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Memorandum

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RULINGS

We got two from the Ol' Dart this week. Terrific that one of them related to the quiz on the website. We really are having an impact on the world of Rugby League it seems.

From Alan in Oldham:-

"Great Quiz ... I really must do better!!!

*All those I got wrong I could understand once I went back and read it again in slow time ...except this one Q53
I can't see how the kick could be interpreted as **on the full** if it had already hit the floor directly as a result of being an attempted drop kick.
...Am i missing something? I thought it would have been play on as if it had been taken from a grubber kick.*

IN-GOAL DECISIONS

How would you direct play to be continued after the following incident?

Red attempts a drop goal which is unsuccessful. Blue standing in-goal attempts to catch the ball on the full, juggles it but regains possession.

*A) Play on.
or B) 20 metre optional restart by Blue. Correct answer*

[s8.2(c)]

The game is restarted with an optional kick from the centre of the 20m line if:-

(a) an attacking player last touches the ball before it goes out of play over the dead ball line or into touch in-goal except from a penalty kick, or from a kick off from the centre of the halfway line.

(b) an attacking player infringes in the in-goal area. In the event of a deliberate breach by an attacking player a penalty kick is awarded 10 metres in the field of play in line with where the breach was committed.

*(C) A DEFENDING PLAYER, IN HIS IN-GOAL, TAKES A KICK IN GENERAL PLAY FROM AN OPPONENT **ON THE FULL.***

I replied:-

“Great to hear from someone from the Old Dart. I watched some of the match between Leeds and Hull yesterday. Pouring rain and miserable. About 28 degrees celsius here and humid. Russell Smith has joined us out here for a stint. He knows how hot it is believe me.

A drop kick is a kick from general play. Whilst it is kicked, by definition, "...immediately it rebounds from the ground", the ball is still caught directly from the boot. In other words, on the full. Therefore, we walk to the 20 metre line and have an optional kick.”

Then another one from ex-pat Ashley Klein. He says:-

“Where should the penalty be given for a kick chaser interfering.

- a) If he makes a tackle chasing a kick from an offside position.*
- b) If he encroaches the 10m and standing 6m away, the fullback knocks on.*
- c) If he encroaches the 10m and standing 6m away, the kicker runs past. Does this place him onside?”*

I said:-

“Section 13, Law 1 says that unless otherwise stated, the mark is where the offence occurs. That is, where you catch him.

- a) Where he makes the tackle
- b) Where he is standing
- c) No one can put him onside as he is "deemed" to be interfering with the catcher - See notes to Section 14 Law 2. The only way that a player may avoid being penalized in those circumstances is if he immediately retires ten metres from the opponent waiting for the ball. He must be moving away, and a considerable distance away, before you would consider playing on. That is also covered in the above Law.”

BREAKING THE ICE – by Richard Johnston

It's great to achieve your Level 1 or Level 2 Coach of Match Officials accreditation and you can't wait to review your first game and apply your newly acquired skills e.g. Role of the Coach, What the Coach Looks For and Negotiating. How often do we approach the referee and being with what they perceive to be a 'loaded', 'personal' question. “Well, how do you think you went?” Immediately the referee thinks I must have made questionable decisions and/or the coach isn't pleased with the effort.

It is vital that the scene is set for positive dialogue so here is another option. Hello Bill, 'How did you see the game?' Now the referee can readily give his spin on the game and the dialogue will provide the coach with a greater insight into the referee. It is important for development that we cultivate that most difficult 6 inches with all match officials. The six inches between both ears.

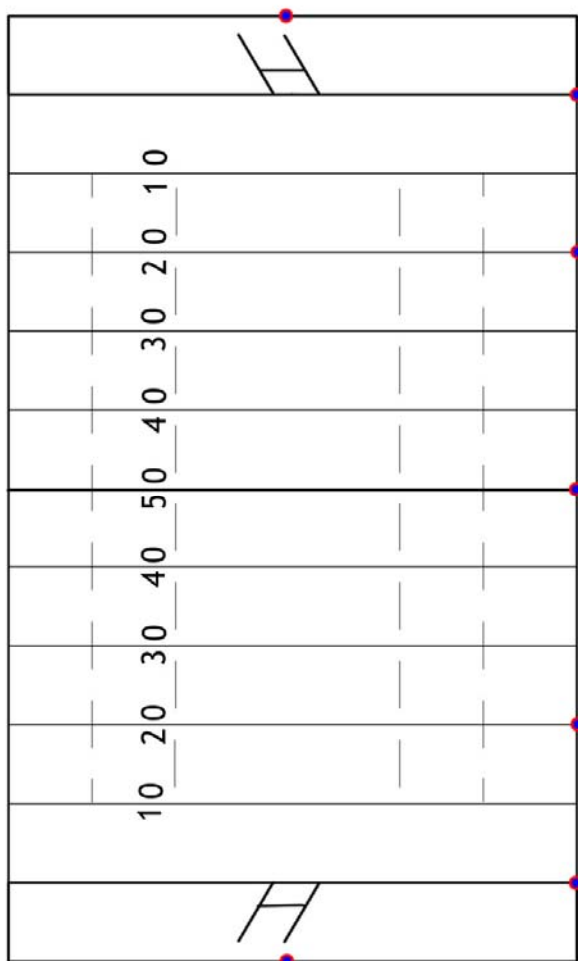
Remember, one of the most important coaching tips you can be given is to listen and develop peripheral vision of the mind. I believe this introduction can only facilitate the concept of the co-operative negotiator.

