



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Here we are, still in a world with no Rugby - except those replays of highlight games from years ago.

By now, I guess you have all heard that the date of any possible recommencement of Rugby in Australia has been pushed back to June 1. However, at a recent Zoom conference with RA officials, we were notified that the majority of staff employed at RA and NSW Rugby level in referee departments have been stood down until 30 June. Does that indicate something different? Who knows. Our thoughts go out to all of those staff who have supported us so strongly in recent years, in particular to Alex Richards and Ron Mancell. Shane Barr has been retained, but will only be working 3 days per week at this stage. To the credit of all of these refereeing officials, each has indicated they will continue to support Associations in whatever way they might be able to in their period of layoff.

For those of you who wish to keep currency in your refereeing while on our hiatus, Shane Barr has worked with a number of RAs professional referees in putting together a series of educational videos where the referees explain best practice across many areas of our game. Some of these include: Half Time Game Plan, Lineout, Tackle, Pre Match Scrum Talk, Try Scoring and Lineout to Maul. The videos are able to be viewed at:

<https://australia.rugby/participate/referee/videos>

Once again, it is important to keep in mind our sponsors during this time. Anything that you can do to assist those who have committed to helping us would be appreciated. Follow them on social media, share their social media posts on your personal feeds, recommend them to friends and family, if you are in personal needs of an architect or plumber, give them a ring. Every little bit helps.

*Tony Rudd*

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## **CCRU BOARD WORKING HARD TO HELP US**

It is with much appreciation that we acknowledge the CCRU Board for their ongoing work in ensuring that we can get back onto the field as soon as is practicable. The Board last met on 6 April to consider a range of options that affect both the on-field and off-field considerations to getting Central Coast Rugby up and running in 2020.

Some of the considerations crossing their table includes:

A range of draw options

An extension to Council ground bookings into October

Meeting isolation guidelines set by governments

Sponsorship commitments

Ground fees

Rest assured, they are not sitting on their hands during this 'down time', but are working for all involved in Central Coast Rugby.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA LINK**

In these times when there is little on-field Rugby to be getting involved with, there is still lots happening on social media to get your Rugby 'fix'. One such Facebook site that I have recently come across is:

[Sydney and Nsw Country Club Rugby. Join the new home for club rugby](#)

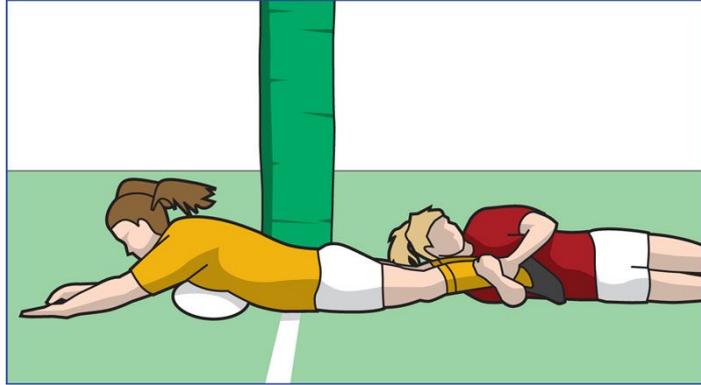
At present, this site is featuring each of the Central Coast Clubs with their history, achievements, personalities etc etc. One of the site's administrators is Greg Dowden who some might remember played for Terrigal (I believe) through the 1990s.

One of the things that I have personally liked on this site is the posting of programs from the Sydney premier competition from dates back to the 1960s. There is some great Rugby history written in those pages. In addition, it's been great to see the number of Central Coast referees listed either during their time refereeing in Sydney or those from the Coast who participated in various interchange games. Those listed so far include: Lloyd Gallegos (who coached here in the late 1980's - 1990's), Ron Nicolle, Vic Whiteley, David Sloane, Guy Grinham, David Hall.

## BECAUSE IT'S LAW

### In-Goal

#### GROUNDING THE BALL



The ball can be grounded in in-goal:

By holding it and touching the ground with it; or

By pressing down on it with a hand or hands, arm or arms, or the front of the player's body from waist to neck.

