

The ELVs being evaluated by the IRB

The full programme of ELVs being tested are below. Those in **bold** are the selected ELVs being trialled in the Super 14.

Assistant Referees

- **Assistant Referees can assist referees in any manner required when appointed by a match organiser.**

Posts and flags around the field

- **Corner post, and post at corner of touch in goal and dead ball line not considered to be touch in goal unless the ball is grounded against the post.**

Inside the 22 metre line

- **When a defending player receives the ball outside the 22 metre line and passes, puts or takes the ball back inside the 22 by any means, the following can occur.**
 - **If the ball is then kicked directly into touch, the lineout is in line with where the ball was kicked.**
 - **If a tackle, ruck or maul is subsequently formed and the ball is then kicked directly into touch, the lineout is where the ball crossed the touch line.**

Lineout

- **On a quick throw in, the ball can be thrown straight or backwards towards the defenders goal line, but not forward towards the opposition goal line.**
- A player peeling off at the front of the lineout can do so as soon as the ball leaves the throwers hands.
- The receiver in a lineout must stand 2 metres from the lineout.
- The non throwing hooker does not have to stand between the 5 metre line and the touch line. They must conform to law wherever they stand.
- There is no maximum number of players in the lineout but there is a minimum of 2.
- Neither team determines numbers in the lineout.
- **Pre-gripping, lifting and using another team mate to lever is allowed.**
- If a lineout throw is not straight, a Free Kick to non-throwing team.

Tackle/Post Tackle

- **Players entering the breakdown area must do so through the gate. RIGIDLY APPLIED** [re-emphasises existing Law]
- **Immediately the tackle occurs there are offside lines.**
- **The offside lines run parallel to the goal lines through the hindmost part of the hindmost player at the tackle.**
- Players on their feet may handle the ball in the ruck.
- **A tackled player must immediately play the ball and may not be prevented from playing the ball by any player who is off their feet.** [re-emphasises existing Law]
- **Any other players playing the ball at the breakdown must be on their feet.**
- **If the ball is unplayable at the breakdown, the side that did not take the ball into contact will receive a Free Kick**

- If the ball is received directly from a kick and a tackle occurs immediately, and the ball becomes unplayable, the Free Kick is given to the team who received the kick.
- There are only 3 penalty offences (not including dangerous play) at the breakdown.
 - Offside for not coming through the gate.
 - Offside where defenders are in front of the last man on their side of the breakdown. i.e. the offside line
 - Deliberate and repeated infringements.
- **Free kicks can be taken in accordance with current Laws** [re-emphasises existing Law].
- **Dangerous play will not be tolerated. e.g. Diving over the breakdown** [re-emphasises existing Law].
- **The half back should not be touched unless he has his hands on the ball** [re-emphasises existing Law].

Maul

- Defending players can pull down the maul.
- **Players joining the maul must do so through the gate. RIGIDLY APPLIED** [re-emphasises existing Law].
- **If a maul becomes unplayable, the team not in possession at the start of the maul receives a Free Kick.**
- The *truck and trailer* is no longer an offence providing it is formed from an existing maul.

Scrum

- **The offside line for players who are not in the scrum and who are not the team's scrum half, is 5 metres behind the hindmost foot of the scrum.**

Kick Offs and Restart Kicks

- The sanction for offences with regard to kick offs and restart kicks (drop outs) is a Free Kick

Sanctions

- **For all offences other than offside, not entering through the gate, and Law 10 - Foul Play, the sanction is a Free Kick.**