## The Referee's Hand Signals

A brief meaning of the Referee's hand signals. The use of referee signals is recommended in order to help the referee communicate with the players and of course us the spectators.

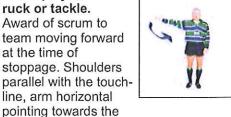
1. Penalty Kick Shoulders parallel with touch-line. Arm angled up, pointing towards nonoffending team.



8. Knock-on Arm out-stretched with open hand above head, & moves backwards & forwards.



15. Unplayable ball at ruck or tackle. Award of scrum to team moving forward at the time of stoppage. Shoulders parallel with the touch-



2. Free Kick Shoulders parallel with touch-line. Arm bent square at elbow, upper arm pointing towards nonoffending team.



9. Not Releasing the ball immediately in a tackle. Both hands are close

to the chest, as if holding an imaginary



16. Unplayable ball in maul.

backwards & forwards.

team to throw in the

arm & hand towards

line whilst moving it

ball, then pointing the

the other team's goal-

Arm out to award scrummage to side not in possession at maul commencement. Other arm out as if signalling advantage and then swing it across the body with hand ending on opposite shoulder.



3. Try & Penalty Try. Referee's back to dead ball line. Arm raised vertically.

4. Advantage

for a period of

seconds.

Arm outstretched, waist high, towards

non-offending team,

approximately five



releasing tackled player. Arms brought together as if

10. Tackler not

grasping a player and then opening as if releasing a player.

11. Tackler or

rolling away.

tackled player not

A circular movement

with the finger & arm



17. Joining a ruck or maul in front of the back foot and from the side.

The hand & arm are held horizontally moving sideways.



5. Scrum Awarded Shoulders parallel with touch-line. Arm horizontal pointing towards team to throw in the ball.



12. Entering tackle from wrong direction Arm held horizontal

then sweep of the arm in a semi-circle



18. Intentionally collapsing ruck or maul.

Both arms at shoulder height as if bound around opponent. Upper body is lowered and twisted as if pulling down opponent who is on top.



6. Forming a scrum. Elbows bent, hands above head fingers touching.

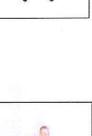


13. Intentionally falling over the player.

Curved arm makes gesture to imitate action of falling player. Signal is made in direction in which offending



19. Prop pulling down opponent. Clenched fist, and arm bent. Gesture imitates pulling opponent down.



7. Throw-forward / forward pass Hand gesture as if passing an imaginary ball forward.



14. Diving to the eground near tackle. Straight arm gesture, pointing downwards to imitate diving action.



