

the ball making it an unsuccessful try within the meaning of Law 15.

This instruction also applies to a kick at goal from a free kick, but in that case a scrummage should be ordered.

Heeling back over own goal line shall be considered as wilfully kicking back. If, when a ball is passed back, the would-be receiver fumbles it so that it goes over his own goal line, the Referee shall decide whether such fumble was intentional or not, and decide accordingly.

A Referee, once he has given a decision, cannot alter it, and his decision alone is final ; he may, however, consult the Touch Judges in case of touch, touch-in-goal play, and when they are taking posts at kicks at goal, but the fact that it is now the duty of Touch Judges to stand at the goal posts when kicks at goal are being taken does not affect the right of the Referee to decide for himself whether a goal has been kicked or not, in the same way as he may decide whether the ball has gone into touch or not, he being the sole judge of matters of fact. Under all circumstances the Referee's whistle must stop the game, even if blown inadvertently ; and the Referee's decision as to time must be final, even if he has kept it inaccurately. On no account must a Referee consult with any outsider, except in the case of a failure of his watch, when he should in the first instance consult the Touch Judges.