



To: **Secretaries/Chief Executive Officers of Unions and Regional Associations in Membership of the IRB**

From: **David Carrigy  
Council & Member Services Manager**

Date: June 28, 2006

Re: **Padded Equipment / Advertising within the Playing Enclosure**

**Law 4 / Regulation 12 – Padded Equipment**

The IRB Council at its Annual Meeting 2006 took the opportunity to remind all Member Unions of the importance of complying with the provisions of IRB Law 4 / Regulation 12 relating to Padded Equipment. The Council drew particular attention to the use of padding on players legs to assist with lineout lifting. Such padding should not be in excess of the permitted 0.5cm.

Member Unions attention is also drawn to the increased use of forearm guards and padding in the forearm area. Member Unions are reminded that padding in forearm guards / in the forearm area which is thicker than 0.5cm is not permitted. Member Unions are asked to remind all stakeholders involved in the Game of the need to comply with and rigorously enforce Law 4 / Regulation 12.

**Regulation 11**

Further to the Ruling of the IRB Designated Law Members (4:2006) Member Unions are reminded of the importance of complying fully with the provisions IRB Regulation 11 relating to Advertising within the Playing Enclosure. In particular Member Unions are asked to ensure that all branding on Jerseys including Union and Team logos, manufacturer logos, sponsor logos etc are in full compliance with Regulation 11.

IRB Laws and Regulations are available on the IRB web site: [www.irb.com](http://www.irb.com)

Should you require any clarification on the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Carrigy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**David Carrigy  
Council & Member Services Manager**