



## Drawing the refereeing signals in rugby

Rugby referees use special signals to let the players and spectators know why they have blown the whistle or made a decision. These are explained on the following three pages. Your task is to draw a cartoon to represent each signal!

Picture of the signal	Explanation of the signal
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRY/PENALTY TRY</b></p> <p>The referee will clearly raise one arm straight above his head. His back will be towards the dead ball line.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FREE KICK</b></p> <p>The referee will raise his arm, bending it square at the elbow. The arm will be pointing towards the team who have been awarded the free kick.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PENALTY KICK</b></p> <p>The referee will clearly raise one arm in the air, pointing towards the team who have been awarded the penalty.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OBSTRUCTION</b></p> <p>The referee will cross both his arms across his chest, like a pair of open scissors. This shows everyone that one player has been illegally stopped by another player.</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FORWARD PASS</b></p> <p>The referee will move his hands in front of his body and pretend to pass an imaginary ball forwards. He will give the scrum 'put in' to the team that did not make the mistake.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KNOCK ON</b></p> <p>The referee will raise his arm at head level, with the palm of his hand open. He will tap the palm of his hand with his other hand to show that the ball has been knocked forward.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGH TACKLE</b></p> <p>The referee will hold his arm straight over his neck to show that someone made an illegal high tackle.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KILLING THE BALL</b></p> <p>The referee will point his arm downwards diagonally and move his arm back and forth. This shows that a player did not stay on his feet when joining a ruck.</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BALL NOT RELEASED</b></p> <p>The referee will bring both arms into his chest as if holding an imaginary ball. This shows that someone did not release the ball after being tackled.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HANDLING ON THE GROUND</b></p> <p>The referee will bend forwards and lower his arm towards the ground. He will then move his arm backwards and forwards as if handling an imaginary ball on the ground.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LINE OUT THROW NOT STRAIGHT</b></p> <p>The referee will raise one hand above his head whilst facing the touchline. He will then move his arm sideways to show that the ball was not thrown in straight by the hooker.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAMPING</b></p> <p>The referee will raise one leg, bending it at the knee. He will then move it up and down pretending to stamp downwards.</p>

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