

DECISION FORM

To be sent to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu.



| Particulars of offence | |
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| Player's Name: Iliesa Lesumaitaiti Tige | |
| Player's number: 4 | |
| Player's union: Romania | |
| Competition: RE Trophy Series Makarska | |
| Host Team (T1): Romania | Visiting Team (T2): Latvia |
| 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 der Speck | |
| Plea: <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted | |
| Offence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input 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: | |
| - none | |
| - none | |
| Hearing date: 9 June 2025 | |
| Hearing venue: Hotel Dalmacija Spaces 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): Ovidiu Carcei (Romanian Team Manager) | |
| Other attendees: | |
| List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: | |
| - RC report | |
| - Footage of the incident | |
| Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage | |
| The Referee, Edwin Van der Speck, set out the following elements of the 9.13 offence that he had identified: "Dangerous tackling. High tackle, impact to the neck area with force and speed. No mitigating factor, the tackled player was not injured. The video is consistent with the situation described by the referee. | |
| Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports) | |
| No medical report for the incident | |

Summary of player's evidence

The player accepted that his action was a foul play. He just highlighted that the tackled player did a sudden movement on his right lowering his height a little just before the tackle and that such movement took him by surprise. The player confirmed that was not his intention to hurt the opponent player nor to carry on a dangerous action.

Findings of fact

Watching the footage it is clear that player #4 tackle the opponent player at high speed. It was a high tackle with high degree of danger, that resulted in a contact of the head of the tackling player with the neck area of the opponent player. Both players fell to the ground, but the tackled player was not injured, while the tackling player was later given medical treatment. The action met the threshold of the red card. Watching the footage it is possible to see a slight movement of the tackled player after catching the ball, but this does not imply a modification of the action of the tackling player that remains a foul play.

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 Player's action was not intentional

Nature of actions

Dangerous tackle

Existence of provocation:

N/A

Whether player retaliated:

N/A

Self-defence:

N/A

Effect on victim:

None

Effect on match:

None

Vulnerability of victim:

n/a

Level of participation / premeditation:

Not premeditated

Conduct completed / attempted:

Completed

Other features of player's conduct:

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| Entry point | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Low-end | Weeks | Mid-range | Weeks | Top end | Weeks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | [] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | [6] | <input type="checkbox"/> | [] |
| Reasons for selecting entry point: | | | | | |
| Contact with head/neck therefore mid-range entry point is mandatory | | | | | |

| Relevant off-field mitigating factors | |
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| <i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i> | |
| Acknowledgement of guilt and timing: | Player's disciplinary record / good character: |
| Player admitted the foul play | Clean |
| Youth and inexperience of player: | Conduct prior to and at hearing: |
| N/A | Exemplary |
| Remorse and timing of Remorse | Other off-field mitigation: |
| Player felt guilty, shown remorse and immediately apologize with the opposite player | The behaviour at the hearing showed a complete and believable understanding of the mistake made |

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| Number of weeks deducted: [3] |
| Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted: |
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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:

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: | |
| Costs: | |

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| 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