

# DISCIPLINARY DECISION



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| Match          | Clansmen at Calgary Canucks         |             |                      |
| Competition    | ALBERTA CUP                         |             |                      |
| Date of match  | August 17, 2024                     | Match venue | Calgary Rugby Park 2 |
| Rules to apply | Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; |             |                      |

| PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE |   |  |   |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Player's surname       | Young   | Date of birth  |   |
| Forename(s)            | Adham   |  |   |
| Player's Club          | Calgary Canucks   |  |   |
| Referee Name           | Caleb Snee  | Plea   | <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Admitted |
| Offence                | 9.28 a player shall not disrespect the authority of a match official. | SELECT:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red Card<br><input type="checkbox"/> Citing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>If "Other" selected, please specify: |   |
| Summary of Sanction    | Red Card not supported.   |  |   |

| HEARING DETAILS  |  |                 |   |
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| Hearing date   | August 20, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Player's Representative(s)   | Shane Tevelin  |                 |   |
| List of documents/materials provided to Player in advance of hearing | Match Officials Sending Off Report<br>Video footage from the match <a href="https://app.veo.co/matches/20240817-calgary-canucks-vs-clansmen-b88d68ce/">https://app.veo.co/matches/20240817-calgary-canucks-vs-clansmen-b88d68ce/</a> |                 |   |

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

**Summary of the Essential Elements of the Report of Caleb Snee:**

Multiple players including this player received warnings and the team had multiple warnings for Yelling, Swearing and arguing with my calls and showing complete disrespect. I award a PK for the other team and this player laid on top of the ball and refused to move and while looking at me yelled "are you fucking kidding me" at this point I escalated from a PK to a yellow card at which he continued to yell "you have to be kidding me" with the continued level of disrespect I escalated again from the Yellow card to a Red card

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

**SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE**

Players submissions:

It is the players evidence that he stated WTF Bro to a clan player who shoved him off the ball, allegedly making contact with his head. The match official then awarded a penalty kick to the Clan. As the player retired to the goal line as a result of the penalty kick being awarded, play was again stopped and he was shown a yellow. It is his submission that he did not say anything to the Match Official. With respect to the upgrade to the Red Card it is the player submission that he said "you gotta be joking" under his breath, ostensibly as self-talk, disappointed in leaving his team disadvantaged at a critical moment in the game, and that such talk was not directed at, or toward the match official.

The Submissions of the Canucks Captain:

The Canucks Captain stated that he was told by the match official that the yellow card was given for holding up the play of the game. And not for disrespect of the match official. He further stated he did not hear words "you gotta be joking" uttered by the Player, notwithstanding he was standing nearly beside the Match Official.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

I find as a matter of fact the Adham Young did in fact violate law 9.7(d) of the laws, wasting time. However, the sanction for the same is the award of a penalty kick. A Penalty Kick was awarded and Adham Young retired to the goal line, albeit slowly.

I am persuaded by the submissions of the Player, supported by his Captain who was near to him and to the match official at the time. I specifically find that the Temporary Suspension (Yellow Card) was not warranted for the offence of wasting time. I opine that perhaps a litany of offending within "arms reach" of the defensive goal line may have warranted sending off for persistent offending, however that was absent from the Match Official's Report.

I am further persuaded by the Players submissions, corroborated by his Captain that any words

uttered, were uttered under his breath and were not directed towards the match official, but at himself.

As a result I find that while the Yellow Card may have been warranted for persistent offending, even though it was not billed that way in the Match Officials Report, I cannot find that the Red Card was warranted under the circumstances. As a result the Red Card is dismissed.

## DECISION

Breach admitted

Proven  Not Proven  Other disposal (please state)

## SANCTIONING PROCESS

### ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS

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| Assessment of Intent – R 17.18.1(a)-(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intentional <input type="checkbox"/> Reckless              |
| State Reasons   |
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| Nature of actions – R 17.18.1(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)                    |
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| Existence of provocation – R 17.18.1(d) (or equivalent Tournament rule)             |
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| Whether player retaliated – R 17.18.1(e) (or equivalent Tournament rule)            |
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| Self-defence – R 17.18.1(f) (or equivalent Tournament rule)                         |
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| Effect on victim – R 17.18.1(g) (or equivalent Tournament rule)                     |
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| Effect on match – R 17.18.1(h) (or equivalent Tournament rule)                      |
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| Vulnerability of victim – R 17.18.1(i) (or equivalent Tournament rule)              |
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| Level of participation/premeditation – R 17.18.1(j) (or equivalent Tournament rule) |
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| Conduct completed/attempted – R 17.18.1(k) (or equivalent Tournament rule)          |
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| Other features of player’s conduct – R 17.18.1(l) (or equivalent Tournament rule)   |
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**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"/> | Click Here For #     | <input type="checkbox"/> |                      | <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 |
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**RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS**

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| 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)    |
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| 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) |
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| 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)      |
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Number of weeks /matches deducted: 0

Summary of reason for number of weeks/matches deducted:

The player did not attend the hearing either himself or by agent, as a result the hearing was conducted in his absence. There are no relevant factors for mitigation.

**ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS**

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| Player’s status as an offender of the Laws of the Game – R 17.20.1(a) (or equivalent Tournament rule) |
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| Need for deterrence – R 17.20.1(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)                                    |
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| Any other off-field aggravating factors – R 17.20.1(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)                |
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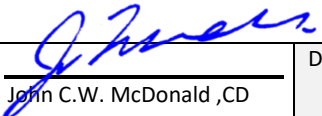
Number of additional weeks/matches: 0

## 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)

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| Total sanction                           | 0 Weeks/Games          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient |
| Sanction commences                       | Click to enter a date. |  |
| Sanction concludes                       | Click to enter a date. |  |
| Matches/tournaments included in sanction |                        |  |

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| Costs | N/A |
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| Signature<br>(DO or Chairman) | <br>John C.W. McDonald ,CD | Date | August 20, 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.