



# **LAWS OF THE GAME**

## **THEORY EXAMINATION 2011**

### **LEVEL I**

**CANDIDATE SCRIPT AND ANSWER PAPER**



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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Each correct answer is worth 1 mark.
- 2 **Note on Advantage**  
You should assume that **no advantage** occurs following any of the situations described, unless advantage is clearly indicated in the question.
- 3 You are reminded to answer the paper as per **New Zealand Domestic Safety Law Variations (DSLVS)** where they exist, in place of International Law and according to the **Law Book**.
- 4 Whenever you are asked, "What should the referee rule?" give a single answer such as - Scrum, Penalty kick, Lineout, Play continues, etc. It is not necessary to provide the reason for your answer, eg Offside, Foul Play, Advantage etc. The exam does not require you to provide a reason, only the ruling.  
**Answer only the question being asked.**
- 5 **Yes / No Questions** – When answering a question requiring you to indicate **Yes** or **No**, please clearly circle your chosen answer.
- 6 **Multiple Choice Questions** – When answering a question providing a number of options, please write the letter of your chosen option on the line provided to the bottom right of the question.
- 7 **Pass Mark**  
There are 100 marks available from the questions.  
A pass is obtained by attaining at least 80 marks - 80%
- 8 **Gender**  
Wherever words indicating masculine gender are used, this is to be interpreted to include both genders.

1	<p>During a match the referee is injured and cannot continue. There are no other referees available and the match organiser has not named a replacement.</p> <p>Who appoints the replacement?</p> <p>a) Referee b) The management of both teams in consultation</p>	_____
2	May a Referee act on the report of a Touch Judge regarding an incident of foul play?	Yes / No
3	At the toss may the referee toss the coin?	Yes / No
4	<p>The attackers kick the ball and it strikes the referee, the defenders gain a distinct advantage.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Scrum defenders ball c) Scrum attackers ball</p>	_____
5	If a player is seriously injured may the referee blow the whistle even if no infringement has occurred?	Yes / No
6	<p>The referee signals a try but then notices a Touch Judge has raised the flag indicating the ball carrier has put a foot in touch.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Award the try b) Restart play with a lineout</p>	_____
7	<p>A tackler lifts the ball carrier off the ground into a position placing the head and shoulders lower than the rest of that player's body. The tackler then releases the ball carrier.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Penalty kick b) Play continues</p>	_____
8	<p>A player has been temporarily suspended in the first half of the match. This player later commits another yellow card offence.</p> <p>May this player be sent to the Sin Bin again?</p>	Yes / No

9	<p>In a scrum front row players force their opponents upwards so that their feet come off the ground.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reset the scrum</li> <li>b) Penalty Kick</li> <li>c) Free kick</li> </ul>	_____
10	<p>A player is temporarily suspended late in the first half. Another eight minutes of play takes place before half-time.</p> <p>When is this player permitted to resume playing in the match?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Commencement of the second half</li> <li>b) 10 minutes actual time</li> <li>c) 10 minutes playing time</li> </ul>	_____
11	<p>Two opponents are moving towards the ball.</p> <p>May one reach out and hold or push the other?</p>	Yes / No
12	<p>At a lineout two opponents are in the air jumping for the ball.</p> <p>May one player push the other?</p>	Yes / No
13	<p>Immediately following a scrum the attacking team's first five kicks down field. The attacking team's flanker is in an off-side position.</p> <p>Which of the following actions by the flanker is permitted?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Immediately move forward to 10 meters from where the ball will land</li> <li>b) Not moving forward until being put on-side</li> </ul>	_____
14	<p>Following a kick in general play a player is off-side but not within the 10-metre area. An opponent catches the ball and then immediately passes it.</p> <p>Is the off-side player now on-side?</p>	Yes / No
15	<p>An attacker kicks ahead and the ball hits the goal post, before landing in-goal.</p> <p>Where is the imaginary 10-metre offside line?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 10 metres back from the goal post</li> <li>b) 10 metres back from where the ball lands</li> </ul>	_____

16	<p>A player is off-side. An on-side team-mate in touch runs forward past the off-side player, while still remaining in touch.</p> <p>Does this put the off-side player on-side?</p>	Yes / No
17	<p>A player joins a ruck correctly.</p> <p>May this player bind on to an opponent?</p>	Yes / No
18	<p>Defenders move the ruck forward. The ruck becomes stationary and then the ball becomes unplayable.</p> <p>Which team throws-in to the scrum?</p> <p>a) Attackers b) Defenders</p>	_____
19	<p>A player joins a ruck correctly, then unbinds and remains standing beside team-mates in the ruck.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Penalty kick</p>	_____
20	<p>One player from each team is standing and in physical contact over the ball, but neither is binding onto the other.</p> <p>Has a ruck formed?</p>	Yes / No
21	<p>At a ruck may a player intentionally step on an opponent lying near the ball?</p>	Yes / No
22	<p>At a scrum when may a team first begin to push their opponents?</p> <p>a) At engagement b) After the ball is hooked c) When the ball touches the ground d) When the ball leaves the scrum half's hands</p>	_____
23	<p>At a scrum engagement the referee calls 'Touch'.</p> <p>Where must the prop touch the opponent?</p> <p>a) On the upper arm beyond the elbow b) Anywhere on the outer arm c) On the point of the shoulder</p>	_____