Picking up a ball is not grounding it. A player may pick up the ball in in-goal and ground it elsewhere in in-goal.

An attacking player grounding the ball in in-goal scores a try.

When an attacking player holding the ball grounds the ball in in-goal and simultaneously makes contact with the touch-in-goal line or the dead-ball line (or anywhere beyond either), a 22-metre drop-out is awarded to the defending team.

When the ball-carrier grounds the ball in in-goal and simultaneously makes contact with the touch line (or the ground beyond), the ball is in touch in the field of play and a lineout is awarded to the opposition.

A defending player grounding the ball in in-goal results in a touch down.

If a tackled player has momentum that carries them into their own in-goal area, they can make a touch down.

A tackled player near their own goal line may reach out and ground the ball in in-goal to make a touch down, provided it is done immediately. **Sanction: Penalty.**

If a defending player grounds the ball against a goal post or its surrounding padding, the result is a touch down.

If a player is in touch or touch-in-goal, they can make a touch down or score a try by grounding the ball in in-goal provided they are not holding the ball.

If a tackled player is in the act of reaching out to ground the ball for a try or touch down, players may pull the ball from the player's possession but must not kick or attempt to kick the ball. **Sanction: Penalty.**

## **BALL KICKED DEAD THROUGH IN-GOAL**

If a team kicks the ball through their opponents' in-goal from the field of play into touch-in-goal or on or over the dead-ball line, the defending team can choose:

- To have a drop-out anywhere on or behind the 22-metre line; or
- To have a scrum at the place where the ball was kicked.

Exception: An unsuccessful kick at goal or attempted dropped goal. In these cases, the defending team restarts with a 22-metre drop-out.

## **DEFENDING PLAYER IN IN-GOAL**

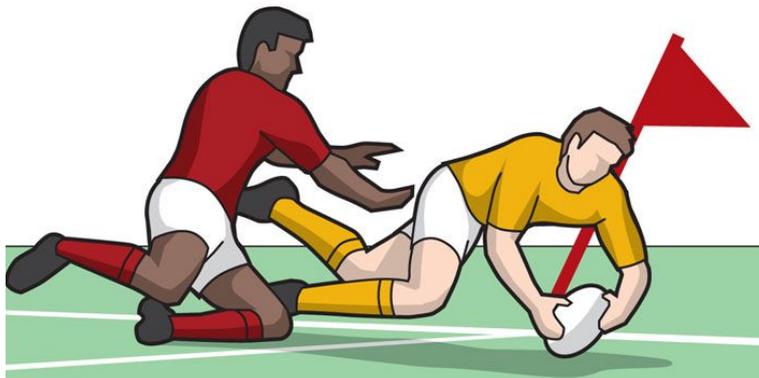
If any part of a defending player is in in-goal, that player is considered to be in in-goal, provided they are not also in touch or on or over the dead-ball line.

If a player, who is in in-goal, catches or picks up a ball that is still in the field of play, that player has taken the ball into in-goal.

If a player who is on or beyond the dead-ball-line, or who is in touch-in-goal, catches or picks up a ball within in-goal, that player has made the ball dead.

## **CORNER FLAG POST**

If the ball or ball-carrier touches a corner flag or corner flag post without otherwise being in touch or touch-in-goal, play continues unless the ball is grounded against the post.



## **BALL HELD UP IN-GOAL**

When a player carrying the ball is held up in the in-goal so that the player cannot ground or play the ball, the ball is dead. Play restarts with a five-metre scrum, in line with the place where the player was held up. The attacking team throws in.

## **DOUBT ABOUT GROUNDING**

If there is doubt about which team first grounded the ball in in-goal, play is restarted with a five-metre scrum, in line with the place where the ball was grounded. The attacking team throws in.

## FUTURE DATES FOR DIARY

22 June	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
27 July	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
24 August	CCRURA Meeting - Education Topic TBA
26 October	CCRURA Annual General Meeting

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