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<p>10.4(a) – Punching or striking A player must not strike an opponent with the fist or arm, including the elbow, shoulder, head or knee(s).</p> <p>10.4(b) – Stamping or trampling A player must not stamp or trample on an opponent.</p> <p>10.4(c) – Kicking A player must not kick an opponent.</p> <p>10.4(d) – Tripping A player must not trip an opponent with the leg or foot.</p>	<p>9.12 A player must not physically or verbally abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, biting, punching, contact with the eye or eye area, striking with any part of the arm (including stiff-arm tackles), shoulder, head or knee(s), stamping, trampling, tripping or kicking.</p>
<p>10.4(e) - Dangerous tackling A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously.</p> <p>A player must not tackle (or try to tackle) an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders. A tackle around the opponent’s neck or head is dangerous play.</p> <p>A ‘stiff-arm tackle’ is dangerous play. A player makes a stiff-arm tackle when using a stiff-arm to strike an opponent.</p> <p>Playing a player without the ball is dangerous play.</p> <p>A player must not tackle an opponent whose feet are off the ground.</p>	<p>9.13 A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders.</p> <p>9.14 A player must not tackle an opponent who is not in possession of the ball.</p>
<p>10.4(f) - Playing an opponent without the ball Except in a scrum, ruck or maul, a player who is not in possession of the ball must not hold, push or obstruct an opponent not carrying the ball.</p>	<p>9.15 Except in a scrum, ruck or maul, a player who is not in possession of the ball must not hold, push, charge or obstruct an opponent not in possession of the ball.</p>
<p>10.4(g) - Dangerous charging A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without trying to grasp that player.</p>	<p>9.16 A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without attempting to grasp that player.</p>
<p>10.4(h) A player must not charge into a ruck or maul. Charging includes any contact made without use of the arms, or without grasping a player.</p>	<p>9.20 Dangerous play in a ruck or maul.</p> <p>a. A player must not charge into a ruck or maul. Charging includes any contact made without binding onto another player in the ruck or maul.</p> <p>b. A player must not make contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders.</p> <p>c. A player must not intentionally collapse a ruck or a maul.</p>
<p>10.4(i) - Tackling the jumper in the air A player must not tackle nor tap, push or pull the foot or feet of an opponent jumping for the ball in a lineout or in open play.</p>	<p>9.17 A player must not tackle, charge, pull, push or grasp an opponent whose feet are off the ground.</p>
<p>10.4(j) – ‘Tip tackle’ Lifting a player from the ground and dropping or driving that player into the ground whilst that player's feet are still off the ground such that the player's head and/or upper body come into contact with the ground is dangerous play.</p>	<p>9.18 A player must not lift an opponent off the ground and drop or drive that player so that their head and/or upper body make contact with the ground.</p>

<p>10.4(k) - Dangerous play in a scrum, ruck or maul The front row of a scrum must not rush against its opponents.</p> <p>Front row players must not intentionally lift opponents off their feet or force them upwards out of the scrum.</p> <p>Players must not charge into a ruck or maul without binding onto a player in the ruck or maul.</p> <p>Players must not intentionally collapse a scrum, ruck or maul.</p>	<p>9.19 Dangerous play in a scrum.</p> <p>a. The front row of a scrum must not form at a distance from its opponents and rush against them.</p> <p>b. A front-row player must not pull an opponent.</p> <p>c. A front-row player must not intentionally lift an opponent off their feet or force the opponent upwards out of the scrum.</p> <p>d. A front-row player must not intentionally collapse a scrum.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>9.20 Dangerous play in a ruck or maul.</p> <p>a. A player must not charge into a ruck or maul. Charging includes any contact made without binding onto another player in the ruck or maul.</p> <p>b. A player must not make contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders.</p> <p>c. A player must not intentionally collapse a ruck or a maul.</p>
<p>10.4(m) – Contact with the eye(s) and Contact with the eye area</p>	<p>9.12 A player must not physically or verbally abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, biting, punching, contact with the eye or eye area, striking with any part of the arm (including stiff-arm tackles), shoulder, head or knee(s), stamping, trampling, tripping or kicking.</p>
<p>10.4(m) - Acts contrary to good sportsmanship A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship in the playing enclosure.</p>	<p>9.26 A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship.</p>
<p>10.4(m) – Biting</p>	<p>9.12 A player must not physically or verbally abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, biting, punching, contact with the eye or eye area, striking with any part of the arm (including stiff-arm tackles), shoulder, head or knee(s), stamping, trampling, tripping or kicking.</p>
<p>10.4(s)/(m) – Verbal abuse of Match Officials A player, must not, while the ball is out of play, commit any misconduct, or obstruct or in any way interfere with an opponent.</p>	<p>9.12 A player must not physically or verbally abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, biting, punching, contact with the eye or eye area, striking with any part of the arm (including stiff-arm tackles), shoulder, head or knee(s), stamping, trampling, tripping or kicking.</p>
<p>10.4(s) All players must respect the authority of the referee. They must not dispute the referee’s decisions. They must stop playing at once when the referee blows the whistle except at a kick-off or at a penalty kick following admonishment, temporary suspension, or send-off.</p>	<p>9.27 Players must respect the authority of the referee. They must not dispute the referee’s decisions. They must stop playing immediately when the referee blows the whistle to stop play.</p>
<p>10.4(n) - Misconduct while the ball is out of play A player, must not, while the ball is out of play, commit any misconduct, or obstruct or in any way interfere with an opponent.</p>	<p>9.26 A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship.</p>
<p>10.4(o) - Late-charging the kicker A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball.</p>	<p>9.25 A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball.</p>