

LAW VARIATIONS 2010

The following Law Variations had been approved by the IRB and would be adopted in 2010:

- Law 6** – Assistant Referees allowed
- Law 19** – Kicking directly into touch from ball played back into 22 equals – no gain in ground
- Law 19** – Quick Throw permitted in any direction except forward
- Law 19** – Positioning of player in opposition to the player throwing-in to be two metres away from lineout and the line of touch
- Law 19** – Pre-gripping of lineout jumpers allowed
- Law 19** – Lifting in the lineout allowed
- Law 19** – Positioning of Receiver must be two metres away from lineout
- Law 20** – Five-metre offside line at the Scrum
- Law 20** – Scrum half offside line at the Scrum
- Law 22** – Corner Posts no longer touch in goal

The following Law Variations had not been approved by the IRB

- Law 17** - Maul - Head and Shoulders not to be lower than hips
- Law 17** - Maul - Pulling down the Maul
- Law 19** – Freedom for each team to determine Lineout Numbers

Summary of the Law Variations in 2010:

- Penalty Kick sanctions will again be applied at tackle and ruck
- Players will no longer be able to defend against the driving maul by pulling it Down
- The team not throwing in at the lineout cannot have more players participating in the lineout than the throwing team

The IRB has approved Unions to employ Law Variations implementing rolling substitutions and addressing uncontested scrums.

The ARU's Laws Advisory Group (LAG) had met to discuss how these provisions would be applied across Australia.

The ARU had circulated a recommendation and requested feedback, based on the feedback the LAG has reached a decision and the final decision would be circulated in the coming weeks.

