

New zero feeding tolerance

There is a new Directive that referees MUST apply the Law on putting the ball correctly into scrums. They describe it as a zero tolerance directive. The ball must be put in "straight".

Law 20.6.d is explicit. "The scrum half must throw the ball in straight along the middle line, so that it first touches the ground immediately beyond the width of the nearer prop's shoulders."

In the Scrum Law definitions (p 101) the middle line is "an imaginary line on the ground in the tunnel beneath the line where the shoulders of the two front rows meet".