



To: Secretaries/CEO's of Unions and Regional Associations in Membership

From: David Carrigy, Head of Member Services

Subject: Law Ruling by Designated Members of Rugby Committee

Date: November 7, 2008

Ruling: 3: 2007

The GRU has requested a ruling with regard to Law 16.6 Successful end to a ruck.

The question is:

A ruck is formed and the ball is playable for Team A. All players in Team B now leave the ruck and step back. Is there still a ruck or has the ruck ended?

The Designated Members have ruled the following in answer to the question raised:

1. A ruck ends successfully when the ball leaves the ruck or when the ball enters in goal ie. on or over the goal line.
2. A ruck ends unsuccessfully when the ball becomes unplayable.
3. As there has been a ruck formed initially, AND the criteria for a successful or unsuccessful ruck have not been exhibited, then the ruck has not ended.

Yours sincerely,

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

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