

DECISION FORM

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Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Svetlana Morocica	
Player's number: 9	
Player's union: Moldova	
Competition: Rugby Europe Women's 7s Trophy Series Makarska 2026	
Host Team (T1): Georgia	Visiting Team (T2): Moldova
Venue: Gradski Sportski Centar, Markaska, Croatia	
Date of match: 05 June 2026	
Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook and RE Disciplinary Regulations	
Referee Name: Wissam Bamarra	
Plea: 1 st YC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted 2 nd YC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted	
Offence: <input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
<i>If "Other" selected, please specify:</i> Accumulation of two YCs in the same match	
Hearing details	
Chairperson / JO: Mark Curran (Ireland)	
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel: N/a	
Hearing date: 05 June 2026	
Hearing venue: Gradski Sportski Centar, Markaska, Croatia	
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): Bejan Alexandru	
Other attendees: N/a	
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: Referee Report YC x 2 Match footage	
Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage	
<p>The hearing has been convened as a result of the Player having been awarded two temporary suspensions (YCs) in the match against Georgia. As a result of the two YCs, the Referee awarded the Player a RC following the issuing of the second YC on the field of play. The referee's reports on the two incidents leading to the temporary suspensions were: YC1 – 'Cynical Offside' – 5 mins into the first half; YC2 – against Law 9.13 – "High tackle" – 0.28secs into the second half.</p> <p>The live footage of the YC1 incident shows the Player tackling the ball carrier near the Moldova tryline. The Player makes the tackle in circumstances where she is returning from a clearly offside position. The referee awards the Player a YC.</p> <p>The live footage of the YC2 incident shows the Player tackling the ball carrier high around the shoulder/neck area. While there is no significant force in the tackle, it is high and the referee awards the Player a 2nd YC. The referee did not award the Player a RC following the issuing of the second YC on the field of play, however this</p>	

fact is not meaningful from the disciplinary perspective as per Law 9.29 of World Rugby Regulations and clause 4.2.3 of RE Disciplinary Regulations.

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

N/a

Summary of player's evidence

The Player admitted each incident amounted to foul play and each incident warranted an award of a YC. The Player's representative explained that the 2nd YC was, in his opinion, perhaps due to a culmination of minor team fouls in the build up to the Player's high tackle.

Findings of fact

The Player has admitted each of the YCs

Decision

Admitted

SANCTIONING PROCESS

As per Article 4.2.3 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Appendix 4 of Regulation 17 of World Rugby

ACCUMULATION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS AND/OR CITING COMMISSIONER WARNINGS

The relevant part of Article 4.2.3 of RE Disciplinary Regulations provides that: *“Where a Player has received over a Match two yellow cards; or a combination of one yellow card and one Citing Commissioner Warning; the designated Judicial Officer is required to apply a sanction for the offence of persistent offending, not for the substantive offences relating to each yellow card and/or Citing Commissioner Warning. Ordinarily, the appropriate entry point sanction in such circumstances is a suspension of one to two weeks.”*

The Appendix 4 (SANCTIONS GUIDANCE FOR ACCUMULATION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS AND/OR CITING COMMISSIONER WARNINGS) of WR Regulation 17, which is the overarching document in respect of Disciplinary matters, provides :

“1. There is deliberately no guidance within the World Rugby sanctions table(s) to assist a Judicial Officer or Judicial Committee to determine the appropriate sanction in relation to accumulated Temporary Suspensions and/or Citing Commissioner Warnings. This is an area where judicial discretion is required given the multiple permutations that could emerge (JO emphasis).

... B. Player receives two Temporary Suspensions/Citing Commissioner Warnings in one Match

1. The Judicial Officer or Judicial Committee is required to apply a sanction for the offence of persistent offending, not for the substantive offences relating to each Temporary Suspension and/or Citing Commissioner Warning (JO emphasis). Ordinarily, the appropriate entry point for persistent offending within a single Match is a suspension of one to two weeks. Sanctioning in these circumstances should be determined by reference to the methodology in Regulations 17.17 to 17.21 and in particular to the application of mitigating and aggravating features.

2. The Judicial Officer or Judicial Committee may decide (JO emphasis) that sending off was sufficient (or otherwise that no further sanction is appropriate) in the following circumstances: ...

...(b) that exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant no further sanctions being imposed. This situation could arise when a Player was temporarily suspended for an act of Foul Play but on review it was clear that there was no Foul Play or only a minor act of Foul Play had been committed which would not have warranted a Temporary Suspension and/or Citing Commissioner Warning;

...(c) any of the Temporary Suspensions were awarded for so-called technical offences (including following a team warning) not involving a breach of Laws 9.11 to 9.28 inclusive.”

Having given due consideration to the fact that: - YC1 was a so called “technical offence”, having a potential material effect of preventing the opponents from keeping the ball alive in order to score more points and that YC2 was an act of dangerous play; the leading principle when judging accumulation of YCs is that the JO must apply a sanction for persistent offending rather than for the substantive offences. Therefore, I find that the appropriate entry point is a 1 week suspension which cannot be reduced by way of mitigation. There are no ‘exceptional circumstances’ present which would warrant no further sanctions being imposed upon the Player

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 suspension translated into 1 match of 7s	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences: Immediately	
Sanction concludes: After the next match of Moldova Womens in the 7s Tournament	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction: Moldova v Montenegro 06/06/26	
Costs: N/a	

Signature
Name of the JO or Chairman: Mark Curran (Ireland)
Date: 05/06/26
Signature (JO or Chairman): <i>Mark Curran</i>

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 4.1.5 (or equivalent Tournament rule)