

DECISION FORM

To be sent to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu.



Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Julie Dolezilova	
Player's number: 1	
Player's union: Czech Republic	
Competition: Rugby Europe 7's Championship Leg 1 – Algarve	
Host Team (T1): Czech Republic	Visiting Team (T2): Belgium
Venue: VRSA Stadium – Algarve – Main Pitch	
Date of match: 11-06-2023	
Rules to apply: RE Disciplinary Regulation; Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program; or Other	
Referee Name: Eki Fanlo	
Plea: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted	
Offence: <input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - 3 Yellow cards <i>If "Other" selected, please specify:</i>	
Hearing details	
Chairperson / JO: Marcello d'Orey	
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel: - None	
Hearing date: 11-06-2023	
Hearing venue: VRSA Stadium	
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): Team Manager – Zuzana Steppanova and the Head Coach – Barbora Starkova	
Other attendees: None	
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: Notice of Hearing, 3 Referee's Yellow Card Reports	
Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage	
The First Yellow card report regarding the match between Czech Republic and Belgium played on the 09-06-2023, stated «Player not at 10m on PK near the in goal zone»	
The Second Yellow card report regarding the match between Czech Republic and Poland played on the 09-06-2023, stated «Offside not 10m after penalty kick»	
The Third Yellow card report regarding the match between Czech Republic and Belgium played on the 11-06-2023, stated «The n. 1 of Czech after the bell, throw the ball away.»»	
Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)	
NA	
Summary of player's evidence	
The player accepted that there was foul play, and she and her manager explained that the first 2 Yellow cards were rugby incidents, that occurred because the player was inexperienced and normal situations that should not have occurred, but happen in a rugby game.	

The third yellow card was due to the fact that the game was almost over, it was the 4th time that they meet, and they were in front in the game by 2 points, in the last few minutes of the game, and the player had a chance to score a try and close the game, and she made a basic error and a knock on, and was frustrated and angry with herself, the player did not have the intention of wasting time. The player is young and should have deal with that differently. She is also getting use to this pressure games and situations.

The player said that she was sorry for her actions and that she never intended to show any disrespect or waste time. She Knows that she made a mistake, and will not repeat that, and it was a case of not dealing well with her mistake, frustration.

The player stated that she was never shown a yellow card before, and that she is 19 years old. The Manager also informed that the Czech team still have 1 match in the present tournament.

Findings of fact

No preliminary points arose.

The Manager and the Player accepted that the Player was the player involved in the alleged foul play.

The manager and the player did accept that there was foul play.

They explained that the first 2 yellow cards were due to technical offenses, normal in a game, and that the last one was a consequence of the young age of the player, the pressure that she felt, and the frustration of the error she made.

The player was very polite and show remorse for her actions, and also knew that her behaviour was not correct and had consequences for herself and her team.

The manager stated that the player did not have a previous disciplinary record.

The player behaviour was unblemished in the hearing and previous to that, and she showed remorse for her actions.

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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

Reasons for finding as to intend:

1 match would be a reasonable sanction, taking in consideration that 2 of the Yelloww cards resulted from Technical offences, and that the 3 Yellow card came from an action that was against good sportsmanship.

The player showed remorse, is very young and have no previous disciplinary record and behaved really well in the hearing.

Nature of actions

NA

Existence of provocation:

NA

Whether player retaliated:

NA
Self-defence:
NA
Effect on victim:
NA.
Effect on match:
The player was yellow carded
Vulnerability of victim:
NA
Level of participation / premeditation:
NA
Conduct completed / attempted:
Conduct concluded
Other features of player's conduct:
None

Entry point					
Low-end	Weeks	Mid-range	Weeks	Top end	Weeks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	[xx]	<input type="checkbox"/>	[XX]
Reasons for selecting entry point:					
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Relevant off-field mitigating factors	
<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:
The player accepted that there was foul play	The player was never sent off before that incident.
Youth and inexperience of player:	Conduct prior to and at hearing:
The player is 19 years old.	Very good
Remorse and timing of Remorse	Other off-field mitigation:
The player showed remorse, and apologised for her behaviour.	None

Number of weeks deducted: [3]
Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:
The player had never been sent off before this incident, she also showed remorse and behaved himself prior and during the hearing in a very polite and respectful way, and is also a young player.


Additional relevant off-field aggravating factors
<i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i>

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: [XX]
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 : 1 week/match	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences : At the conclusion of the hearing	
Sanction concludes : after Czech Republic last game of the Algarve tournament	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction : 7/8 place game.	
Costs: None	

Signature
Name of the JO or Chairman: Marcello d'Orey
Date:11-06-2023
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)