

# DECISION FORM

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| Particulars of offence  |                            |
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| Player's Name: James Magnus Moody   |                            |
| Player's number: 13   |                            |
| Player's union: Norway  |                            |
| Competition: Men's Sevens Trophy Makarska   |                            |
| Host Team (T1): Norway  | Visiting Team (T2): Turkey |
| Venue: Gradski Sportsk Center Makarska  |                            |
| Date of match: 8/6/2025   |                            |
| Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program; or Other  |                            |
| Referee Name: Edwin Van Derspec   |                            |
| Plea: <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted   |                            |
| Offence: <input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |                            |
| If "Other" selected, please specify:  |                            |
| Hearing details   |                            |
| Chairperson / JO: Piergiorgio della Porta   |                            |
| Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel:  |                            |
| - n/a   |                            |
| - n/a   |                            |
| Hearing date: 8/6/2025  |                            |
| Hearing venue: Gradski Sportsk Center Makarska  |                            |
| 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): Owen Jones (Head Coach); Luigi Zangrilli (Team Manager)   |                            |
| Other attendees: none   |                            |
| List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel:   |                            |
| - Citing Report from Citing Commissioner  |                            |
| - Footage of the incident   |                            |
| Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage   |                            |
| <p>The citing commissioner, David Connolly, set out the following elements of the 9.11/9.12 offence he had identified:</p> <p>"At 02:00 minutes of the second half white 11 (Turkey) crossed the blue (Norway) try line. In the act of scoring the try, the blue 13 slid in at high speed leading with his knees colliding forcibly with white 11. He struck white 11 with both knees in the head. White 11 received medical attention. In my opinion the actions of blue 13 were reckless and met the threshold for a red card as described in law 9.11 and 9.12."</p> <p>The footage was largely consistent with the description above.</p> |                            |
| Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)   |                            |

No medical report on the Turkey player even if the Turkey doctor briefly verified the status of the player and the player was replaced.

#### Summary of player's evidence

Norway player #13 reported he was trying to tackle the opponent player to prevent him to score the try and actually tried to block the player with his arms; he also highlighted that the Turkey player scored the try sliding on his back rather than diving forward and when he realized the opponent movement he tried to avoid any contact with the body of the Turkey player. He said he did not realize to have hit the opponent player and for this reason he did not immediately apologize. After seeing the video of the incident, the player confirmed the contact between his left knee with the head of the Turkey player and maybe the contact between his right knee with the neck or upper chest of the Turkish player. The Norway player accepted that it was a foul play. The player also showed remorse for what happened and stated he wanted to immediately apologize to the opposing player.

#### Findings of fact

After watched the footage it resulted clear that the action of player #13 was reckless and dangerous. The player tried at the very end of his action to avoid contact with the opponent player, but it was too late and the contact occurred. The speed of player #13 was high. The referee did not have the benefit to view the footage whereas the citing commissioner did. The action was very quick. The assessment that the action met the threshold for a red card was correct. Accordingly the citing is upheld. There was contact with head with high degree of danger and insufficient mitigation to reach any other conclusion.

#### Decision

☒ 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:

☐ Intentional/deliberate ☒ Reckless

### State reasons:

I accepted that the player did not intend to hit the player with his knees intentionally

### Nature of actions

Dangerous action that resulted in contact with head and neck

### Existence of provocation:

n/a

### Whether player retaliated:

n/a

### Self-defence:

n/a

### Effect on victim:

No medical report and not known consequences

### Effect on match:

none

### Vulnerability of victim:

Vulnerable because the player was lying to the ground and have no possibility to avoid the contact

### Level of participation / premeditation:

Not premeditated

### Conduct completed / attempted:

completed

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|                                     |
| Other features of player's conduct: |
|                                     |

| Entry point   |               |  |              |                                     |               |
|---|---------------|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Low-end<br><input type="checkbox"/>                       | Weeks<br>[XX] | Mid-range<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Weeks<br>[6] | Top end<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Weeks<br>[XX] |
| Reasons for selecting entry point:                        |               |  |              |                                     |               |
| Head contact therefore mid range entry point is mandatory |               |  |              |                                     |               |

| Relevant off-field mitigating factors   |  |
|---|--|
| <i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i>  |  |
| <b>Acknowledgement of guilt and timing:</b>   | <b>Player's disciplinary record / good character:</b>                                  |
| Accepted foul play  | Clean  |
| <b>Youth and inexperience of player:</b>  | <b>Conduct prior to and at hearing:</b>  |
| n/a   | exemplary  |
| <b>Remorse and timing of Remorse</b>  | <b>Other off-field mitigation:</b>   |
| Did not challenged foul play when realized the action viewing the footage and expressed great remorse | Declares that he wants to immediately apologize to the opponent player and went for it |

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| <b>Number of weeks deducted: [3]</b>                                  |
| <b>Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:</b>                |
| Full mitigation appropriate according to the disciplinary regulations |

**Additional relevant off-field aggravating factors**

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**Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game:**

n/a

**Need for deterrence:**

n/a

**Any other off-field aggravating factors:**

n/a

**Number of additional weeks: [XX]****Summary of reason for number of weeks added:**

## 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)

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| Total sanction: 3 weeks/Matches                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient |
| Sanction commences:                                 |   |
| Sanction concludes:                                 |   |
| Matches/ tournaments included in sanction: none     |   |
| Costs:  |   |
| Signature   |   |
| Name of the JO or Chairman: Piergiorgio della Porta |   |
| Date: 9/6/2025                                      |   |
| Signature (JO or Chairman):                         |   |

**NOTE:** You have 2 calendar days from notification of the decision of the Panel to lodge an appeal with the Disciplinary Committee – RE Discipline Regulations 4.7.2