

# DECISION FORM

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## Particulars of offence

Player's Name: Marija RASOVIC

Player's number: 9

Player's union: Montenegro

Competition: Rugby Europe 7's Women's Trophy (2026) leg2

Host Team (T1): Andorra

Visiting Team (T2): Montenegro

Venue : Chisinau, Moldova, Dinamo stadium

Date of match: 27.06.2026

Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations

Referee Name: Loredana Juncanaru

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:

Hearing date: 27.06.2026

Hearing venue: Dinamo Stadium, Cisinau, Moldova

Appearance Player: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Appearance Union: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Player's Representative(s):

Nicola Luketo - the Head Coach of the Montenegro team

Other attendees:

List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel:

- CC report
- Video clip
- Game sheet
- The Player's statement

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

MNE9 possesses the ball and runs toward the Andorra defending line. MNE9 runs into the contact with AND8. During the initial contact, MNE9 hits AND8's right face directly with its bent left forearm and elbow. Afterwards, MNE9 keeps her arm upwards and pushes the opponent away. Result of the hit: AND8 falls to the ground. AND8 gets medical treatment and continues the game. Based on the available footage, the action by MNE9 is foul play, and I issue a full Citing contrary to law 9.11 of WR Laws of the game.

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

The Andorra team doctor provided a statement indicating that the victim player reports no ongoing symptoms/ injury.

### Summary of player's evidence

The Player accepted that there was foul play and that her action was dangerous although yellow card received during the game was sufficient and the situation does not reach red card threshold. She added that the tackler was in a high, upright position with no intention to wrap, but she admitted that her defending position was also wrong. The Player's underlined that she had no intention of hurting her opponent. After the game, she went to the Andorran player to check if she was OK and also apologised. The player is 27 years old but is inexperienced. She is a crossfit coach and started playing rugby 4 years ago.

### Findings of fact

The Player committed an act of foul play under Law 9.11, which reached the red card threshold in that she during the initial contact phase struck AND8 directly in the right side of the face with a bent left forearm and elbow. Following the strike, MNE9 kept her arm raised and used it to push the opponent away. AND8 fell to the ground as a result and required on-field medical attention, though she was able to continue playing. The action was taken with force, at low speed and in an upright position of the victim player. The player accepted the above.

Having reviewed the available match evidence, I am satisfied to the required standard that the act constitutes foul play contrary to **Law 9.11** of the World Rugby Regulations, which prohibits a player from doing anything that is dangerous to others. The use of a bent forearm and elbow to strike an opponent in the face during a running contact is dangerous play regardless of intent. The subsequent push with the raised arm confirms the nature of the action. It was the responsibility of the Player to make contact with her opponent in a safe way. These findings lead to the conclusion of a red card threshold was met. The offence is a violation of Law 9.11 – dangerous play.

### Decision

☒ Proven ☐ Not proven ☐ Other disposal (please state)

## SANCTIONING PROCESS

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| <b>Assessment of seriousness</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i>                                                                                             |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Assessment of intent:</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless                                                                                                     |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>State reasons:</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| The action of the Player was reckless in that she struck an opponent directly in the face with a bent left forearm and elbow with force but I don't find this action intentional nor deliberate. |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Nature of actions</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| The Player made contact with the victim player in the face with her arm bent and with a force.                                                                                                   |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Existence of provocation:</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Whether player retaliated:</b>                                                                                                                                                                |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Self-defence:</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Effect on victim:</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| Non. Reported no ongoing symptoms.                                                                                                                                                               |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Effect on match:</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Vulnerability of victim:</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Level of participation / premeditation:</b>                                                                                                                                                   |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Conduct completed / attempted:</b>                                                                                                                                                            |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| Completed.                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Other features of player's conduct:</b>                                                                                                                                                       |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| <b>Entry point</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| Low-end<br>X                                                                                                                                                                                     | Weeks<br>2 | Mid-range<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Weeks | Top end<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Weeks |
| <b>Reasons for selecting entry point:</b>                                                                                                                                                        |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |
| The low-end entry point was sought as the action was reckless rather than deliberate with no effect on the victim player.                                                                        |            |                                       |       |                                     |       |

## 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:

The Player accepted foul play at the outset of the hearing but submitted that it wasn't an intentional action

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

No previous red cards/disciplinary record.

### Youth and inexperience of player:

She has been playing rugby for 4 years. Now she is 27 years old.

### Conduct prior to and at hearing:

Conducted herself professionally and politely at the hearing.

### Remorse and timing of Remorse

The Player did get the opportunity to contact the victim player herself after the incident and apologised

### Other off-field mitigation:

N/A

### Number of weeks deducted: 1

### Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

The Player conducted herself well at the hearing, accepted that foul play had been committed, ensured that there was follow up with the victim player and has not received a red card previously.

## 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

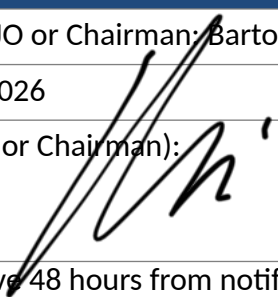
### Number of additional weeks:

### 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)

|                                                                                              |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total sanction:</b> 1 week                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient |
| <b>Sanction commences:</b><br>1. Croatia v Montenegro at RE Trophy in Chisinau on 28.06.2026 |                                                 |
| <b>Sanction concludes:</b> after the game on 28.06.2026                                      |                                                 |
| <b>Matches/ tournaments included in sanction:</b> As above.                                  |                                                 |
| <b>Costs:</b> 0                                                                              |                                                 |

| Signature                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name of the JO or Chairman: Bartosz Marczynski                                                                 |
| Date: 27.06.2026                                                                                               |
| 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)