

## Ball Sports



### • Dialogue

A. What's the difference between football and rugby?

B. Those two games are quite different. First, there's the size of the teams. In football, a team has 11 players. In rugby there are 15 players on each team. The biggest difference is that in football, only the goalkeeper can use his hands. In rugby, the ball is usually carried forward by players, though kicking is permitted.

A. In rugby, players pass the ball by throwing it to team mates, don't they?

B. That's right. However, player can only pass the ball backwards. They cannot pass the ball forwards to their team mates. That's foul.

A. I know how goals are scored in football, but how about in rugby?

B. If a team carries the ball over the goal line, they score points. A team can also score points by kicking the ball between two tall posts at each end of the pitch.

A. There's a lot more physical contact in rugby, isn't they?

B. Yes. Players usually used to bring a player down to stop him from moving forward with the ball. This is called 'tackling', as in football.

A. The ball is a different shape in rugby, isn't it?

B. Yes. It's not perfectly round like a football. A rugby ball is oval in shape, there's a match on TV this afternoon. Why don't you watch it with me? I'll try to explain the rules and tactics while we're watching

A. OK.

## ● Useful Expressions

1. I don't really have one but I support Houston.
2. I wish I could play the well.
3. In rugby, players pass the ball by throwing it to team mates.
4. In football, only the goalkeeper can use his hands.
5. I really enjoy watching the NBA games on TV.
6. How many more games are there this season?
7. There's lot more physical contact in rugby.

## ● Vocabularies

**Baseball-** A ball game played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players; teams take turns at bat trying to score runs

**Example:** "he played baseball in high school"; "there was a baseball game on every empty lot"



**Player-** An important participant (as in a business deal)

**Example:** "he was a major player in setting up the corporation"

**Goal-** The state of affairs that a plan is intended to achieve and that (when achieved) terminates behavior intended to achieve it

**Example:** "the goals justify the means"

**Point-** A geometric element that has position but no extension

**Example:** "a point is defined by its coordinates"

**Shoot-** Throw or propel in a specific direction or towards a specific objective

**Example:** "shoot craps"; "shoot a golf ball"

## • **Phrases**

- ❖ Kick the ball
- ❖ Head the ball
- ❖ Smash the ball
- ❖ Hit the ball
- ❖ Bat the ball