



DECISION FORM

| PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE | | |
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| Player's Name | Florin Antonio Petrescu | |
| Player's Union/club | Romania Rugby Union | |
| Match | Germany v Romania | |
| Competition | Rugby Europe U18 Championship | |
| Date of match | 05/10/2022 | |
| Match Venue | 68 | |
| Rules to apply | Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program | |
| Referee Name | Michael Todd | Plea Charge |
| Offence | Law 9.18 - A player must not lift an opponent off the ground and drop or drive that player so that their head and/or upper body make contact with the ground | <input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify: |

| HEARING DETAILS | | |
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| Hearing date | 07/10/2022 | Hearing venue: On remote |
| Chairperson/JO | Frederick Gilligan (Chairperson) | |
| Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel | Palemia Field (wing) Miriani Tavzarashvili (wing) | |
| 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) | Florin Antonio Petrescu | Other attendees Rares Manolache (manager) |
| List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing | 1. Citing commissioner report 2. Game sheet 3. Video Clip 1 4. Video Clip 2 | |

| SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE |
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| <p>The player, Florin Antonio Petrescu, was cited by Citing Commissioner, Richard McGhee for a breach of regulation 9.18. The tackled player, Germany 23 takes the ball into contact and jumps off his feet as he prepares to pass the ball. Romania 11 makes the tackle as Germany 23 passes the ball. At this point Germany 23 is not beyond the horizontal but as the tackler stands up G23 is tipped beyond the horizontal. At this point the tackler could still release G23 or bring him down safely, but he continues to stand up, lifting G23 into an almost vertical position and then flips him over. G23 falls directly down onto his head from the</p> |

vertical, despite breaking his fall with his arms. The tackler made no effort to bring the player to ground safely.

The referee issued a yellow card for the incident, but due to the lift, the drop, the fact that the player landed on his head, the lack of any attempt to bring the player down safely and the highly dangerous nature of the tackle this merited a red card. The Player was accordingly cited.

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

There were two separate video clips of the incident and the German player was not injured and played on.

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

The player accepted the red card without condition. He accepted that he had been reckless in the manner in which he had brought the German Player to the ground and that the German player landed on his head. The player asked the committee to note that the German player was off his feet making it somewhat more likely that he would flip. easier for the He noted that he shook hands with the player afterwards and that all was well.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The tackle was reckless and warranted a red card. The German player suffered no injuries and was able to play on. The Romanian player was entitled to full mitigation.

DECISION

Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)

SANCTIONING PROCESS

| ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS | | |
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| 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 | | |
| The player was clearly in the process of making a legal tackle but as a result of the German player jumping just before the point of impact he was caused to flip over the shoulder into a upside down vertical position. The Romanian player was reckless as to how he brought the German player to the ground. | | |
| Gravity of player's actions | | |
| The actions were not on this occasion serious. | | |
| Nature of actions | | |
| The tackle started non maliciously | | |
| Existence of provocation | | |
| None | | |
| Whether player retaliated | | |
| NA | | |
| Self-defence | | |
| NA | | |
| Effect on victim | | |
| None | | |
| Effect on match | | |
| None | | |
| Vulnerability of victim | | |
| NA | | |
| Level of participation/premeditation | | |
| None | | |
| Conduct completed | | |
| Shook hands with opposing player and accepted citing without condition. | | |
| Other features of player's conduct | | |
| NA | | |
| Entry point | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top end [XX] Weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-range [XX] Weeks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-end 4 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 | | |
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| ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS |
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| 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 |
| The player has a clean record. |
| Need for deterrence |

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| Any other off-field aggravating factors |
| None |

Number of additional weeks:

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| Summary of reason for number of weeks added: |
| N/A |

| RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS | |
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| 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 |
| Immediate | Excellent |
| Youth and inexperience of player | Conduct prior to and at hearing |
| Under 18 but experienced | Excellent |
| Remorse and timing of remorse | Other off-field mitigation |
| Full remorse and immediate | Shook hands with player straight after the game and accepted a red card was the appropriate sanction. |

Number of weeks deducted:

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| Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:2 |
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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 | 2 weeks / Matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient |
| Sanction commences | 7 October 2022 | |
| Sanction concludes | 16 October 2022 at 23:59 | |
| Matches/tournaments included in sanction | First match: Rugby Europe U18 Championship (match day 3 (9/10/2022)) Second match: Domestic Romanian League, ACSOV PANTELIMON v STA (16/10/2022) | |

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| Costs | NA |
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| Date | 7 October 2022 |
| Signature (JO or Chairman) | <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)