

DISCIPLINARY DECISION



Match	Wales U20 v Scotland U20		
Player's Union	Wales	Competition	Six Nations U20 2025
Date of Match	March 7 2025	Match venue	Hive Stadium Scotland
Applicable rules	2025 SIX NATIONS DISCIPLINARY AND ANTI-DOPING RULES		

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's Surname	FRANKLIN	Player's Forename(s)	Logan
Player's Date of birth	08/04/2005	Referee's Name	Katsuki FURUSE
Foul play	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted	Red card warranted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	9.20 e A player must not drop their weight onto an opponent or target lower limbs	SELECT: Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If "Other" selected, please specify:	
Summary of sanction	One (1) week		

HEARING DETAILS			
Hearing date	Tuesday 11 March 2025	Hearing venue	Zoom call
Chairman/JO	Brenda HEATHER-LATU (Samoa)		
Other members of Disciplinary Committee	Valeriu TOMA Former Referee (Romania) Martyn WOOD Former International Player (England)		
Appearance Player	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Appearance Player's union	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Player's representative(s)	Andy LLOYD Performance Pathways & Talent Manager Welsh Rugby Union Group	Disciplinary Officer and/or other attendees	Tom PRICE Disciplinary Administrator/Officer Six Nations Rugby Limited Annie QUANTRILL SNRL
List of documents/ materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	Formal Red Card Notice of Hearing Referee Report - Katsuki FURUSE TMO Report - Olly HODGES Players Statement - Noah COWAN Doctors Statement – Dr Neil Howie SRU U20 Team Doctor Players Replies to Standing Directions SNRL Disciplinary Rules for U20 World Rugby Laws of the Game Video Evidence : Broadcast Footage & Clips from TMO Review		



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

The Scottish Player jack ling for the ball was wrapped around his body in the ruck by the Wales No 9 Franklin who then twisted his body and fell on the Scottish Player's lower limbs whilst still holding onto the Scottish player's torso. Another Wales Player No 11 was also coming in to attempt a clear out of the Scottish Player which accentuated the impact of Wales No 9 who continued to hold onto the Scottish Player and when they both fell to the ground he fell heavily on the Scottish Player's lower legs.

The Referee stopped play and after a TMO review considered that the Player's action was late and dangerous and issued a Red Card.

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

The SRU Doctor examined the Scottish Player and confirmed there had been no injury

The Player also confirmed he had not suffered any injury.

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

The Player advised that he was told to join the ruck and did so, but had very little experience in that situation and was still holding onto the Scottish Player when his teammate No 11 came in with some force which led to No 9 twisting the tackled player and then both falling to the ground with Wales No 9 falling heavily on the Scottish Players knee and lower legs.

When he saw the clips and after he was shown the Red Card and left the field, he did not understand what he had done wrong until it was explained to him by the Team coaching staff, and now understands he is not allowed to tackle and twist, and in terms of technique he simply approached the tackle wrongly and held on to the other Player for too long.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Disciplinary Committee finds as a matter of fact that:

1. The Player committed an act of foul play under Laws 20 e insofar as he removed the Scottish Player 14 by wrapping his arms around his torso then twisting him to the ground and falling heavily on his legs.
2. The Red Card was issued by the Match Referee after viewing the video clips of the incident and conferring with the Match TMO;
3. The Player admitted that he committed an act of Foul Play and admits the Red Card was warranted
4. The Player was aged 19 years at the time of the match.

DECISION

Foul play	Admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Not determined <input type="checkbox"/> Other disposal (please state) <input type="checkbox"/>
Red card warranted	Admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Not determined <input type="checkbox"/> Other disposal (please state) <input type="checkbox"/>

SANCTIONING PROCESS

References below are to provisions in the 2025 Disciplinary and Anti-Doping Rules, which form Schedule Four of the 2025 Six Nations Terms of Participation documentation.