ON FIELD SKILL DRILLS

At the CRLRA Seminar, the NRL squad provided some entertainment in the form of a full blown training session. Our Strength and Conditioning Trainer, Klint Hoare, was asked about some of the drills which he uses in his sessions. The next three newsletters will contain one drill each. The first is an anaerobic drill.

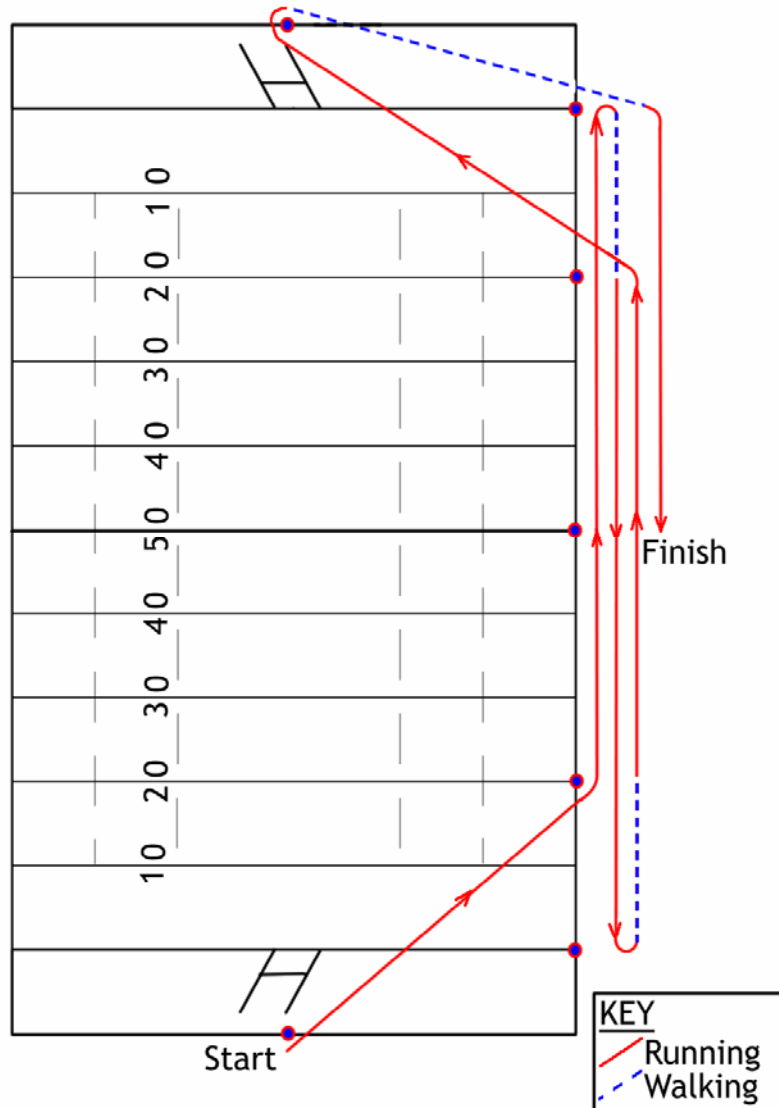
NRL referees drill: Anaerobic run

Set out a full rugby league field as prescribed:



- Hats should be placed behind each set of goal posts, on both goal lines, both 20m lines and the half way line. All movement is in a forward direction. (i.e. no backwards running)

NRL referee's anaerobic run



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- Start at the cone 10 metres behind the goal post.
- Run around the nearest 20m line cone then proceed to the far goal line.
- Turn at the goal line cone and walk to the first 20m line.
- Continue in the same direction, but running, to the goal line cone.
- Turn at the goal line and walk to the first 20m line cone.
- Continue in the same direction, but running, to the other 20m cone.
- Veer left at the 20m cone and continue running to the cone 10m behind the goal posts at the end opposite to where you started.
- Turn around this cone and walk to the closest goal line cone.
- Run to the half way line (finish)

So that is the first one. Next memo will feature an agility drill. Good luck for the season and don't take your eye off the ball.

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