



## DISCIPLINARY DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
<b>Player's Name</b>	Molly Boote		
<b>Player's Union</b>	Ireland		
<b>Match</b>	Ireland v Czech Rep.		
<b>Competition</b>	Girls U18 Championship 2022 – Prague		
<b>Date of match</b>	24 July 2022		
<b>Match Venue</b>	Petrovice Rugby		
<b>Rules to apply</b>	Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook		
<b>Referee Name</b>	Antonia Nussbaumer	<b>Plea</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> YC admitted <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> YC not admitted <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> YC admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> YC not admitted
<b>Offence</b>	9.13 A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	
<b>Summary of Sanction</b>	2 weeks suspension translated into 2 match of 7s.		

HEARING DETAILS			
<b>Hearing date</b>	27 July 2022	<b>Hearing venue</b>	Petrovice Rugby
<b>Judicial Officer</b>	Bogdan Zebega (Romania)		
<b>Appearance Player</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Appearance Union</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Player's Representative(s)</b>	Kathie Fitzhenry – coach	<b>Other attendees</b>	NA
<b>List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing</b>	Referee temporary suspension reports Video clips of the two incidents		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
<p>1. The hearing has been convened as a result of the Player being sent off after accumulating two temporary suspensions in the game against Czech Republic.</p> <p>2. The Referee's reports on the two incidents leading to the temporary suspensions were as follows: YC1</p>

“High tackle from behind” in the 2<sup>th</sup> minute of the first half;  
YC2

“Hands over the shoulder – seatbelt tackle” at 6 30 in the second half;

3. Match footage has been available and viewed by the Judicial Officer. The video

**SUMMARY OF PLAYER’S EVIDENCE**

4. The Player challenged YC2.

The player representatives stated that there was not a high tackle and that the arm of Ireland player Nr.1 was on the left shoulder of the opponent player, not above the shoulder.

**ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OTHER EVIDENCE**

5. The footage has been viewed carefully by all involved. Appendix 1 of this document contains the still sequence of relevance.

After reviewing the video the players representatives maintained their statement that there was no fault play.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

6. In respect of YC1, the footage was clear so the Judicial Officer concludes that there is no reason to doubt what the referee saw on the field of play and therefore the Player committed an act of foul play contrary to Law 9.13 which merited a temporary suspension.

7. In respect of YC2, the Judicial Officer, after reviewing the footage multiple times, found that the hand of Ireland nr. 1 was at first grabbing on the neckband of the opposite player, and on the second move, she was trying to adjust her position, and she wraps her left arm over the shoulder of Czech Player.

Given the speed of the play, and the dynamic of the phase, the Judicial Officer states that it was in the Referee margin of decision to give a yellow card.

The Players Representatives did not manage to prove that the Referee`s decision was wrong.

**DECISION**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breach admitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proven <input type="checkbox"/> Not proven <input type="checkbox"/> Other disposal (please state)
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## 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

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

*“Where a Player has received over a Match two yellow cards; or a combination of one yellow card and one Citing Commissioner Warning; the designated Judicial Officer is required to apply a sanction for the offence of persistent offending, not for the substantive offences relating to each yellow card and/or Citing Commissioner Warning. Ordinarily, the appropriate entry point sanction in such circumstances is a suspension of one to two weeks.”*, which is further detailed in Appendix 4 of WR Regulation 17:

*“...B. Player receives two Temporary Suspensions/Citing Commissioner Warnings in one Match*

*1. ...Ordinarily, the appropriate entry point for persistent offending within a single Match is a suspension of one to two weeks. 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.*

*2. The Judicial Officer or Judicial Committee may decide that sending off was sufficient (or otherwise that no further sanction is appropriate) in the following circumstances: ...*

*... (b) that exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant no further sanctions being imposed. This situation could arise when a Player was temporarily suspended for an act of Foul Play but on review it was clear that there was no Foul Play or only a minor act of Foul Play had been committed which would not have warranted a Temporary Suspension and/or Citing Commissioner Warning;*

*... (c) any of the Temporary Suspensions were awarded for so-called technical offences (including following a team warning) not involving a breach of Laws 9.11 to 9.28 inclusive.”*

9. Having given due consideration to the fact that:

- a. YC1 was an act of fault play - high tackle committed within a playing context where the opponents were threatening the Ireland's goal line, with obvious material effect on the game;
- b. YC2 was an act of fault play – tackle above the shoulder with low degree of force but with a possible degree of danger because of the speed of both players.

Therefore, the appropriate entry point sanction in the present case is a suspension of two weeks. Because the Player Representatives did not admit the second yellow card, so therefore contested the Red Card issue, the Judicial Officer can't apply the full 50% mitigating factors, and the final decision remains at 2 weeks suspension translated in 2 games in 7s.

#### Entry point

2 weeks suspension.

### 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
The player did not admit the second yellow card.	Good record with no red cards or citations and no yellow cards.
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing

The Player is 17 years old and plays rugby since 13 years old. She also has limited 7s experience.	Polite and respectful throughout.
<b>Remorse and timing of remorse</b>	<b>Other off-field mitigation</b>
Shown during the hearing.	n/a

Number of weeks deducted: **n/a**

<b>Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:</b>
n/a

<b>ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS</b>
As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby
<b>Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game</b>
n/a
<b>Need for deterrence</b>
n/a
<b>Any other off-field aggravating factors</b>
n/a

Number of additional weeks: **n/a**


<b>Summary of reason for number of weeks added:</b>
n/a

## 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)

<b>Total sanction</b>	2 week suspension translated into 2 match of 7s.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
<b>Sanction commences</b>	Immediately.	
<b>Sanction concludes</b>	24 July 2022 00:00	
<b>Matches/tournaments included in sanction</b>	The remaining 7s match of this tournament Ireland v Spain and France v Ireland.	

<b>Costs</b>	n/a
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<b>Date</b>	24 July 2022
<b>JO Signature</b>	

**NOTE:** You have 24 hours from notification of the decision of the JO to lodge an appeal with the tournament director – RE Discipline Regulations 4.2.1

Appendix 1 – Still sequence of the YC2 incident.