24	<p>The referee is unsure regarding the time that has been played in a match, the touch judges are also unsure.</p> <p>May the referee consult with others regarding the correct time to be played?</p>	Yes / No
25	<p>May an injured player go to the touchline for treatment while play continues?</p>	Yes / No
26	<p>Time has expired when an awarded scrum collapses.</p> <p>Is the referee correct in ending the game without resetting and completing the scrum?</p>	Yes / No
27	<p>Time has expired and a free kick is awarded.</p> <p>Must the referee allow play to continue?</p>	Yes /No
28	<p>Two opponents are running for the ball as it rolls over the goal line. The attacker reaches out and pushes the defender as they both dive for the ball. The attacker grounds the ball in-goal.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Try b) Penalty kick</p>	_____
29	<p>A defender goes into touch and then throws the ball away to prevent the attackers taking a quick throw-in.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Lineout b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
30	<p>A defender chasing an attacker's kick into in-goal punches the ball into touch in-goal.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Scrum b) Lineout c) Drop Out d) Penalty Kick</p>	_____

31	When applying sanctions for repeated infringements may a referee in a junior match relax the strict standards applied at higher levels?	Yes / No
32	<p>A defender charges down an attacker's kick.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Scrum</li> <li>b) Penalty Kick</li> <li>c) Play continues</li> </ul>	_____
33	<p>A player passes the ball back to a team-mate and it bounces forward off the team-mate's shoulder. The ball is caught by an onside team-mate.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Scrum</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Play continues</li> </ul>	_____
34	<p>Following a lineout throw-in on the 22 a defender in the lineout 10m from touch knocks the ball on. A scrum is awarded.</p> <p>Where is the mark for the scrum?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 10m from touch on the 22</li> <li>b) 15m from touch on the 22</li> </ul>	_____
35	<p>A defender in-goal standing two metres from the touch-in-goal line knocks the ball on. A scrum is awarded.</p> <p>Where is the mark for the scrum?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 5m from goal line and 2 from touch</li> <li>b) 5m from goal line and 5m from touch</li> <li>c) 5m from goal line and 15m from touch</li> </ul>	_____
36	<p>An attacker five metres from the goal line passes to a team-mate and a lone defender intentionally knocks the ball on.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Scrum</li> <li>b) Penalty Kick</li> <li>c) Penalty try</li> </ul>	_____

37	<p>A defender carrying the ball is tackled near the goal line. The ball is released and rolls back into in-goal. Another defender lying on the ground reaches out and grounds the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 5-metre scrum</li> <li>b) Drop out</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
38	<p>An attacker carrying the ball is tackled just short of the goal line. Another defender in-goal pulls the ball from the attacker's possession as that player is reaching out to score a try.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Penalty kick</li> <li>c) Penalty try</li> </ul>	_____
39	<p>A defender carrying the ball is tackled and held by two attackers who remain on their feet. These attackers prevent the defender from releasing the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
40	<p>An attacker carrying the ball is tackled and falls on top of another teammate already on the ground. The ball carrier does not release the ball but immediately stands up and continues running.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
41	<p>An attacker carrying the ball is held by two opponents and the players immediately go to ground. The ball becomes unplayable.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Scrum</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____



42	<p>The defenders have the throw-in at a lineout and line up five players. The attackers only line up three players.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
43	<p>At a lineout both teams line up with a receiver in position just inside the 15m line. As the ball is thrown in the thrower follows the ball and becomes another receiver positioned seven metres from touch.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
44	<p>At a defender's lineout the ball is thrown beyond the 15-metre line. The defending first five runs forward of the 10m offside line to catch the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
45	<p>The ball is kicked ahead by an attacker and a defender with one foot in touch gathers the ball which was rolling along the ground but still in the field of play.</p> <p>Who throws the ball into the lineout?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Attackers</li> <li>b) Defenders</li> </ul>	_____
46	<p>An attacker is awarded a free kick 20 metres from the opponent's goal line. They take a quick drop kick which goes over the cross bar and then over the dead ball line.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Award the goal</li> <li>b) Disallow the goal</li> </ul>	_____

