

## DISCIPLINARY DECISION



Match	Georgia v Japan; Georgia v France; Georgia v Ireland		
Player's Union	Georgia	Competition	U20 Championship
Date of match	12 <sup>th</sup> June; 3 <sup>rd</sup> June; 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Match venue	Perpignan, Beziers and Narbonne, France
Rules to apply	U20 Tournament Disciplinary Programme		

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Mamamtavrishvili	Date of birth	17 <sup>th</sup> October 1998
Forename(s)	Sandro		
Referee Name	Ludovic Cayre; Pablo Deluca and Jamie Nutbrown	Plea	Admitted
Offence	Shoulder Charge, Tip Tackle and Dangerous Tackle	SELECT:	Other Accumulation of Temporary Suspensions
Summary of Sanction	1 week or 1 game in the context of the Tournament on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018		

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Tournament Office,	Perpignan
Chairman/JO	Mike Hamlin (England)		
Other Members of Disciplinary Committee	None		
Appearance Player	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Appearance Union	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Player's Representative(s)	Oto Iashvili	Disciplinary Officer and/or other attendees	Yvonne Nolan – World Rugby (via Skype)
List of documents/materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	DVD clips of the 3 incidents; copies of the 3 yellow card reports from the 3 referees		

### SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CITING/REFEREE'S REPORT/DVD FOOTAGE

The referee's report in the Georgia v Japan match stated, "Tip tackle by the Player, without force and violence and the victim player fell back on the shoulders". The referee's report in the Georgia v France match stated, "No arms tackle". The referee's report in the Georgia v Ireland match stated, "TMO check for foul play against Georgia. We review the footage and see the Player come in with a dangerous high tackle with force, so I issue a yellow card."

The clips of all 3 incidents were reviewed by the Player prior to the hearing and the incident in the Georgia v Ireland match by the Player and Mr Iashvili again at the hearing. The clips accurately reflected

the respective referees' reports. The Player admitted that the yellow cards were correctly given and did not seek to challenge any of them. He apologised for his actions and candidly admitted that his tackling technique was inappropriate and required urgent review as he had committed 3 different types of offences but all involving foul play in carrying out tackles.

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

None

**SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE**

The Player apologised and admitted that he was wrong and he would review his tackling technique as a matter of urgency. He was 19 years of age, had only ever received one yellow card (technical) in his playing career and had represented Georgia at U18 and U20

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. There were 3 acts of foul play all justifying the award of a yellow card.
2. All 3 acts were committed in the act of tackling exhibiting poor concentration and technique.
3. There was clear evidence of persistent offending which resulted in the correct sanction of 3 yellow cards.
4. There were 3 different types of offending relating to tackling, a shoulder charge, a tip tackle and a high tackle.

**DECISION**

Breach admitted	
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**SANCTIONING PROCESS**

**ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS**

Assessment of Intent – R 17.19.2(a)-(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Reckless acts in all 3 cases
State Reasons
Poor technique and an absence of maliciousness or intent.
Gravity of player's actions – R 17.19.2(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Persistent offending justifying the award of 3 yellow cards
Nature of actions – R 17.19.2(d) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
All 3 incidents related to poor technique and were tackling related but of a different nature.

Existence of provocation – R 17.19.2(e) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a
Whether player retaliated – R 17.19.2(f) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a
Self-defence – R 17.19.2(g) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Effect on victim – R 17.19.2(h) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a
Effect on match – R 17.19.2(i) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a
Vulnerability of victim – R 17.19.2(j) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a
Level of participation/premeditation – R 17.19.2(k) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a
Conduct completed/attempted – R 17.19.2(l) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Completed in all 3 cases
Other features of player's conduct – R 17.19.2(m) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
n/a

### ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS CONTINUED

Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Mid-range</u> 2 <u>Weeks</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*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 17.19.2(a), 17.19.2(h), and 17.19.2(i) or the equivalent provisions within the Tournament Rules referred to above.

Reasons for selecting Entry Point
The accumulation of 3 temporary suspensions within the context of the Tournament Regulations requires consideration of a suggested entry point of between 1 and 3 weeks subject to my discretion. All 3 yellow cards were for foul play and were 3 different types of tackling offences. Consideration of the clips and the Player's evidence satisfied me that they were committed as a result of poor technique and over enthusiasm.

### ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game – R 17.19.4(a) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
None
Need for deterrence – R 17.19.4(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
None

Any other off-field aggravating factors – R 17.19.4(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
None

Number of additional weeks:

0

### RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

Acknowledgement of guilt and timing – R 17.19.5(a) (or equivalent Tournament rule)	Player's disciplinary record/good character – R 17.19.5(b) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Immediate and without any prevarication	1 yellow card for a technical offence in his playing career only.
Youth and inexperience of player – R 17.19.5(c) (or equivalent Tournament rule)	Conduct prior to and at hearing – R 17.19.5(d) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Young – 19 years and inexperienced	Respectful and very apologetic.
Remorse and timing of remorse – R 17.19.5(e) (or equivalent Tournament rule)	Other off-field mitigation – R 17.19.5(f) (or equivalent Tournament rule)
Not applicable	None present

Number of weeks deducted:

1

Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:

All relevant mitigating factors present in the context of this case. I was satisfied that the Player was entitled to a reduction of 50 % from my determined entry point.

### SANCTION

**NOTE:** PLAYERS ORDERED OFF ARE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR CASE, SUCH SUSPENSION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SANCTIONING – R 17.14.5(f) (or equivalent Tournament rule)

Total sanction	One week or one game on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 in the context of the Tournament
Sanction commences	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Sanction concludes	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	One Match

Costs	None
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Signature (JO or Chairman)	Mike Hamlin –England	Date	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
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**NOTE:** YOU HAVE 48 HOURS FROM NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION OF THE CHAIRMAN/JO TO LODGE AN APPEAL WITH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – R 17.22.2(a) (or equivalent Tournament rule) (see Page 6)