

21. A hoop knocked out of true position, but remaining in the ground, *may only be straightened* <sup>(12)</sup> when no part of any ball is cut by a line drawn from wire to wire of the hoop at its then inclination. No hoop shall be straightened for the purpose of applying Law 7.

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<sup>(12)</sup> This rule saves discussion as to when the hoop is upright, and will be found to work well. In testing the position of a ball by Law 7, the mallet should be passed down the wires so lightly as not to vary the inclination of the hoop.