



DECISION FORM (FIRST INSTANCE)

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	Karel BEROUNSKY		
Player's Union	CZECHIA		
Match	CZECHIA v BELGIUM		
Competition	Men's 7s Trophy Budapest 2021		
Date of match	11/07/2021		
Match Venue	Budapest Rugby Center		
Rules to apply	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program;		
Referee Name	Chris Lough	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	15 JULY 2021	Hearing venue	Remote- video call
Chairperson/JO	Andre Brand - Judicial Officer		
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel	Maxime Cotis – Disciplinary Administrator		
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)	Sarka Zizkova – Team Manager	Other attendees	Pavel Mysak
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referee match report - Notice of Disciplinary Hearing - Incident video footage 		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE

Belgium player went to ground (slip) to collect the loose ball. Player no 14 of Czechia went to collect the ball/tackle the player and unintentionally made direct contact to the head of Belgian player with his shoulder.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OTHER EVIDENCE (e.g. medical reports)

NA

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

CZE Player #14 confirmed incident was unintentional.
 From a bad pass, the player tried to gain possession of the ball. Both player's competed for the ball with Belgian player getting there sooner and slipping in the process. CZE player #14 was already in motion and couldn't stop his movement. CZE Player #14 also showed regret and was happy the Belgian player wasn't injured.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Video evidence confirms the above player statement. Loose ball was competed for by both players on a very wet pitch. Unfortunate and unintentional head contact was made.

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless – unintentional		
State Reasons		
Direct contact of shoulder to the head whilst going to ground by both players competing for the loose ball.		
Gravity of player’s actions		
Unintentional impact to the head		
Nature of actions		
Existence of provocation		
No		
Whether player retaliated		
no		
Self-defence		
no		
Effect on victim		
No injury		
Effect on match		
RC led CZE to one less player in the final.		
Vulnerability of victim		
NA		
Level of participation/premeditation		
NA		
Conduct completed/attempted		
Clear remorse shown by CZE player #14		
Other features of player’s conduct		
Player showed remorse during game already and the same was shown during the hearing		
Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end 10 Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-range 6 Weeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-end 2 Weeks
*If Top End, the JO or Panel should identify, if appropriate, an entry point between the Top End and the maximum sanction and provide the reasons for selecting this entry point, below.		
Reasons for selecting Entry Point above Top End		

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		
Clean record for foul play		
Need for deterrence		
NA		
Any other off-field aggravating factors		

NA

Number of additional weeks: 0

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:

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
Yes	Clean Record
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
NA	Professional and kind
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
Yes	

Number of weeks deducted: 1

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

Player was sent off during a final match which was lost by his team. Player already showed self-disappointment during the match and sending off was initial punishment. Additionally the pitch was extremely wet on the day due to 2 big storms that impacted the whole tournament. It was also clear from the footage that the contact was unintentional and unavoidable.

Regulations allow to enter decision point from low range sanctions. Decision was discussed with Disciplinary Admin also. As contact was made with the head, sending off wasn't considered as sufficient therefore player will miss one match in next tournament.

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 Match	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences	July 15 th , 2021	
Sanction concludes	July 28 th , 2021	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	1 st round of 2021 national competition (XV) to be held on August 28 th , 2021	

Costs	0 EUR
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Date	15 JULY 2021
Signature (JO or Chairman)	Andre Brand

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)