



# SUOMEN RUGBYLIITTO

## FINNISH RUGBY FEDERATION

### DECISION FORM

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	Cosmin-Constantin Cabuz Ropponen		
Player's Club	Jyväskylä Rugby Club		
Match	Jyväskylä Rugby Club vs Oulu Rugby Club		
Competition	Miesten 1 Divisioona		
Date of match	5 July 2025		
Match Venue	Hippos		
Rules to apply	2025 SRL Competition Regulations & World Rugby Regulation 17		
Referee Name	Isuru Perera	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	Law 9.29 - Two Temporary Suspensions (Yellow Cards)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	

PANEL DETAILS			
Hearing date	10 July 2025	Hearing venue	Via Slack
Chairperson/JO	Palemia Field		
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel	Stevan Thorne Stephan Whittaker		
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	1. Referee's Report on the ordering off		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
The Disciplinary Officer received the report from the Match Official:  <i>Same player got 2 YC and converted it to the RC: 2 x Law 9.20 - Dangerous Play in a Ruck or Maul</i>

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF OTHER EVIDENCE (e.g., medical reports)
None received

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE
The Player's club submitted the following: <i>We will not contest this ruling. Link to the game video: <a href="https://youtu.be/NOWdfmxetBY?feature=shared">https://youtu.be/NOWdfmxetBY?feature=shared</a></i>



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### FINDINGS OF FACT

No contest from The Player or his club, red card is upheld.

### DECISION

☒ Proven ☐ Not proven ☐ Other disposal (please state)



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### SANCTIONING PROCESS

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS		
As per Article 1.5 of SRL Competition Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby		
<b>Assessment of Intent</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless		
<b>State Reasons</b>		
A player knows, or should know, that committing foul play that results in a temporary sending off twice in one match will result in a red card.		
In considering the sanction, the Panel is required to apply a sanction for the offence of persistent offending, not for the substantive offences relating to each Temporary Suspension. However, given that neither of the temporary suspensions were for so called "technical offenses", nor were either were a result of mistaken identity or were not clearly Foul Play, the Panel agreed a one week sanction would be sufficient.		
<b>Gravity of player's actions</b>		
Minimal, but both yellow cards were for dangerous play in a ruck or a maul.		
<b>Nature of actions</b>		
Repeatedly committing the same infringement is concerning.		
<b>Existence of provocation</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Whether player retaliated</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Self-defence</b>		
Not applicable		
<b>Effect on victim</b>		
Both players were able to continue		
<b>Effect on match</b>		
Minimal effect		
<b>Vulnerability of victim</b>		
Players in a ruck or a maul are considered vulnerable to foul play given the nature of the game.		
<b>Level of participation/premeditation</b>		
None		
<b>Conduct completed/attempted</b>		
Completed		
<b>Other features of player's conduct</b>		
None.		
<b>Entry point</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end [x] Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-range [x] Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-end [x] 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.





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### Reasons for selecting Entry Point above Top End

n/a

### RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

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Acknowledgement of guilt and timing	Player's disciplinary record/good character
N/A	N/A
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
N/A	N/A
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
N/A	N/A

Number of weeks deducted: 0

### Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

N/A

### ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS

As per Article 1.5 of SRL Competition Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game
N/A
Need for deterrence
N/A
Any other off-field aggravating factors
N/A

Number of additional weeks: 0

### Summary of reason for number of weeks added:

N/A



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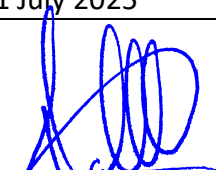
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### SANCTION

**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 – As per Article 1.5 of SRL Competition Regulations and (or equivalent Tournament rule)

<b>Total sanction</b>	(1) week	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
<b>Sanction commences</b>	11 July 2025	
<b>Sanction concludes</b>	18 July 2025	
<b>Matches/tournaments included in sanction</b>	12 July 2025 vs Espoo Rugby Club	

<b>Costs</b>	N/A
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<b>Date</b>	11 July 2025
<b>Signature</b> (JO or Chairman)	

**NOTE:** You have 48 hours from notification of the decision of the chairman/jo to lodge an appeal with the tournament director – SRL Competitions Regulation 1.5.9 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

