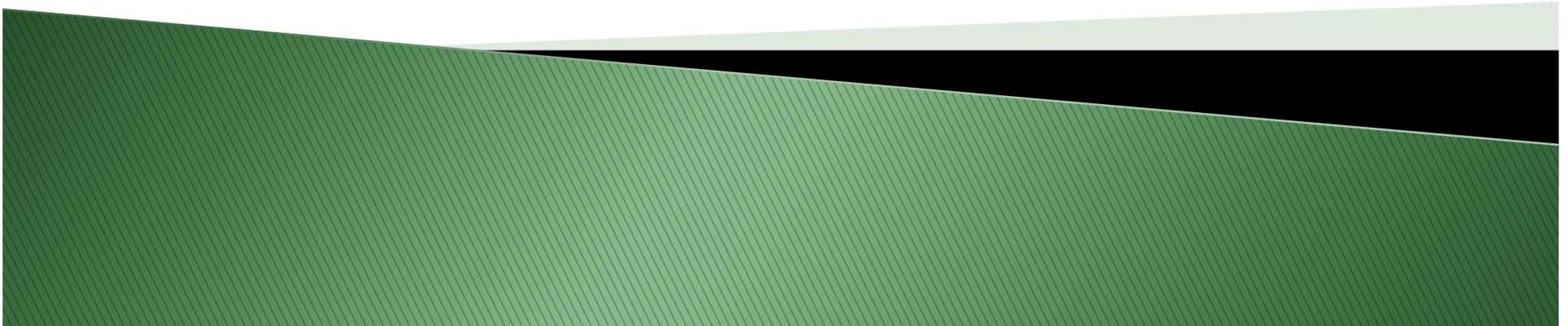




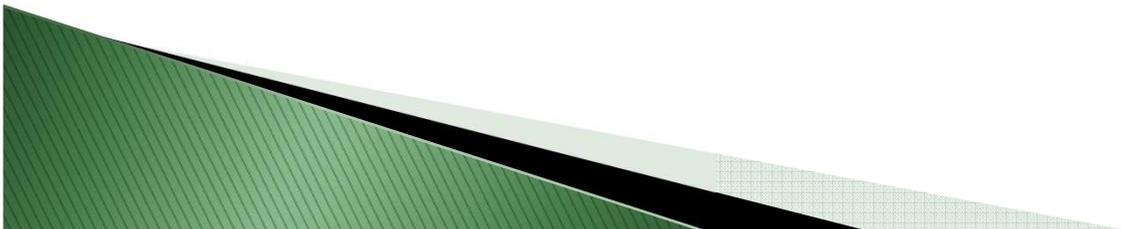
Scrum Engagement Procedure

Crouch – Bind – Set



Crouch

- ▶ Front row (FR) players will be closer than before
- ▶ FR players heads will interlock (in their slots)
- ▶ FR players to support their weight on at least one foot
- The following still photos demonstrate the FR players in the crouch position, pre-bind.



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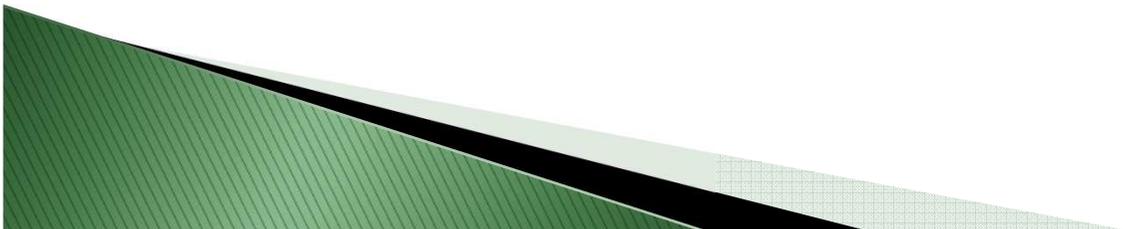


