

DISCIPLINARY DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	McQueen Sophie		
Player's Union	England		
Match	NA		
Competition	U18 Women 7s Championship 2022 – Prague		
Date of match	24/07/2022		
Match Venue	Petrovice, Prague		
Rules to apply	Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook		
Referee Name	NA	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foul Play admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Foul Play not admitted <input type="checkbox"/> RC/Citing admitted <input type="checkbox"/> RC/Citing not admitted
Offence	9.7 A player must not: a. Intentionally infringe any law of the game.	<input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify: Accumulation of 3 YCs/CCWs over one tournament.	
Summary of Sanction	Accumulation of 3 (three) yellow cards over one tournament		

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	24/07/2022	Hearing venue	Petrovice, Prague
Judicial Officer	Bogdan Zebega (Romania)		
Appearance Player	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Appearance Union	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Player's Representative(s)	Team Manager	Other attendees	NA
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	Referee temporary suspension reports Video clips		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
<p>1. The hearing has been convened as a result of the Player having accumulated three temporary suspensions in the tournament.</p> <p>2. The Referees' reports on the three incidents leading to the temporary suspensions were as follows: YC 1 – Referee Mellisa Leboeuf – Match 8 England v Czech Rep. "Deliberate knock on"; YC 2 – Referee Maria Latos – Match 11 England v Ukraine "Throw the ball intentionally in to touch";</p>

YC 3 – Referee Hana Erika – Match 11 England v Spain
 “Intentional knock on”;

3. Matches footage has been available and viewed by the Judicial Officer.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OTHER EVIDENCE (e.g. medical reports)

NA

SUMMARY OF PLAYER’S EVIDENCE

NA

FINDINGS OF FACT

4. After reviewing the video footage, the Judicial Officer, concluded that the referees were entitled to issue a yellow card for each of the three infringements. In respect of the three yellow cards, the player and his representatives did not contest the decisions of the referees.

DECISION

Breach admitted Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)



SANCTIONING PROCESS

As per Article 4.2.3 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Appendix 4 of Regulation 17 of World Rugby

ACCUMULATION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS AND/OR CITING COMMISSIONER WARNINGS

The relevant part of Article 4.2.3 of RE Disciplinary Regulations provides that:

“Where a Player has received over a single Tournament three yellow cards or a combination of three yellow cards and/or Citing Commissioner Warnings, this will constitute a red card and the appropriate sanction will be an automatic one to three weeks suspension.”

The relevant part of Appendix 4 of WR Regulation 17 further clarifies:

“1. There is deliberately no guidance within the World Rugby sanctions table(s) to assist a Judicial Officer or Judicial Committee to determine the appropriate sanction in relation to accumulated Temporary Suspensions and/or Citing Commissioner Warnings. This is an area where judicial discretion is required given the multiple permutations that could emerge.

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A. Player receives three Temporary Suspensions and/or Citing Commissioner Warnings in a Tournament/Series or five in a Sevens Series

1. The Judicial Officer or Judicial Committee is required to apply a sanction for the offence of persistent offending, not for the substantive offences relating to each Temporary Suspension and/or Citing Commissioner Warning. Ordinarily, the appropriate entry point sanction in such circumstances is a suspension of one to three weeks depending upon the seriousness of the offending. Sanctioning in these circumstances should be determined by reference to the methodology in Regulations 17.17 to 17.21 and in particular to the application of mitigating and aggravating features.”

The appropriate entry point sanction in the present case is a suspension of one week translated into a 7`'s game

Entry point 1

RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Acknowledgement of guilt and timing	Player’s disciplinary record/good character
Yes	Good
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
She is very young, 17 years old	Very good
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
Yes	NA

Number of weeks deducted: 0

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

NA

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby
Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game
NA
Need for deterrence
NA
Any other off-field aggravating factors
NA

Number of additional weeks: 0

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:
0




SANCTION

NOTE: Players ordered off or cited by a citing commissioner are provisionally suspended pending the hearing of their case, such suspension should be taken into consideration when sanctioning – RE Discipline Regulations 4.1.4 / 4.4 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

Total sanction	1 week = 1 game	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences	24/07/2022	
Sanction concludes	24/07/2022	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	1 week suspension translated into one 7's game - England v Scotland	

Costs	n/a
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Date	24/07/2022
JO Signature	Bogdan Zebega 

NOTE: You have 48 hours from notification of the decision of the chairman/jo to lodge an appeal with the tournament director – RE Discipline Regulations 4.6.2 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

