

DISCIPLINARY DECISION



Match	Calgary Rams v Calgary Irish		
Competition	AWP		
Date of match	August 10, 2024	Match venue	Red Deer
Rules to apply	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook;		

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Anderson	Date of birth	
Forename(s)	Kelsey		
Player's Club	CCIAC		
Referee Name	Colin Brown	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Admitted
Offence	9.11 - Players must not do anything that is dangerous to others including leading with the elbow or forearm, or jumping into or over a tackler. After review of all of the available materials, the Offence is better described as 9.12 A Player must not physically abuse anyone. Although of note, the sanctioning process is identical for both offences.	SELECT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red Card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	
Summary of Sanction	3 Weeks expressed as matches		

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	August 22, 2024	Hearing venue	Calgary Alberta (via teams)
Chairman/DO	John McDonald		
Other Members of Disciplinary Committee			
Appearance Player	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Appearance Club	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Player's Representative(s)			
List of documents/materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	Match Officials Sending Off Report Video footage from the match https://live.veo.co/stream/8afac348-f426-4123-9800-1b23e0d56976@1723319979517/		

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

Summary of the Essential Elements of the Report of Colin Brown:

Open play and the Irish 17 took the ball into contact, rams player attempted to tackle and fell backwards holding her face with a scream. Stopped play and awarded a penalty to the rams. I did not have a view of the point of contact but thought the arm/elbow had made contact based on body positions.

During the stoppage I discussed with my AR (Anne) who confirmed that a raised elbow had made direct contact with the rams face, the arm/elbow was never braced against the torso and always leading. No mitigations in terms of the rams player height dropping for the tackle as when tackling the player always lowers their height. Clear line of site for the Irish player to the Rams player.

I checked the rams player face and there was blood coming from the nose/mouth area.

Law 9.11 Dangerous Play – “Leading with the elbow”

Straight red card awarded for this foul play incident.

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

At minute 44:45 of the video, the player looks to fend off the Rams Defender striking the victim player in the face, this is consistent with the Match Officials report.

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

Player's submissions:

The player states that she did not intend to strike the victim player, or make contact with her head. She states that she and the victim player have been teammates in the past.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Having reviewed the match footage, and received the submissions of the player I find as fact that Kelsey Anderson did in fact Strike the victim player in the face contrary to Law 9.12 A Player must not physically abuse anyone.

DECISION

Breach admitted

Proven

Not Proven

Other disposal (please state)

SANCTIONING PROCESS

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS
Assessment of Intent – R 17.18.1(a)-(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless
State Reasons
The offence occurred during open play in a dynamic setting.
Nature of actions – R 17.18.1(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
This was a dynamic play, and the strike itself can be considered a combination of both bad timing, and bad aim.
Existence of provocation – R 17.18.1(d) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A
Whether player retaliated – R 17.18.1(e) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A
Self-defence – R 17.18.1(f) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A
Effect on victim – R 17.18.1(g) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Victim received treatment from the AT on the Pitch, had some bleeding from the mouth and/or nose, but returned to play.
Effect on match – R 17.18.1(h) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Player was sent off and her club played the remainder of the match short, this offending was close to the conclusion of the match.
Vulnerability of victim – R 17.18.1(i) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
The Victim player was in a vulnerable position, she could not have seen a strike to the face coming, nor defend herself.
Level of participation/premeditation – R 17.18.1(j) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
There was no premeditation.
Conduct completed/attempted – R 17.18.1(k) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Conduct completed
Other features of player's conduct – R 17.18.1(l) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS CONTINUED

Entry point					
<u>Top end*</u>	<u>Weeks/Matches</u>	<u>Mid-range</u>	<u>Weeks/Matches</u>	<u>Low-end</u>	<u>Weeks/Matches</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click Here For #

*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.

In making this assessment, the JO/Committee should consider World Rugby Regulations 17.18.1(a), 17.18.1(g), and 17.18.1(h) or the equivalent provisions within the Tournament Rules referred to above.

Reasons for selecting Entry Point above Top End
As I have found that there was contact with the head, I am obligated to enter at the mid-point of 6 matches.

RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

Acknowledgement of guilt and timing – R 17.19.1(a) (or equivalent Tournament rule)	Player's disciplinary record – R 17.19.1(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Admitted guilt at the first opportunity	The Player has no disciplinary history to speak of.
Youth and/or inexperience of player – R 17.19.1(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)	Conduct prior to and at hearing – R 17.19.1(d) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Relatively young player	Conduct satisfactory at the hearing, player was forthright and contrite.
Remorse and timing of remorse – R 17.19.1(e) (or equivalent Tournament rule)	Other off-field mitigation – R 17.19.1(f) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Player is extremely remorseful.	N/A

Number of weeks /matches deducted: 3

Summary of reason for number of weeks/matches deducted:

The offending was not intentional and at worst can be considered a combination of bad timing, and bad aim. The player has no disciplinary history and was contrite and apologetic at the hearing. The player qualifies for the maximum available mitigation of 50%

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game – R 17.20.1(a) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A
Need for deterrence – R 17.20.1(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A
Any other off-field aggravating factors – R 17.20.1(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
N/A

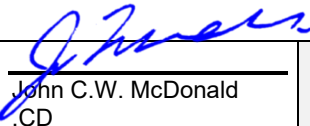
Number of additional weeks/matches: 0

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 – R 17.12.5(f) / 17.13.7 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

Total sanction	3 Weeks/Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences	August 10, 2024	
Sanction concludes	June 30, 2025 or sooner if the player provides proof of meaningful matches missed.	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	Octoberfest will count towards 1 week/match	

Costs	N/A
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Signature (DO or Chairman)	 _____ John C.W. McDonald CD	Date	August 22, 2024
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NOTE: Should the Player or the club wish to appeal this sanction they may do so in accordance with World Rugby Regulation 17, such appeal must be lodged with the appeal fee to the Calgary Rugby Union within **48 hours** of this decision.