



**To:** Secretaries / CEOs of Unions and Regional Associations in Membership  
**From:** David Carrigy, Head of External & Member Relations  
**Subject:** Law Ruling by Designated Members of Rugby Committee  
**Date:** March 20, 2009  
**Ruling:** 1: 2009

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#### **The RFU has requested a Ruling**

##### **Ruling Required**

Team A moves the ball from right to left when the final pass to a colleague close to the touchline is knocked on with the ball crossing the touchline. The non offending side immediately take a quick throw. Please can you confirm the following two options can take place:

1. Can a quick throw take place by the non offending team?
2. Has the non offending side the option of a throw in from the touch or scrum as a means of restarting the match?

##### **Ruling:**

1. The Designated Members confirm that the quick throw **cannot** be taken as advantage cannot be played after the ball is dead.

The Definition of *dead* on page (viii) of the IRB Law Book 2008 is *The ball is out of play.*

2. The referee will award a scrum at the place of infringement in accordance with Law 12.1 (a).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Carrigy', is written over a light blue background.

**David Carrigy**  
**Head of External and Member Relations**