

DECISION FORM

To be sent to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu.



Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Zhaklina Ivanova	
Player's number: 5	
Player's union: Bulgaria	
Competition: Women's 7 Trophy Series	
Host Team (T1): Denmark	Visiting Team (T2): Bulgaria
Venue: Zagreb	
Date of match: 17/06/2023	
Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program; or Other	
Referee Name: Antonia Nussbaumer	
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 Red card issued on foot second yellow card <i>If "Other" selected, please specify:</i>	
Hearing details	
Chairperson / JO: Jennifer Donovan	
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel: N/a - -	
Hearing date: 17/06/2023	
Hearing venue: Zagreb	
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): Maya Ilieva, Bulgarian Coach	
Other attendees:	
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: Referee's Report on Ordering off x 2	
Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage	
The referee reported two breaches of Law 9.7 (a) in that she failed to retreat 10 meters from a penalty kick.	
Summary of Player's Evidence:	
<p>The player confirmed that she was the player who had been ordered off. She accepted that, in respect of the first yellow card, she reacted and tackled the ball carrier within 10 m of the penalty kick. She accepted that it was a mistake and she apologised for her actions.</p> <p>In respect of the second yellow card, the player said that she was surprised to receive it as she had come across behind a number of other players and did not think that she was within 10 m. She accepted the decision of the referee however and left the field of play without saying anything. The player was advised that under the Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations (4.1.5) a player is not entitled to challenge a yellow card for a technical offence.</p>	

The player explained that her team are very new at this level, that they are trying their best and are learning from the other teams and players. She said that she did not intend to do anything wrong and wished to extend her apologies to the referee.

Summary of player's evidence

Findings of fact

It was found that the player had committed two technical offences in failing, twice, to retreat 10 meters from a penalty kick. Foul play was not involved.

Decision

Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)

SANCTIONNING PROCESS

Assessment of seriousness	
<i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i>	
Assessment of intent:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless	
Reasons for finding as to intent:	
The player's evidence was accepted in this regard.	
Nature of actions	
Two technical offences not involving foul play	
Existence of provocation:	
N/a	
Whether player retaliated:	
N/a	
Self-defence:	
N/a	
Effect on victim:	
N/a	
Effect on match:	
None save a detrimental effect on the player's own team.	
Vulnerability of victim:	
N/a	
Level of participation / premeditation:	
Full participation.	
Conduct completed / attempted:	
Conduct completed	
Other features of player's conduct:	
N/a	

Entry point					
Low-end	Weeks	Mid-range	Weeks	Top end	Weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reasons for entry point:					
N/a – sending off sufficient					

Relevant off-field mitigating factors	
<i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i>	
Acknowledgement of guilt and timing:	Player's disciplinary record/good character:
At hearing	Clean
Youth and inexperience of player:	Conduct prior to and at hearing:
Inexperienced at this level	Player was co-operative and courteous throughout
Remorse and timing of Remorse	Other off-field mitigation:

At hearing	
Number of weeks deducted: N/a	
Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:	
It was found that the player had committed two technical offences, neither of which involved foul play and as such it was held that the sending off was sufficient sanction in the circumstances.	

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:

Na/

Any other off-field aggravating factors:

N/a

Number of additional weeks:

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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences: N/a	
Sanction concludes:	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction:	
Costs:	

Signature

Name of the JO or Chairman: Jennifer Donovan

Date: 17/06/2023

Signature (JO or Chairman): Jennifer Donovan

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)