



To: **Secretary / CEO of Unions and Regional Association in Membership of World Rugby**

From: **David Carrigy  
Head of Development & International Relations**

Date: **08 July, 2019**

Re: **Immediate implementation of changes to Law 19.10b  
Amendments to the High Tackle Sanction framework  
Amendment to the Regulation 17 Sanction Table**

EXCO, acting in accordance with the Bye-Laws and on the recommendation of the Chairmen of the Rugby Committee and the Regulations Committee, has agreed to the following changes with immediate effect:

1. In order to alleviate axial loading, Law 19.10b in relation to scrum engagement becomes:

*“The front-rows crouch with their heads to the left of their immediate opponents’, so that no player’s head is touching the neck or shoulders of an opponent.”*

2. The wording in the High Tackle Sanction Framework (see <https://laws.worldrugby.org/?domain=9>) to be amended to remove references to direct or indirect contact and to simplify the questions within the framework. This follows operational feedback from the World Rugby U20 Championship 2019.

3. The mandatory mid-range sanction in the Regulation 17 Sanction Table is amended to include both head and/or neck:

“Note: Any act of foul play which results in contact with the head **and/or neck** shall result in at least a mid-range sanction”

Your assistance in communicating these changes to the relevant stakeholders is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Carrigy".

**David Carrigy  
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