



Another first for the AUCKLAND REFEREES ASSOCIATION

## GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS 2011

EVENT: World's largest Rugby Scrum

LOCATION: College Rifles Park, Hasst Street, Auckland, New Zealand

DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011

OFFICIAL: Auckland Rugby Referee Association: Referee ROGER DREW

On the occasion noted above, an appropriate formation for the scrum sequence to create a new record for the World's largest Rugby Scrum took place involving 202 junior rugby players & this attempt was supervised by a number of local & NZRFU qualified coaches along with five current members of the 2011 All Black team...

All attending participants were checked entering & leaving the playing enclosure by the means of a ticket system which was monitored. The set-up for the scrum was held on a full rugby field complying with the rules of the ground & 'playing enclosure' with the scrum set inside the 5M lines along the 22M line to comply with the definitions of Rugby law.

This scrum was set in accordance to the IRB laws of the game per LAW 20 and within the safety variations set for Under 19 players... and as per the guidelines provided for such an attempt.

Four successful scrums were 'set' with all participants complying with the scrum set-up, command sequence as required & a successful hook with the ball clearance being thru the right channel each time... this record is now being ratified by the Guinness Book of Records for publication in 2012.



[All Black half Jimmy Cowan feds the ball under referee instruction by Roger Drew](#)

#### DETAILS:

Standard scrums were set under DLSV with eight players per scrum (one team in White) facing another scrum which was set-up exactly the same (team in Black) to which a large number of scrums were then set in a continuing sequence with each flanker then bound onto the next flanker to link every scrum together.

The standard call commands were used and to ensure the record was done correctly there were four separate scrum 'sets' with a correct feed to each, all witnessed and filmed to ensure record was set. This was also filmed for Sanitarium Weetbix as a promotional children's event as well as appearing on both Radio & TV news.

[For the record, Jimmy Cowan got a 'friendly' Yellow Card as a reminder to feed the ball straight.](#)