

Australian Rugby Union
Recommended sanctions - Law 10 - Foul Play



Offence	Law (10) Paragraph	Penalty	Repeat
Obstruction	1 (a) –(f)	P	B
Waste Time	2 (b)	F	B
Voluntary (wilfully) throw/knock/place/push ball to touch, touch-in-goal or dead-ball line	2 (c)	P	B
Voluntary (intentionally) offending	2 (a)	P,B	B,S
Repeated infringements	3 (a) –(c)	B	S
Striking	1. One on one – punching	4 (a)	P,B,S
	2. Blind, 3 rd man in	4 (a)	S
	3. After whistle – continuing on	4 (a)	P,B,S
	4. Otherwise striking	4 (a)	P,B,S
	5. Retaliation	4 (j)	P,B,S
	6. Head butting	4 (a)	S
	7. Use of elbow	4 (a)	P,B,S
	8. “Christmas” hold	4 (k)	S
	9. Eye gouging	4 (k)	S
	10. Biting	4 (k)	S
	11. Kneeing	4 (a)	B,S
Kicking opponent	4 (c)	S	
Tripping opponent	4 (d)	P,B	B,S
Trample: Head	4 (b)	S	
Body or legs near ball	4 (b)	P,B,S	S
Body or legs away from ball	4 (b)	P,B,S	S
Tackle:	Early (incl player off ground)	4 (e) (h)	P
	Late	4 (e)	P
	Reckless (not dangerous)	4 (e)	P
	Dangerous – Above shoulder	4 (e)	B,S
	Shoulder charge	4 (g)	B,S
	Stiff Arm	4 (e)	B,S
	Defenceless opponent	4 (e)	B,S
	Flying/spear tackle	4 (e)	B,S
Charge or obstruct kicker	1 (a)	B	S
Hold, punch, charge, obstruct, grasp opponent	4 (f)	P,B	B,S
Front row charging	4 (i)	P,B	B,S
Front row wilful lifting	4 (i)	P,B	B,S
Wilful scrum collapse	4 (i)	P,B	B,S
Ball out of play	4 (l)	P,B	B,S
Misconduct prejudicial to good sportsmanship	4 (k)	P,B	B,S

Note: P = Penalty Kick and Admonish
B = Penalty with Caution & Sin Bin
S = Penalty with Send Off

Otherwise Striking may include the use of the forearm or the open hand.

Kicking is defined as a forward action of the boot, contacting with the toe or instep.

Trampling is defined as: using the soles of both feet in a continuous downward movement

Stamping is defined as: using the sole of one foot in a downward motion whilst the weight is on one foot.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LAW NUMBERS ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING AND CORRESPOND WITH THE 2006 LAW BOOK.