

# **LAWS OF ROCKERBALL**

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## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SPORT OF ROCKERBALL**

Rockerball was created in 2002 as a mix of Rugby and association football (soccer).

The game is played on a field about the size of a netball court with in goal areas at each. Basic soccer rules are applied within the middle third of the field but players may handle the ball with their hands in the outer 2/3's

## **LAW 1 PLAYING RULES**

- **Offside.**  
If the ball is in a teams attacking third, all attacking players must be behind the ball carrier. There is no offside for the defensive thirds
- **Handling the Ball.**  
No player shall use their hands in the centre third.
- **Passing.**  
All passes in the outer thirds must go behind the passer. Passes in the middle third, or when playing the ball with the feet, may go in any direction.
- **Goal Scoring**  
Goals are counted as valid if they are kicked into the goal from either of the defensive thirds and are not touched en route. Goals are worth two (2) points.
- **Try Scoring**  
Tries are counted as valid if an attacking player is first to ground the ball cleanly in the opponent's in-goal area. Tries are worth one (1) point.

## **LAW 2 PENALTIES**

- **Offside**  
Tap  
or Punt  
or Shot at Goal (Defensive 2 thirds only)
- **Handling the Ball**  
Free Kick
- **Forward off Hands**  
Tap  
or Shot at Goal (Defensive 2 thirds only)
- **Kick off Out on Full or Kick Off/Drop-Out Not Far Enough**  
re-kick  
or tap from centre of the field or level with the where the ball went out/landed
- **Kick off Dead in Goal**  
Line drop-out

## **LAW 3 KICK OFF AND LINE DROP-OUT**

- **Ball Placement (Kick Off)**  
The ball must be placed in the middle of the kicking teams third line
- **Ball Placement (Drop-Out)**  
The ball must be kicked in the middle of the kicking teams goal line
- **Kick Distance**  
Kick offs and Drop-outs must go beyond the next third line in the direction of the receiving team

## **LAW 4 THE FIELD**

- **Size**  
The field shall be the size of a netball court not including in-goal areas
- **In-Goal Areas**  
In Goal Areas on each end of the must be between 5 and 10 metres and the width of the field
- **Goals**  
Goals shall be placed on the centre of the goal line
- **Third Lines**  
Two lines shall mark exactly one third of the field from their respective goal lines.

## **LAW 5 AMENDMENTS OF LAWS**

- **First to matches**  
The Laws may be amended to allow a match to end when a certain number of points are reached by either team
- **Reduced Numbers**  
The number of players allowed on the field at any time shall be less than the normal number, and as per agreement between teams
- **Other amendments**  
Other parts of these Laws may be amended as necessary, on the condition that the basic field structure and the match fits the basic description of Rockerball are retained.