



Decision Date: July 27, 2024
Hearing Date: July 26, 2024

Citation:

IN THE MATTER OF A team citing alleging foul play by the St Albert RFC Coach Mr. Mitch Millett.

REASONS FOR DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINE OFFICER SITTING ALONE

BEFORE:

Clinton Slogrove sitting as sole adjudicator:

- [1] These reasons relate to an allegation of Foul Play made in a Citing Report filed following the July 13, 2024 match between the St. Albert Rugby Football Club (SARFC) and the Calgary Hornets Rugby Football Club (Hornets).
- [2] The citing was issued as a "Team Citing" pursuant to s.17.10.8 of World Rugby Regulation 17.
- [3] I have reviewed the Citing Report together with the various statements from both teams together with photographs of the incident relating to the allegations that Mr. Millett "put hands on" Hornets players.

ISSUES:

- [4] Did Mr. Millett engage in Foul Play by "laying hands on" players from the opposing team, contrary to the World Rugby Laws?
- [5] Did Mr. Millett engage in Foul Play by punching a fan of the opposing team post the conclusion of the match?

EVIDENCE:

- [6] I find no evidence to support the assertion that Mr. Millett did anything more than intervene, in good faith, to break up a scuffle taking place directly in front of him. Nothing Mr. Millet said during the hearing would lead me to doubt his version and no evidence provided by the Hornets expressly identify anything more than "putting hands on" Hornets players.
- [7] I find no evidence to support the assertion that Mr. Millett physically punched any supporters of the opposing team. Even if circumstances existed where I was able to confirm that conduct occurred, that would be outside of my jurisdiction as decision maker.

DISPOSITION:

- [8] The team citing issued by the Hornets on July 15, 2024 is dismissed.

Clinton Slogrove

DO Name