

# DECISION FORM

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Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Iliesa Lesumaitaiti Tige	
Player's number: 4	
Player's union: Romania	
Competition: RE Trophy Series Makarska	
Host Team (T1): Romania	Visiting Team (T2): Latvia
Venue: Gradski Sportsk Center Makarska	
Date of match: 8/6/2025	
Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program; or Other	
Referee Name: Edwin Van der Speck	
Plea: <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted	
Offence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If "Other" selected, please specify:</i>	
Hearing details	
Chairperson / JO: Piergiorgio della Porta	
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel: - none - none	
Hearing date: 9 June 2025	
Hearing venue: Hotel Dalmacija Spaces Makarska	
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): Ovidiu Carcei (Romanian Team Manager)	
Other attendees:	
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: - RC report - Footage of the incident	
Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage	
The Referee, Edwin Van der Speck, set out the following elements of the 9.13 offence that he had identified: "Dangerous tackling. High tackle, impact to the neck area with force and speed. No mitigating factor, the tackled player was not injured. The video is consistent with the situation described by the referee.	
Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)	
No medical report for the incident	

### Summary of player's evidence

The player accepted that his action was a foul play. He just highlighted that the tackled player did a sudden movement on his right lowering his height a little just before the tackle and that such movement took him by surprise. The player confirmed that was not his intention to hurt the opponent player nor to carry on a dangerous action.

### Findings of fact

Watching the footage it is clear that player #4 tackle the opponent player at high speed. It was a high tackle with high degree of danger, that resulted in a contact of the head of the tackling player with the neck area of the opponent player. Both players fell to the ground, but the tackled player was not injured, while the tackling player was later given medical treatment. The action met the threshold of the red card. Watching the footage it is possible to see a slight movement of the tackled player after catching the ball, but this does not imply a modification of the action of the tackling player that remains a foul play.

### 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

### State reasons:

I accepted that Player's action was not intentional

### Nature of actions

Dangerous tackle

### Existence of provocation:

N/A

### Whether player retaliated:

N/A

### Self-defence:

N/A

### Effect on victim:

None

### Effect on match:

None

### Vulnerability of victim:

n/a

### Level of participation / premeditation:

Not premeditated

### Conduct completed / attempted:

Completed

### Other features of player's conduct:

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Entry point					
Low-end	Weeks	Mid-range	Weeks	Top end	Weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[6]	<input type="checkbox"/>	[ ]

**Reasons for selecting entry point:**  
Contact with head/neck therefore mid-range entry point is mandatory

**Relevant off-field mitigating factors**  
*As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby*

<b>Acknowledgement of guilt and timing:</b> Player admitted the foul play	<b>Player's disciplinary record / good character:</b> Clean
<b>Youth and inexperience of player:</b> N/A	<b>Conduct prior to and at hearing:</b> Exemplary
<b>Remorse and timing of Remorse</b> Player felt guilty, shown remorse and immediately apologize with the opposite player	<b>Other off-field mitigation:</b> The behaviour at the hearing showed a complete and believable understanding of the mistake made

**Number of weeks deducted: [3]**  
**Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:**

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**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: [XX]**

**Summary of reason for number of weeks added:**

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## 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: 3 weeks/matches	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences:	
Sanction concludes:	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction:	
Costs:	

<b>Signature</b>
Name of the JO or Chairman: Piergiorgio della Porta
Date: 9/6/2025
Signature (JO or Chairman):

**NOTE:** You have 2 calendar days from notification of the decision of the Panel to lodge an appeal with the Disciplinary Committee – RE Discipline Regulations 4.7.2