken possession of the ball in the field of play.</p> <p data-bbox="741 536 1696 579">Delete 22.9(c) and re-letter subsequent paragraphs accordingly.</p>

Most important for: **All Positions, Wings, Fullback**



Global Law Trials – Law 22

Law	Law Amendment Trial
<p data-bbox="112 325 683 420">Law 22.9 (d) Defending Player in In-goal</p> 	<p data-bbox="741 325 1814 470">If a player with one or both feet on or behind the dead ball line picks up or catches a ball that has not reached the dead ball line, or touch-in-goal line, that player is deemed to have made the ball dead.</p> <p data-bbox="741 532 967 573">Delete 22.9(e).</p>

Most important for: **All Positions, Wings, Fullback**



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