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS

Assessment of intent – clause 2.5.89 (a) and (b)	
Intentional <input type="checkbox"/>	Reckless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State reasons	
The Players inexperience and his lack of experience in the ruck/maul situation resulted in his bad technique and failure to recognize the potential risk of holding on to his opponent for too long	
Nature of actions – clause 2.5.89 (c)	
They were instinctive but exposed him to the risk of foul play and injury to the other player	

Existence of provocation – clause 2.5.89 (d)
NIL
Whether Player retaliated – clause 2.5.89 (e)
NO
Self-defence – clause 2.5.89 (f)
NO
Effect on victim – clause 2.5.89 (g)
No injury
Effect on match – clause 2.5.89 (h)
Reduced the Wales team to 14 players after 25 minutes into the First half
Vulnerability of victim – clause 2.5.89 (i)
Was in a vulnerable position given the twisting fall on the lower limbs
Level of participation/premeditation – clause 2.5.89 (j)
Full without understanding of the potential consequences or the nature of the foul play
Conduct completed/attempted – clause 2.5.89 (k)
Completed
Other features of Player’s conduct – clause 2.5.89 (l)
Was inexperienced and unaware of this aspect of foul play given his limited experience and knowledge of rucks and mauls

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS CONTINUED

Entry point					
Top end*	Weeks/matches	Mid-range	Weeks/matches	Lower end	Weeks/matches
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2

*If top end, the JO or Disciplinary Committee must identify, based on his/her/its assessment of the seriousness of the conduct, an entry point between the top end and the maximum sanction and provide the reasons for selecting this entry point, below (see clause 2.5.90).

Reasons for selecting entry point above top end

RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

Acknowledgement of foul play (and timing) – clause 2.5.91(a)	Player’s disciplinary record – clause 2.5.91 (b)
At the first opportunity after receiving the Red card Notice	Clean
Youth and/or inexperience of Player – clause 2.5.91 (c)	Conduct prior to and at hearing – clause 2.5.91 (d)
Only 19 years old and has come through the Welsh Academy system and plays as a scrum half in the No 9 position and therefore has little ruck n Maul experience	Excellent Respectful, honest and responsible
Remorse (and timing if remorse) – clause 2.5.91 (e)	Other off-field mitigation – clause 2.5.91 (f)
Very remorseful and regretful for his actions and towards the other player	

Number of weeks/matches deducted: 1

Summary of reasons for number of weeks/matches deducted:
 The panel was impressed with this young man and thought he took an honest and respectful approach to a disciplinary process that was new and stressful for such a young player.
 The Panel gave him a full 50% discount on the Two week entry point based upon his contrition, the lack of any malice, his explanation of what he was seeking to achieve, and the conclusion by Panel members that the Foul Play was caused by bad technique, inexperience and his young age

RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Player’s status as an offender of the Laws of the Game – clause 2.5.94 (a)
NIL
Need for deterrence – clause 2.5.94 (b)
NIL
Any other off-field aggravating factors – clause 2.5.94 (c)
NIL


Number of additional weeks/matches: N
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SANCTION

NOTE: PLAYERS ORDERED OFF OR CITED ARE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR CASE, SUCH SUSPENSION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SANCTIONING – CLAUSES 2.5.14 AND 2.5.33.

Total sanction	1 Week	Sending off sufficient <input type="checkbox"/>
Sanction commences	Tuesday 12 March 2025	
Sanction concludes	Tuesday 19 March 2025	
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	Wales U20 v England U20 Six Nations U 20 2025	

Costs	NIL
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Signature (JO or Chairman)		Date	Wednesday 12 March 2025
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NOTE: THE PLAYER WILL HAVE UNTIL 4PM (GMT) ON THE THIRD DAY (EXCLUDING WEEKENDS) AFTER RECEIPT OF THE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE DECISION OF THE CHAIRMAN/JO TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL C/O THE DISCIPLINARY OFFICER – CLAUSE 2.6.4. APPEAL TO BE EMAILED TO disciplinary@sixnationsrugby.com.