



DECISION FORM

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE		
Player's Name	Matheo Apollo TRIKI	
Player's Union	Spain Rugby Union	
Match	Portugal v Spain	
Competition	Rugby Europe U20 Championship	
Date of match	13/11/2021	
Match Venue	EM Taviero, Coimbra	
Rules to apply	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program	
Referee Name	Shota TEVZADZE	Plea
Offence	9.12 Physical abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:

HEARING DETAILS		
Hearing date	23/11/2021	Hearing venue
Chairperson/JO	Michael Coghlan	
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel	Donal Courtney Samantha Hillas QC	
Appearance Player	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Appearance Union
Player's Representative(s)	Eric Jarrar	Other attendees
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	1. Red Card Report (R) 2. Red Card Report (AR) 3. Match Sheet 4. Video Clips	

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
In the 80 th minute of the game and just after a knock on at the touchline a fight broke out between a number of players on both sides. There were a number of players between myself and the incidents in question. I saw the assistant referee raise his flag. He reported to me that No. 8 (Spain) had punched No. 20 (Portugal) in the face and that No. 20 Portugal had punched the head of the No. 8 in return. (Referee – Shota Tevzadze) Upon receipt of this information I summoned the player and his Captain to me and issued the player with a Red Card.

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

The Assistant Referee Report of Jonny Perriam confirms the above described events and aligns with the Referee's decision to issue a red card to the player.

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

The player firstly accepted that the referee was justified in issuing him with a red card. He admitted that he had punched his opponent as described. He said that he had not intended to get involved and had turned his back on his opponents when trying to separate his own team members. He said that he had felt threatened and threw the punch. He said that he had apologised to the Portugal No.20 immediately upon leaving the field of play and the Portugal No. 20 had apologised to him in return.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Disciplinary Panel, having noted the content of the papers presented in this case, the evidence taken, the representations of Mr. Jarrar and having carefully considered the video clip of the events in question, are unanimously of the view that the player (Mateo Triki) had thrown a punch to the face/head of his opponent as seen and duly reported by Assistant Referee Jonny Perriam in or about the 80th minute of the game between Portugal U20 and Spain U20 on the 13th of November 2021 at the EM Taviero, Coimbra contrary to Section 9.12 of the World Rugby Code.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input type="checkbox"/> Reckless		
State Reasons		
See above		
Gravity of player's actions		
There was potential for injury. But such injury unlikely to have been serious.		
Nature of actions		
Punch to the Face		
Existence of provocation		
Some, in the context of the general melee that was going on around the player.		
Whether player retaliated		
N/A		
Self-defence		
N/A		
Effect on victim		
Nothing significant		
Effect on match		
None		
Vulnerability of victim		
N/A		
Level of participation/premeditation		
No premeditation		
Conduct completed/attempted		
Completed		
Other features of player's conduct		
N/A		
Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end [XX] Weeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mid-range 6 Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-end [XX] 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		
N/A		

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		
1 Previous Red Card for dangerous play and 1 yellow card for foul play		
Need for deterrence		
Not in this case		
Any other off-field aggravating factors		
None		

Number of additional weeks: 0

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:
N/A

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
Admission of guilt prior to hearing	
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
Player only 20 years of age	
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
Immediate apology to opponent	

Number of weeks deducted: 3

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:
Though the player had participated in the melee between the two teams he had not been the instigator. He displayed immediate remorse and presented excellently before the disciplinary panel. He was inexperienced as a player (U20). Therefore maximum mitigation

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	15 November 2021	
Sanction concludes	19 December 2021 at midnight	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction		

Costs	
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Date	23 November 2021
Signature (JO or Chairman)	<i>Michael Coghlan</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 4.6.2 (or equivalent Tournament rule)