

# DECISION FORM

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## Particulars of offence

Player's Name: Artaz de Goicoechea

Player's number: 5

Player's union: Spain

Competition: RE 7's Championship

Host Team (T1): Spain

Visiting Team (T2): Belgium

Venue: Gradski Sportski Centar, Makarska, Croatia

Date of match: 7/06/2024

Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program; or Other

Referee Name: Robbie Jenkinson

Plea:  Admitted  Not admitted

Offence:  Red card  Citing  Other

*If "Other" selected, please specify:*

## Hearing details

Chairperson / JO: Bartosz Marczyński

Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel:

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Hearing date: 7/06/2024

Hearing venue: Gradski Sportski Centar, Makarska, Croatia

Appearance Player:  Yes  No

Appearance Union:  Yes  No

Player's Representative(s): Igor Genua Sistiaga, Gorka Bueno Aramburu

Other attendees:

List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel:

1. red card report,
2. game sheet,
3. team sheet,
4. video clips
5. Notice of disciplinary hearing

## Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage

9.13 dangerous tackle, head contact during a tackle (head to head), upright position during a tackle

## Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)

N/A

## Summary of player's evidence

The Player denies foul play. At the hearing he stated he was attempting to tackle and rip off the ball from the carrier. It wasn't illegal in any way and it wasn't a dangerous tackle even though his position was upright. He had no intention to hurt his opponent. There was no head contact with the opponent as it can be seen from the other angle/camera footage. The player admitted, there was a possible contact with the opponent's eye, but it was accidental.

## Findings of fact

From the video footage it is clear that the way the Player went into contact with his opponent was high but there was no head contact at all. It can be seen only from the camera 90° from the referee perspective.

From the camera as seen by the referee, the head contact was almost certain.

It is also very likely that there was a contact made by the right hand of the Spanish #5 with an eye area of the opponent, but I find this action purely accidental, not a foul play.

After reviewing videos, I was satisfied no head contact occurred. That is why the onfield decision has been overturned. Red card has been rescinded and removed from players record.

## Decision

Proven  Not proven  Other disposal (please state)

# SANCTIONNING 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

### Reasons for finding as to intent:

### Nature of actions

### Existence of provocation:

### Whether player retaliated:

### Self-defence:

### Effect on victim:

### Effect on match:

### Vulnerability of victim:

### Level of participation / premeditation:

**Conduct completed / attempted:**

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

**Entry point**

Low-end

Weeks

Mid-range

Weeks

Top end

Weeks

**Reasons for entry point:**

**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 denied the foul play And head contact

**Player's disciplinary record/good character:**

None

**Youth and inexperience of player:**

25 years old, playing rugby since he ws 7

**Conduct prior to and at hearing:**

Very good

**Remorse and timing of Remorse**

The player apologised the opponent and the referee

**Other off-field mitigation:**

The player in the team captain and a volunteer at his club

**Number of weeks deducted: [XX]**

**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:

### Need for deterrence:

### Any other off-field aggravating factors:

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)

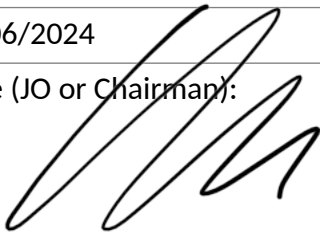
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<b>Sanction commences:</b>	
<b>Sanction concludes:</b>	
<b>Matches/ tournaments included in sanction:</b> 0	
<b>Costs:</b> -	

### Signature

Name of the JO or Chairman: Bartosz Marczyński

Date: 7/06/2024

Signature (JO or Chairman):



**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)