



DECISION FORM

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	Jules Bultez		
Player's Union	Belgium Rugby Union		
Match	Portugal v Belgium		
Competition	Rugby Europe U20 Championship		
Date of match	13/11/22		
Match Venue	Jaimor Portugal		
Rules to apply	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook;		
Referee Name	[insert]	Plea	<input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	Law 9.12 - Physical abuse (Punching or striking with hand or arm)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	[17 November 2022]	Hearing venue	Remote
Chairperson/JO	Fred Gilligan IRFU		
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel	Chris Morgan WRU Bartosz Marczyński PRU		
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)	Salvatore Zandona Frederic Cocqu	Other attendees	
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	Citing Commissioner Report Video Footage		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
<p>Full Citing BEL 18 Jules BULTEZ multiple punches on player on ground after whistle Match 84:24 Video 01:57:14 Score 27-19 BEL 18 throws three punches at POR 3 after Belgium won a scrum pk after driving over the top of Portugal. The landing points of the punches are not clear on the video, the first is with his right hand and appears to be in the area of the torso. This first action provokes an unclear reaction from POR 3 and then BEL 18 gives a right-left combo which appears to be in the vicinity of the lower limbs of POR 3. The multiple punches after the whistle on POR 3 who was on ground and defenceless on his back by BEL 18 Jules BULTEZ are Foul Play contrary to Law 9.28 playing after the whistle and Law 9.12 striking which breach the Red Card Threshold and therefore a full Citing is issued.</p>

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

N/A

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

Player denied punching. Submitted that the Por 3 was holding onto his ankle after referees whistle had gone. Player submitted that he remonstrated with Por 3 and slapped Por 3's hand off his ankle with minimal or no contact.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Offence not proven. Minimal or no contact with Por 3's hand. No contact with upper body or head. Por 3 suffered no injury at all, did not remonstrate with Belgium 18 or the referee. Teammates who were in close proximity did not react. Referee was well positioned and did react. As such thew Citing did not pass the red card test.

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Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)



SANCTIONING PROCESS

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS		
As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby		
Assessment of Intent		
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input type="checkbox"/> Reckless		
State Reasons		
[Insert]		
Gravity of player's actions		
[Insert]		
Nature of actions		
[Insert]		
Existence of provocation		
[Insert]		
Whether player retaliated		
[Insert]		
Self-defence		
[Insert]		
Effect on victim		
[Insert]		
Effect on match		
[Insert]		
Vulnerability of victim		
[Insert]		
Level of participation/premeditation		
[Insert]		
Conduct completed/attempted		
[Insert]		
Other features of player's conduct		
[Insert]		
Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end [XX] Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-range [XX] Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-end [XX] Weeks
*If Top End, the JO or Panel should identify, if appropriate, an entry point between the Top End and the maximum sanction and provide the reasons for selecting this entry point, below.		
Reasons for selecting Entry Point above Top End		
[Insert]		

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
[Insert]	[Insert]
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
[Insert]	[Insert]
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
[Insert]	[Insert]

Number of weeks deducted: [XX]

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:
[Insert]

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
[Insert]
Need for deterrence
[Insert]
Any other off-field aggravating factors
[Insert]

Number of additional weeks: [XX]

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:
[Insert]



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	NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences		
Sanction concludes		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction		

Costs	
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Date	17 November 2022
Signature	<i>F. Gilligan</i>

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)