

AT Engagement

PROBLEM	SPOTTING THE CAUSE	INITIAL ACTION	FINAL ACTION
Distance	Wider than hands next to hip	Ask the TH to get closer	Free Kick
Head lower than hips	9	Get it up	Free Kick
Spines not parallel to touch lines and each other	1. Feet should be square and not turned outwards. 2. TH's left shoulder hidden behind hooker	Get entire front row square. Get TH's left shoulder out to get him square.	Free Kick Free
Early "hit"	Engagement before the engagement call	Penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card
LH not attempting to bind	Not binding on the side of the TH	Penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card

After Engagement

PROBLEM	SPOTTING THE CAUSE	INITIAL ACTION	FINAL ACTION
Pre-wheeling	Scrum not square	Get it square by management	Free Kick
Whip wheeling	Scrum moves round quickly because the TH is pulling	Penalty - but be sure	Penalty and caution/yellow card
Whip wheeling	Scrum moves round quickly because the LH "running" around, i.e. he steps left and forward from the "outside"	Tell LH to line up and not "slide" to the left	Keep on telling him. You can't penalise, except for wasting time.
Standing up and 'Popping up'	If it's the hooker, it's the opposing TH not scrumming straight.	Penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card
Standing up and 'Popping up'	If it's more than one, it's the opposing LH scrumming upwards.	Penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card
Hooker standing up	Bullish working with his legs to get up. (Usually when his scrum is under pressure)	Penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card
Hand on the ground	LH that: a) Attempts to stabilize the scrum that was about to go down ----- b) Is trying to scrum upwards from the 'tripod'	Allow him only a second or two, and then get him to bind. ----- Penalty	If he does not respond, penalise. ----- Penalty and caution/yellow card.
TH angling on hooker	Spine at an angle to target the opposing hooker. Clearer from above	Manage and/or penalize	Penalty and caution/yellow card
Collapsing	If it happens at the engagement it is likely to be the LH	Warning or penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card
Collapsing	If it happens after engagement, it is likely to be the TH	Warning or penalty	Penalty and caution/yellow card

The above is a suggested way of going about things. Don't guess. If you are unsure, do not be scared to order re-sets. The players will have a much higher regard for you if you re-set when in doubt than when you (i) guess and penalize for the sake of taking action or, (ii) when you re-set because you are simply too slack/scared to take action.