

Law Questions

1. Black team is awarded a penalty 1 metre in front of their goal line 20 in from touch. Immediately after the mark is made, the Black flyhalf quickly takes a kick behind the mark and from within his in-goal. At the time of the kick a Black Flanker is standing on the goal line adjacent to the corner post to the right of the kicker. The remaining team mates of the Black flyhalf are to his left and behind him. Whilst taking the kick, the Black flyhalf slips and barely kicks the ball. The ball dribbles off the right side of his boot and rolls toward the touch-in-goal line. The Black Flanker, still standing where he was at the time of the kick, grounds the ball before an arriving Gold player (who was 10 metres behind the mark when the kick was taken) can ground the ball.

What, if any Laws are involved and list them.

Most applicable is Law 21.4 (h) and (i) – Specifically the flanker was in front of the kicker

Law 11 Definitions and 11.1 (a) and (b) – Definition of Offside

Law 9 A.1 (Penalty Try); Law 10.2 (a) – Definition of why a Penalty Try

Law 13.1 (a) and 13.2 (c) - Restart

Where should play restart.

At the center of Halfway iaw Law 13.1 (a)

Who should restart.

Black, iaw Law 13.2 (c)

What is the result of the play

The result of the play should be a “Penalty Try”

What, if any are better options for the Black flanker to take.

He should take a couple of paces back behind the kicker before playing the ball.

2. Gold team is attacking 20 metres from Black team's goal line. Gold winger is running out of space and kicks the ball in field where there are 3 gold players in great support position behind him who can chase the ball. It now becomes a foot race between these 3 Gold players and the Black fullback for the ball. The ball rolls into Black's in-goal but before any of the Gold players can ground the ball and score a try, the Black fullback reaches down and flips the ball dead in-goal.

What, if any Laws are involved and list them.

Most applicable is Law 10.2 (c)

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What, if any are better options for the Black fullback to take.

He could have grounded the ball by either placing his hands on it with downward pressure, or safer still falling on it.

Or, he could have kicked it dead.