DECISION FORM

Particulars of offence	
Full name of the player: Bryan MONO LUCAS	
Player's number: 11	
Player's union: Belgium	
Competition: U18 Sevens Championship Boys	
Team 1: Belgium	Team 2: Germany
Venue: Stade Pierre Rajon, Bourgoin-Jallieu, France	
Date of match: 13 July 2025	
Rules to apply: Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations (4.2); Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook	
Referee Name: Luis Fernandez Diaz	
Plea: ☒ Admitted ☐ Not admitted	
Offence: ☐ Red card ☒ Citing ☐ Other *If "Other" selected, please specify:*	

Hearing details
Chairperson / JO: Gert-Mark Smelt (NED)
Hearing date: 16 July 2024
Hearing venue: On remote (player no longer available at the venue after citing)
Appearance Player: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Appearance Union: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Player's Representative(s): T. André, co-CEO Belgium Rugby
Other attendees: none
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: 1. Game sheet 2. Citing Commissioner report 3. Video clip of the incident
Preliminary remarks Player (about panel, procedure, documents): ☐ Yes ☒ No *If "yes", please specify:*

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

The Citing Commissioner reports:
Time of incident: second half, 1'29"
#11 Belgium tackled Germany #11, a high tackle. The tackle starts above the shoulder, then neck, the tackler grabs Germany #11 by the neck, twists him, brings him down, it's a dangerous tackle. It is a head contact even if it starts at the shoulder. A clear Foul Play with high degree of danger and there is no mitigation.
She indicates a breach of Law 9.13 "A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders."

The video footage supports the description of the incident by the Citing Commissioner.
It shows the German player moving away from the touchline just before the tackle, which is at speed, a change of direction of especially his upper body during the tackle and him falling towards the touchline after that. It also shows the German player grabbing his neck, whilst getting up after the tackle.

There is no medical evidence or information supporting injuries on his part.

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

N/a

Summary of player's evidence

The Player accepted at the hearing that his action was foul play and that it warranted a red card. He did not challenge the citing.

The Player stated he did not intend to hurt the other player. He is sorry for what happened. He is quite a tall player.

Findings of fact

The Player admitted his action was foul play and warranted a red card.

In light of that, having read the Citing Commissioner Report and having seen the footage – supporting a high tackle with considerable force and at speed – the Judicial officer finds that the Player's action was an act of foul play, warranting a red card, constituting a breach of Law 9.13

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 intent:
The footage shows a split-second action of the Player - Germany had unexpectedly intercepted the ball -, in the middle of a high action situation. There is no factual basis to deem the offence deliberate.
Nature of actions
Dangerous high tackle. He tackled the player, bringing him down in the opposite direction by the neck.
Existence of provocation:
N/a
Whether player retaliated:
N/a
Self-defence:
N/a
Effect on victim:
The tackled player did not leave the match.
Effect on match:
N/a
Vulnerability of victim:
The head and neck are particularly vulnerable parts of the body.
Level of participation / premeditation:
N/a
Conduct completed / attempted:
Completed
Other features of player's conduct:
N/a

N.

Entry point					
Low-end	Weeks	Mid-range	Weeks	Top end	Weeks
☐	X	☒	6	☐	X
Reasons for selecting entry point:					
Contact to the head or neck carries a mandatory mid range entry point. That means there is no room for a lower entry point. The Judicial Officer finds no reason to apply a top end entry point. The Judicial Officer will apply the U16-U18 sanction entry point, being 6 matches mid range.					

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 did not contest the Citing Commissioner's findings and admitted guilt at the first possible instance.	The Player has received a yellow card in a game in the national competition, but not for an offence relevant to this case.

Youth and inexperience of player:	Conduct prior to and at hearing:
The Player has been playing rugby for a number of years but this was his first international tournament.	Polite. He made an effort to attend the hearing from his holiday address, on his 18th birthday.
Remorse and timing of Remorse	**Other off-field mitigation:**
The Player showed remorse at the hearing.	N/a

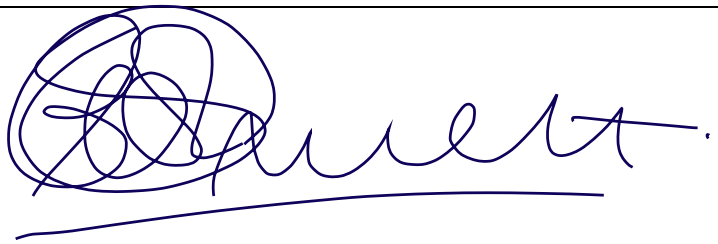
Number of weeks deducted: 3
Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:
The Judicial Officer stressed the rules of tackle height and impressed on the Player the importance of being aware of his own height and, also with an eye on his rugby career, of preventing accumulation of yellow or red cards during that career. The Judicial Officer finds that the mitigating factors merit the full mitigation of 50%.

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: none
Summary of reason for number of weeks added:

SANCTION

Total sanction: 3 weeks	☐ Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences: with the Citing (provisional suspension)	
Sanction concludes: The Player is directed to supply an accurate playing schedule – also substantiating the meaningfulness of the matches – to allow calculation of the matches of the suspension. The Judicial Officer finds reason to clarify that weeks of a suspension are those weeks in which there is a meaningful match, as defined in article 17.21.3 of World Rugby Regulation 17. Until this is supplied and the information provided is deemed sufficient by the JO to base his decision upon, the Player is not eligible to participate in any on field activities worldwide.	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction: To be decided.	
Costs: N/a	

Signature
Name of the Judicial Officer: Gert-Mark Smelt
Date: 16 July 2025
Signature: 

NOTE: You have **24 hours** from notification of the decision of the Judicial Officer to lodge an appeal with the Rugby Europe Disciplinary Committee – RE Discipline Regulations 4.2.2