



Match official signals



Primary referee signals



Shoulders parallel with touchline. Arm horizontal pointing towards team to throw in the ball.



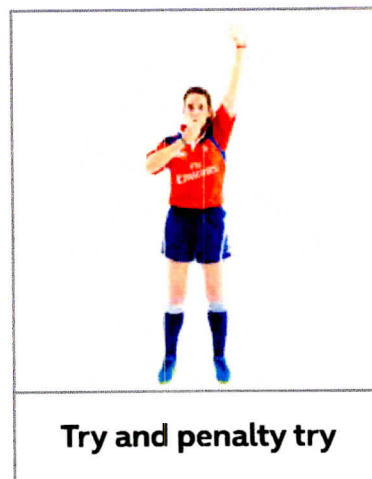
Shoulders parallel with touchline. Arm bent square at elbow, upper arm pointing towards non-offending team.



Shoulders parallel with touchline. Arm angled up, pointing towards non-offending team.



Arm outstretched, waist high, towards non-offending team, for a period of approximately five seconds.



Referee's back to dead-ball line. Arm raised vertically.



Arms crossed then uncrossed in front of the body.



Arm points to centre of 22-metre line.

Secondary referee signals

SCRUM



Hands gesture as if passing an imaginary ball forward.



Arm outstretched with open hand above head, and moves backwards and forwards.



Shoulders parallel with the touchline, arm horizontal pointing towards the team to throw in the ball, then pointing the other arm and hand towards the other team's goal line whilst moving it backwards and forwards.



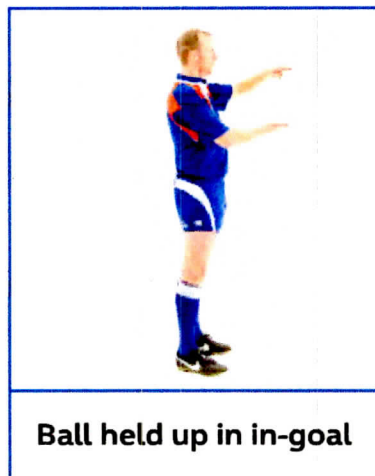
Arm out to award scrummage to side not in possession at maul commencement. Other arm out as if signalling advantage and then swing it across body with hand ending on opposite shoulder.



Rotating index finger, above the head.



Shoulders parallel with touchline. Hand above head indicates the path of the ball, not straight.



Space between hands indicates that ball was not grounded.

FREE-KICK



Foot-up by front-row player

Foot raised, foot touched.



Throw at scrum not straight

Hands at knee level imitating action of throw not straight.



Closing gaps in lineout

Both hands at eye level, pointing up, palms inward. Hands meet in squeezing action.



Early lifting and lifting in lineout

Both fists clenched in front, at waist level, making lifting gesture.

PENALTY



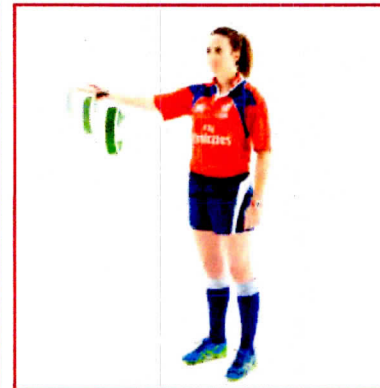
Not releasing ball immediately in the tackle

Both hands are close to the chest, as if holding an imaginary ball.



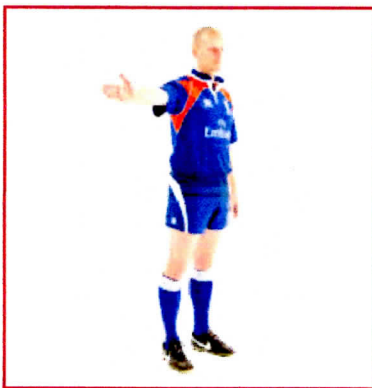
Tackler not releasing tackled player

Arms brought together as if grasping a player and then opening as if releasing a player.



Tackler or tackled player not rolling away

A circular movement with the finger and arm moving away from the body.



Entering tackle from wrong direction

Arm held horizontally then sweep of the arm in a semi-circle.



Intentionally falling over on a player

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



Diving to the ground near the tackle

Straight arm gesture, pointing downwards to imitate diving action.

MATCH OFFICIAL SIGNALS



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

The hand and arm held horizontally, moving sideways.



Intentionally collapsing ruck or maul

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



Prop pulling down opponent

Clenched fist and arm bent. Gesture imitates pulling opponent down.



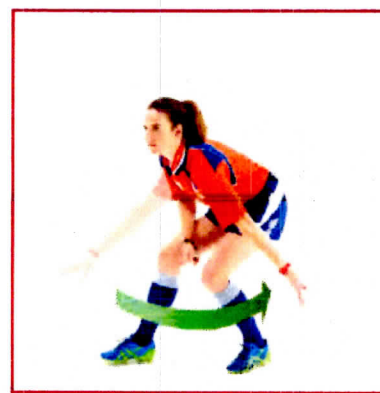
Prop pulling opponent

Clenched fist and arm straight, at shoulder height. Gesture imitates pulling opponent.



Failure to bind

One arm out-stretched as if binding. Other hand moves up and down arm to indicate the extent of a full bind.



Handling ball in ruck or scrum

Hand at ground level, making sweeping action, as if handling the ball.