



DISCIPLINARY DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	Sean Cribbin		
Player's Union	Ireland		
Match	Ireland v Israel		
Competition	Men 7s Trophy 2022 – Budapest		
Date of match	18 June 2022		
Match Venue	Budapest Rugby Centre		
Rules to apply	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook and Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations		
Referee Name	Florin Bonea	Plea	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st YC admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st YC not admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd YC admitted <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd YC not admitted
Offence	9.7 A player must not: a. Intentionally infringe any law of the game.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	
Summary of Sanction	First YC dismissed. The player is free to play at once. Second YC remains in the Player's record.		

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	19 June 2022	Hearing venue	Budapest Rugby Centre
Judicial Officer	Valeriu Toma (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)	James Topping – coach	Other attendees	Andre Brand (Hungary) – Designated Disciplinary Officer Florin Bonea – Match Referee
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	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 pool stage of the tournament.</p> <p>2. The Referee's reports on the two incidents leading to the temporary suspensions were as follows: YC1 "Deliberate knock-on" in the 4th minute of the second half;</p>

YC2

“No 10 m” at the end of the second;

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

SUMMARY OF PLAYER’S EVIDENCE

4. The Player challenged YC1.

In this respect the Player’s representative provided a written statement of the Israel player involved in the incident:

“Regarding the yellow card for Ireland 10.

Ireland 10 came around the side of the ruck and grabbed at my arm, forcing me to lose the ball. He didn’t slap or play directly at the ball with his hand

Gilad Vardi israel 20”.

5. The Player further explained that he was at the base of a ruck on his side and, when Israel 20 picked up the ball, the Player went forward to tackle him, so he wrapped first with his left arm and then with his right arm around Israel 20. In doing so, he blocked with his left arm the passing movement of the hands of Israel 20 which altered his hands dynamic and cased the ball to fly awkwardly. The Player and his representative also highlighted that the referee was placed exactly on the opposite side of the ruck, in line with Israel 20, therefore he had an obstructed view on the ball at the time.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OTHER EVIDENCE

6. The match referee was invited to the hearing room in order to provide further evidence in relation to the incident of YC1.

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

The referee maintained that on the field of play he saw the ball being slapped forward by the hand of the Player. Asked to point on the footage the precise moment when this event allegedly occurred, the referee pointed a moment when the ball is completely unsighted by the body of Israel 20.

On further questioning by the Judicial Officer the referee admitted that, given his position at the time of the alleged infringement, it is possible that he took a wrong decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT


7. Having given due consideration of all the facts and not least to the trajectory of the ball after the alleged knock-on which does not suggest a “slap down” of the ball, the Judicial Officer determined on balance of probabilities that the intentional knock-on did not occur, therefore YC1 is dismissed.

DECISION

Breach admitted Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)

8. The player is free to play at once. YC2 remains in the Player's record.

Costs	n/a
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Date	18 June 2022
JO Signature	

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 YC1 incident.







