

This is intended to prevent any player either back or forward unfairly gaining an advantage by kicking or otherwise placing the ball among the players of his own side, and should be strictly enforced.

In the Board's circular of 1897 it was pointed out in relation to sub-section (*k*), then lettered (*h*), that it prohibits the habit of three-quarters and half-backs standing in front of the ball, so as to mark the opposing backs, and that it should be strictly enforced. The Board, whilst now wishful to emphasise this, and that it also applies to forwards as well as backs, would also point out that it is not intended thereby to penalise a half-back who *unintentionally* over-runs the ball in a scrummage.

Touch Judges

It is the duty of the Touch Judge, subject to the decision of the Referee, to say to which side he considers the ball in touch belongs.

Charging

In case of players waiting to charge when a kick after a try, fair catch, or free kick is about to be taken, they must remain behind the goal line or behind the mark with both feet, and any standing over the goal line or over the mark with one foot shall be considered to have charged, and the Referee shall blow his whistle and award no charge; the Referee shall also be particular that any side