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BIND

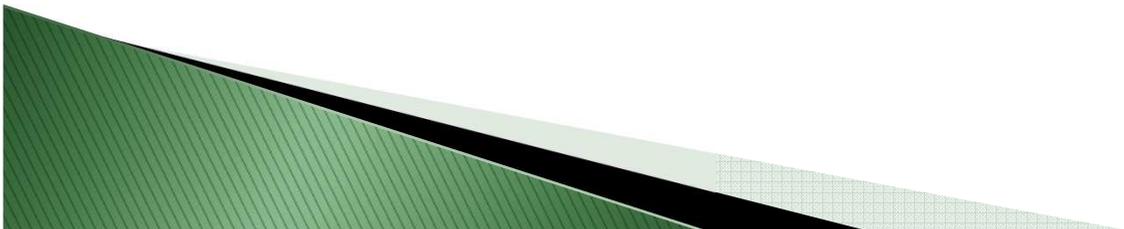
- ▶ Props will now reach into the Bind position, and retain this position.
- ▶ Tight heads (T/H) may bind on the arm pit of opposing loose head (L/H), but not on the arm.
- ▶ L/H to bind on the body (back or side) of the opposing T/H.



SET

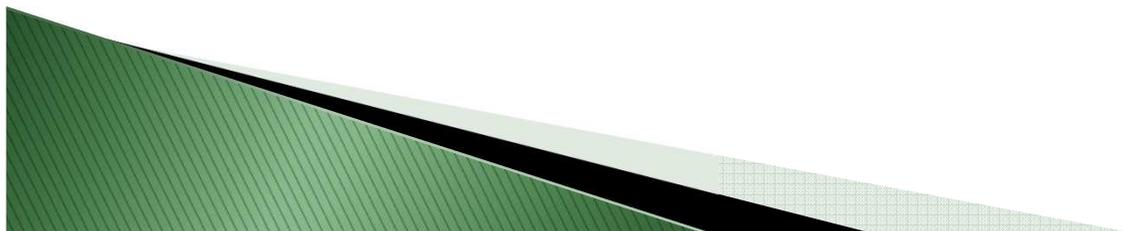
- ▶ Front rows engage
- ▶ Props may adjust their bind, but no downward pressure.
- ▶ Scrum must now stabilise
 - Square and stationary prior to throw-in.
- ▶ Teams not to hit and drive post engagement.

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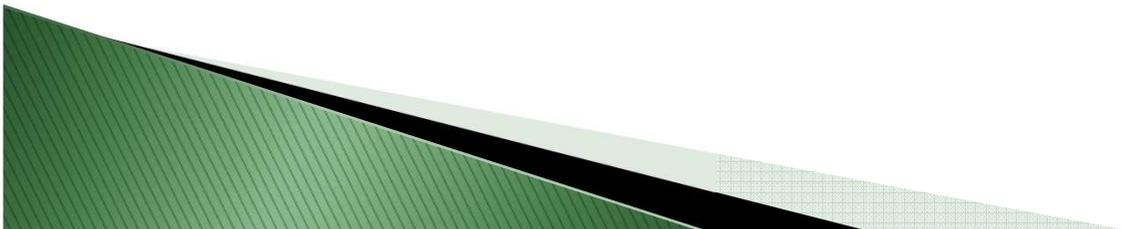
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- ▶ Referee then says “Yes, 9.”
 - The scrum half (S/H) must then throw-in without delay
 - The S/H cannot throw-in until told by referee.
- ▶ The S/H may touch the scrum with ball, but cannot do so if he has already presented the ball for the throw in
- ▶ The throw-in must be straight
 - Along the middle line
 - This is defined as the width of the ball.
- ▶ The scrum starts when the ball is throw-in.



Safety

- ▶ **Blow whistle and reset scrum if:**
 - The gap is not correct.
 - If a player tells you he is not ready or comfortable.
- ▶ **Uncontested Scrums**
 - Same application as before.
 - If there are ongoing problems in the scrum that a referee is having difficulty in managing the referee can consider ordering contested scrums.



SANCTIONS

Free Kick:

- ▶ Early engage
- ▶ Early push
- ▶ Throw not straight
- ▶ Ball throw-in before referee says “yes 9”

Penalty Kick

- ▶ Collapse
- ▶ Standing up
- ▶ Prop driving across

It is an option for Referees to re-set when the scrum collapses/ stands up –
It is NOT an option to allow the scrum to continue.

Repeated infringements

These are to be dealt with as before.

[The sanction protocols for the Professional game and National competitions do not apply]