47	May a kicker place the ball on the ground for a Penalty Kick or conversion kick?	Yes / No
48	<p>During a conversion attempt the defenders charge forward and shout at the player taking the kick which misses.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No goal - Restart at half way</li> <li>b) Re-kick – No charge permitted</li> <li>c) Re-kick – Charge permitted</li> </ul>	_____
49	May a player wear gloves on a cold day?	Yes / No
50	<p>During the pre-match clothing inspection a player is found to be wearing shin pads not conforming to IRB regulations. The referee instructs the player to remove them. Shortly after the match begins the referee notices that this player is still wearing the same shin pads.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Require the player to remove them and restart the game with a scrum</li> <li>b) Send the player off for misconduct and restart the game with a penalty kick</li> <li>c) Take no action</li> </ul>	_____
51	<p>A player who is not tackled goes to ground in an attempt to gather the ball. While on the ground this player kicks the ball to prevent an opponent from picking it up.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Penalty Kick</li> <li>b) Free Kick</li> <li>c) Play continues</li> <li>d) Scrum</li> </ul>	_____
52	<p>A defender goes to the ground to gather the ball. An opponent accidentally falls over this player</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free Kick</li> <li>c) Penalty Kick</li> </ul>	_____

53	<p>Is the ball in touch when:</p> <p>a) A player standing in touch knocks the ball back into the field of play after it has crossed the plane of the touchline?</p> <p>b) A player standing with one foot in the field of play and one foot on the touchline catches the ball?</p> <p>c) A player standing in the field of play catches the ball after it has crossed the plane of the touchline and before it has touched the ground?</p> <p>(3 marks)</p>	<p>Yes / No</p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>Yes / No</p>
54	<p>While standing with one foot behind the 22m line and the other foot outside the 22m line a defender catches the ball direct from a kick by an attacker. The defender, still with one foot on the 22m line, kicks the ball directly into touch.</p> <p>Where is the place of the lineout?</p> <p>a) Where the ball went into touch</p> <p>b) Opposite the place it was kicked</p>	<p>_____</p>
55	<p>An attacker kicks the ball and a defender outside the 22m area gets a hand to it before it goes into the 22m area. Another defender gathers the ball and kicks it directly into touch.</p> <p>Where is the place of the lineout?</p> <p>a) Where the ball went into touch</p> <p>b) Opposite the place it was kicked</p>	<p>_____</p>
56	<p>An attacker kicks the ball. It is caught by a defender who has one foot on the touchline.</p> <p>Who should throw the ball into the lineout?</p> <p>a) Attackers</p> <p>b) Defenders</p>	<p>_____</p>
57	<p>In general play, an attacker kicks the ball over the opponents' dead-ball line.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Drop out</p> <p>b) Scrum</p> <p>c) Option of either a) or b)</p>	<p>_____</p>

58	<p>An attacker carrying the ball touches the corner post before grounding the ball in-goal.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p>	_____
59	<p>A defender with one foot on the goal line picks up the ball which was in motion within the field of play and grounds the ball in-goal.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Five metre scrum, attackers ball b) Five metre scrum defenders ball c) Drop-out</p>	_____
60	May a player be offside in-goal?	Yes / No
61	A ruck is pushed into in-goal and the ball crosses the goal line but is still within the confines of the ruck. May a defender reach into the ruck in an attempt to ground the ball?	Yes / No
62	<p>The ball is in-goal and an attacker and defender dive on the ball at the same time. The referee is unsure who first grounded the ball.</p> <p>Who throws the ball into the scrum?</p> <p>a) Attackers b) Defenders</p>	_____
63	<p>An attacker carrying the ball runs into in-goal 15m from the touch line. The ball carrier runs across the in-goal area to be closer to the posts and drops the ball forward before grounding it.</p> <p>Where is the mark for the scrum?</p> <p>a) Opposite where the ball crossed the goal line. b) Opposite where the ball was dropped.</p>	_____
64	Does the referee have the discretion to decide when an advantage has been gained?	Yes / No
65	Must there be a gain in ground for a territorial advantage to be applied?	Yes / No
66	<p>After an offence by attackers a defender gains possession of the ball and has an opportunity to gain an advantage.</p> <p>Does this mere opportunity constitute a tactical advantage?</p>	Yes / No

67	<p>A scrum unintentionally wheels beyond 45 degrees as the ball emerges and is kicked into touch 10metres upfield.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Lineout b) Penalty kick c) Another scrum</p>	_____
68	<p>At a kick-off a player of the kicker's team is in front of the kicker.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Re-kick b) Scrum c) Option of either a) or b)</p>	_____
69	<p>After a successful penalty kick at goal the defenders quickly take the restart kick before all the attackers have been able to retire behind the 10 metre line.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Penalty kick c) Re-kick</p>	_____
70	<p>At a drop-out the ball is punted.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Re-kick b) Scrum c) Option of either a) or b)</p>	_____
71	<p>At a drop-out the ball does not cross the 22-metre line.</p> <p>May advantage be applied?</p>	Yes / No
72	<p>At a drop-out an attacker charges over the 22m line before the ball is kicked.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Free kick b) Penalty kick c) Re-kick</p>	_____
73	<p>At a tackle the ball carrier is on the ground and an opponent is standing over this player. Another player from each team bind onto the standing player. Has a maul been formed?</p>	Yes / No

