



DECISION FORM

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	Casals Moline Adria		
Player's Union	FAR – Federació Andorrana de Rugby		
Match	Andorra v Switzerland		
Competition	U18 Sevens Trophy – Riga 2022		
Date of match	24-07-2022		
Match Venue	Daugava Stadium Riga (Latvia)		
Rules to apply	Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and World Rugby Regulations 17 appendix 2		
Referee Name	Diago Inacio (POR)	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	9.11 – A player must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others 9.23 - A player must not kick the ball from the hands of the ball carrier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	24-07-2022	Hearing venue	Daugava Stadium Riga (Latvia)
Chairperson/JO	Piergiorgio della Porta		
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel	Na		
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)	NA	Other attendees	Veceslav Holjevac Tournament Director
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	The Player received before the hearing started by Rugby Europe Tournament Director these documents and material: - Notice of Disciplinary hearing - Referee's report - video footage of the incident - Disciplinary Statement		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
<p>The Referee's Report stated that:</p> <p>At the second half, 5th minutes, Player n.2 of the Andorra Team, Adria Casals Moline "Kicking the ball from the hands of ball-carrier. Kicking the ball carrier after the try.</p> <p>The video footage shows clearly the incident of the referee report.</p>

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

NA

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

The Player accepted the content of the Referee Report and that he committed an act of foul play, and that it was worth a red card.

He stated that he not intended to hit not to hurt the player.

In any case he confirmed that there was a contact with the ball that was in the hands of the ball carrier and that the contact occurred after that the Switzerland player scored the try.

The Andorra player accepted that his act was worth a red card, even if he did not have the intention to hurt or injury the ball carrier.

He was sorry and after the game he went to speak to the Switzerland player to clarify and apologize.

The player is young and has an unblemished disciplinary record.

FINDINGS OF FACT

No preliminary points arose.

The Player confirmed to have received:

- Notice of Disciplinary hearing;
- Referee report;
- video footage of the incident;
- Disciplinary Statement.

The video of the incident from two different angles was seen at the hearing.

The Andorra Rugby Federation was represented at the hearing by the Andorra team manager.

The Player confirmed that he was the Player involved in the referee report and that there was a foul play.

The standard of proof for all matters under this Regulation 17 is on the balance of probabilities.

When the Player does not accept that the act(s) of Foul Play which is the subject of the disciplinary hearing warranted the Player being Ordered Off or cited, the burden of proof rests on the Player to show that the referee/citing commissioner was wrong.

The Player tried to justify his conduct saying that he had no intention to hurt or injury the Switzerland player, but the images of the incident show that the player actually kicked the ball from the hands of the ball carrier, while the ball carrier was lying on the ground after the try and that such act should be considered as dangerous.

At the end, the player accepted that there was a foul play, reckless, and that it was worth a red card.

The Judicial Officer found, on the balance of probabilities, that the Andorra Player n.2 Adria Casals Moline kicked the ball from the hands of the ball carrier after the try and that such conduct have to be considered dangerous under Rugby Europe Regulations and World Rugby Regulation 17 appendix 2.

The images of the incident were clear and show the whole incident.

The player accepted that there was foul play which merited a red card, and therefore the red card was confirmed.

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless		
State Reasons		
There was no evidence that the Player wanted to intentionally hurt or injury the Switzerland player. This action was reckless, because the Andorra player actually kicked the ball from the hands of the ball carrier while the ball carrier was lying on the ground after having scored a try.		
Gravity of player's actions		
The contact was only with the ball and the Switzerland player suffered no consequences at all from the action.		
Nature of actions		
Reckless/dangerous action		
Existence of provocation		
No provocation		
Whether player retaliated		
No retaliation		
Self-defence		
No Self-defence		
Effect on victim		
Switzerland player didn't left the field, nor had any injury or consequences		
Effect on match		
No effect		
Vulnerability of victim		
Medium the kick to the ball arrived when the Switzerland player was lying on the ground		
Level of participation/premeditation		
No premeditation		
Conduct completed/attempted		
Conduct completed		
Other features of player's conduct		
None		
Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end [XX] matches	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-range [XX] matches	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-end [2] matches
*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		

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 accepted that there was foul play	The Player has never before sent off or

and that it was worth a red card	cited
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
Yes	Very good
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
The player acknowledged the danger of his conduct, showed remorse and immediately after the game went to the Suisse player and apologized for his action.	None

Number of weeks deducted: [X]

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

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
None
Need for deterrence
None
Any other off-field aggravating factors
None

Number of additional weeks: [NA]

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:
NA

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	2 matches/weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences	24-07-2022	
Sanction concludes	Dependent of the games that Andorra player Adria Casals Moline will play after the tournament, because Andorra team played in the tournament another match in which Adria Casals Moline did not participate. Therefore, the second and last match of the sanction will be dependent to the impending information regarding the player's schedule, evidencing his playing commitments for the remainder of season or next, information to be provided by the Andorra Federation as soon as possible.	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	Other than the first match already missed into the RE U18 Sevens Trophy Riga 2022, dependent to the impending information regarding the player's schedule, evidencing his playing commitments for the remainder of season or next, information to be provided by the Andorra Federation as soon as possible	
Costs	None	
Date	24-07-2022	
Signature (JO or Chairman)	Piergiorgio DELLA PORTA	

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)