



SUOMEN RUGBYLIITTO

FINNISH RUGBY FEDERATION

DECISION FORM

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Name	Tommi Galí Valls		
Player's Club	Old Town Shamrocks Porvoo		
Match	Old Town Shamrocks Porvoo vs Helsinki Warriors Rugby Club		
Competition	Miesten SM-Sarja		
Date of match	12.7.2025		
Match Venue	Hamari, Porvoo		
Rules to apply	2025 SRL Competition Regulations & World Rugby Regulation 17		
Referee Name	Thierry Demoulin	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	Law 9.12 – Physical Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	

PANEL DETAILS			
Hearing date	16 July 2025	Hearing venue	Via Slack
Chairperson/JO	Palemia Field		
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel	George Mossford Stephan Whittaker		
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	1. Referee's Report on the ordering off 2. Assistant Referee's Report on the ordering off		

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/INCIDENT FOOTAGE
<p>The Referee issued a red card in the match to The Player, Tommi Galí Valls. The following was reported:</p> <p><i>58 minutes of the game. 7 m for the sideline and 10 meters from the Warriors half. The score at that time was 20-10 for Warriors.</i></p> <p><i>The ball carrier (Tommi Gali Valls Porvoo 19) getting in contact with the defender Tackler (WRC 10) and started Hand of the tackler in the face and the body, (many times) before going to the floor. At that moment the AR (Matias Solana) flagged me.</i></p> <p><i>He told me, what he's so and it was exactly the same as me but on the ground he's so that the ball carrier swing the elbow straight to the back of the head of the tackler (Physical abuse)</i></p>





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As the sending off was the result of an Assistant Referee's report, further information was provided by him:

At the 58th minute of the game, the number 19 from the OTS Porvoo team (Tommi Galí Valls, referred later as the ball carrier) is running with the ball in open play after a pass. As he reaches the 10m line in the opponents half, about 7m away from the touch line, he gets grabbed by WRC number 10 (referred later as the tackler) with whom he battles, with both players on their feet, before being tackled by the tackler.

During the battling on their feet, the ball carrier repeatedly handed-off the tackler in the face with an open hand to fend him off and, as they were both falling to ground, hit the tackler with the elbow on the back of the tackler's head.

I immediately flagged the incident and called the referee to report what I saw.

The Player's club, as the home team, provided a YouTube link to the match footage which showed the incident.

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

None.

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

The Player accepted both that the incident was Foul Play, and that it was worthy of a red card.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As there was no contest, the reports of the match officials were accepted as the final fact of the matter.

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☒ 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		
Assessment of Intent		
<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional/deliberate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reckless		
State Reasons		
This was a dynamic situation where The Player was off balance. He knew, or should have known, that twisting around with free arms with a tackler making a low tackle has his head in a vulnerable position		
Gravity of player's actions		
Minor to none		
Nature of actions		
Non malicious, but reckless nonetheless		
Existence of provocation		
None		
Whether player retaliated		
N/A		
Self-defence		
N/A		
Effect on victim		
The victim played on		
Effect on match		
None		
Vulnerability of victim		
See above in reasons for intent		
Level of participation/premeditation		
None		
Conduct completed/attempted		
Completed		
Other features of player's conduct		
Immediate apology		
Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end [10+] Weeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mid-range [6] Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-end [4] 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.

Reasons for selecting Entry Point above Top End
The Panel selected the mid-range entry point due to the World Rugby directive regarding foul play involving the head of other players.





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RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

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

Acknowledgement of guilt and timing	Player's disciplinary record/good character
Immediate	The Player received a red card and suspension at the end of the 2024 season
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
N/A	Good
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation
Immediate	Engaged with process

Number of weeks deducted: 3

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

The maximum deduction we are permitted to give on mitigation is 50%. While we acknowledge the early admission of fault and immediate apology given, we are unable to award the full deduction due to The Player's recent disciplinary record.

Therefore we awarded a 40% reduction with rounding in The Player's favour.

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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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)

Total sanction	(3) week	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences	immediately	
Sanction concludes	18 August 2025	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	26.7 vs Kalev 9.8 vs HRC 16.8 vs Tampere	

Costs	N/A
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Date	17 July 2025
Signature (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)

