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Front Row Briefing

Captain, please could I have the Front Row, Front Row Replacements and Scrum Half - and Captain would you like to listen in.

Scrum Half

- A credible feed into the Scrum please
- No quick taps behind my back
- Make sure the ball leaves your hands
- No quick taps if I have any doubt over Safety of Scrum - ASK

Front Row

- Who's starting the game?
- I won't be using the hand
- I will make a mark – Hooker ½m from the mark
- Both props, I want feet parallel not split, (ensures they stay square)
- I will ask you to “**Crouch**”
 - ▶ If you're **NOT** ready – don't crouch – talk to me
- I will ask you to “**Touch**”
 - ▶ Touch when I ask, not before
 - ▶ I want to see ALL Props make a full touch - then drop your arms
- I will ask you to “**Pause**”
 - ▶ There will then be a pause
- When ***I'm*** happy that both front rows have ***touched*** and are ***Square, Steady, Level and Equal Height***
 - ▶ I will ask you to “**Engage**”
- If there's a problem at any stage – I will whistle you up and start again
- Messing about at ANY point during Engagement is liable to penalty

Front Row Replacements

- Who's covering what position?

Line-out

- Who's at the front – I'll give both front men a mark
- Hooker – stand in the middle of the gap - once it's above your head – it comes in without delay
- No early jumping/lifting

➤ Until Ball is thrown-in:

- ▶ None Throwing-In Hooker – stay at least 2m away – i.e. you can't lift.
- ▶ Scrum Halves (Receivers) stay back at least 2m.

Enjoy your game