74	Can a maul take place in-goal?	Yes / No
75	<p>A player arriving at a maul observes two standing players caught in the maul wrestling for the ball. The player jumps on other players in an attempt to get the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Free kick</li> <li>c) Penalty kick</li> </ul>	_____
76	May a player attempt to drag an opponent out of the maul?	Yes / No
77	Has a maul ended successfully when the ball is placed on the ground?	Yes / No
78	All players in a maul collapse to the ground. Should a scrum be ordered?	Yes / No
79	Must a player taking a free kick take the kick so that it clearly leaves the hands?	Yes / No
80	<p>A free kick is taken quickly and some players of the kicker's team are in front of the ball.</p> <p>May these players be put on side by actions of an opponent?</p>	Yes / No
81	<p>At a free kick to the defenders the attackers legally charge and prevent the kick from being taken.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Re-kick</li> <li>b) Advance Free kick 10 metres</li> <li>c) Scrum defenders throw-in</li> <li>d) Scrum attackers throw-in</li> </ul>	_____
82	<p>Is the goal line?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in the in-goal area</li> <li>b) in the field of play</li> </ul>	_____
83	<p>At a ground the cross bar is missing from one set of posts but the referee has decided it is not a danger to player safety.</p> <p>May the referee start the game?</p>	Yes / No

84	<p>The assistant referee flags an incident of foul play. Play continues and 80 metres further up-field a try is scored by the non-offenders.</p> <p>Must the assistant referee report the incident to the referee?</p>	Yes / No
85	<p>May medical officials enter the playing area as soon as they notice an injured player without the express or prior permission of the referee?</p>	Yes / No
86	<p>May a referee overrule the signaling/report of foul play by an assistant referee?</p>	Yes / No
87	<p>A player in-goal is awarded a mark.</p> <p>Where is the place for the free-kick?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) At the place of the mark</li> <li>b) 5m from the goal line in the field of play</li> <li>c) On the goal line</li> </ul>	_____
88	<p>A defender in the 22 attempts to catch the ball direct from a kick in general play and fumbles it but re-gathers the ball before it hits the ground, and calls "mark".</p> <p>Should the referee award the mark?</p>	Yes / No
89	<p>A player is awarded a mark. A team-mate (not the captain) chooses to take a scrum.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) mark</li> <li>b) scrum</li> </ul>	_____
90	<p>An onside opponent is penalised for an infringement after a mark is awarded. The referee awards a penalty kick.</p> <p>Where is the place for the penalty kick?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) at the place where the mark was awarded</li> <li>b) 10 metres up-field</li> </ul>	_____
91	<p>At a drop-out a long kick is taken and is caught cleanly by an opponent in their 22. The opponent calls "mark".</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Play continues</li> <li>b) Award the mark</li> <li>c) Order a scrum</li> </ul>	_____

92	<p>In a match uncontested scrums have been ordered for safety reasons. A front row player is then injured and is required to be replaced. There is a front row player available in the reserves.</p> <p>Must this player be the replacement rather than other available replacements?</p>	Yes / No
93	<p>A team is listed with 21 players.</p> <p>How many players must be suitably trained to play in the front row?</p> <p>a) 3 b) 4 c) 5 d) 6</p>	_____
94	<p>May a temporary replacement be a substituted player?</p>	Yes / No
95	<p>The scrum begins when?</p> <p>a) the ball leaves the hands of the scrum half b) the teams form up in scrum formation c) the front rows complete the engage sequence</p>	_____
96	<p>In a scrum the ball is at the No.8's feet. The scrum wheels 40 degrees unintentionally and the opposing scrum half kicks the ball.</p> <p>What should the referee rule?</p> <p>a) Play continues b) Free kick c) Penalty kick</p>	_____
97	<p>At a scrum the opposing scrum half is following the ball as it travels through the scrum. The scrum half has one foot level with the ball, the other foot is ahead of the ball.</p> <p>Is this player onside?</p>	Yes / No
98	<p>At a scrum, where is the offside line for the scrum half who has not won possession of the ball and is moving to the opposite side of the scrum?</p> <p>a) the middle line of the tunnel b) the ball c) the hindmost foot of that player's team in the scrum d) 5 metres back from the scrum</p>	_____