

THE LAWS
OF THE
GAME OF FOOTBALL
AS PLAYED BY THE
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

I. INTRODUCTION.

1.—The Rugby Game of Football should be played by 15 players on each side. The field-of-play shall not exceed 110 yards in length, nor 75 in breadth, and shall be as near these dimensions as practicable. The lines defining the boundary of the field-of-play shall be suitably marked, and shall be called the goal lines at the ends and the touch lines at the sides. On each goal line and equidistant from the touch lines shall be two upright posts, called goal posts, exceeding 11 feet in height, and placed 18 feet 6 inches apart, and joined by a cross-bar 10 feet from the ground; and the object of the game shall be to kick the ball over this cross-bar and between the posts. The game shall be played with an oval ball of as

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