



To: **Secretaries/Chief Executive Officers of Unions and Regional Associations in Membership of the IRB**

From: **David Carrigy
Council & Member Services Manager**

Date: November 29, 2006

Re: **Law 20 - Scrum**

The Council, at its Special Meeting on November 16, 2006 approved the following amendments to Law 20:

Rewrite law 20.1(h) as

The referee will call "crouch" then "touch". The front rows crouch and using their outside arm each prop touches the point of the opposing prop's outside shoulder. The props then withdraw their arms. The referee will then call "pause". Following a pause the referee will then call "engage". The front rows may then engage. The "engage" call is not a command but an indication that the front rows may come together when ready.

The amendments, which will apply at all levels of the Game will take effect as of January 1, 2007 and will then be incorporated onto the IRB Website and into the 2007 IRB Laws of the Game.

The IRB web site (www.irb.com) will feature from next week an instructional video to assist Unions with the education of stakeholders with regard to this Law change.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Carrigy', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

**David Carrigy
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