

Scrum Law Implementation

Subject: Scrum Law Implementation in Youth & Mini Rugby (January 2007)

In January 2007, the IRB enforced a new scrum engagement procedure across the world.

Prior the change, players from U9 age group to the U19 age groups were required to go through the following engagement process at the scrum:

Crouch

Touch (Props to touch opposite numbers shoulder & maintain the touch for stability)

Pause

Engage (Props were required to keep their hand touching opposite numbers shoulder to help guide the engagement of the scrum)

From January 2007, the following applied:

Crouch

Touch (To manage the distance between two packs, the Props are to touch opposite numbers shoulder & then remove hand/arm)

Pause

Engage

The Laws Sub-Committee have asked for feedback on the changes that this Law change has made to the scrum at youth levels and in particular whether there have been any safety implications.

To help with this process, and to provide clubs with the opportunity to contribute to the consultation process, would it be possible for Club Coaching Coordinators to consult with their youth coaches and return any comments back to me by email garyhenderson@rfu.com or by post to Twickenham by 20th December 2007?

Thank you for your support.

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