



DECISION FORM

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Player's Name	Anastasia POPA		
Player's Union	Moldova Rugby Union		
Match	Hungary v Moldova		
Competition	Zagreb 7s Women		
Date of match	12/06/2022		
Match Venue	Zagreb		
Rules to apply	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; or Tournament Disciplinary Program;		
Referee Name	Hannah Kewdal	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not admitted
Offence	9.13 Dangerous tackle	<input type="checkbox"/> Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other If "Other" selected, please specify:	

HEARING DETAILS

Hearing date	12/06/2022	Hearing venue	Tournament's office
Chairperson/JO	Bartosz Marczyński		
Appearance Player	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Appearance Union	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Player's Representative(s)	lia (team's manager) Artiom Gushan	Other attendees	Philippe Tuccelli (RE) Neven Crnobrnja (Cro RU) Kornls Vints (RE)
List of documents / materials provided to Player in advance of hearing	1. Notice of disciplinary hearing 2. Video Clip 3. Citing Commisioner's report 4. Yellow card report		

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

Reckless and dangerous high tackle

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

No medical report but no serious injury suffered by the Hungarian player

SUMMARY OF PLAYER'S EVIDENCE

FINDINGS OF FACT

It was a dangerous high tackle resulting Hungarian player going down to ground immediately. It was reckless and the player could have avoided the contact if she had been more careful. No medical report, no injury suffered by the victim.

DECISION

Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)

SANCTIONING PROCES

ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Assessment of Intent

Intentional/deliberate Reckless

State Reasons

Testimony of the player

Gravity of player's actions

Dangerous action, direct contact with the chin neck. It was reckless and had no negative effect on the victim, but the offended player could have avoided it. High level of force, making a Hungarian player go to ground immediately.

Nature of actions

Existence of provocation

No

Whether player retaliated

No		
Self-defence		
No		
Effect on victim		
None		
Effect on match		
No		
Vulnerability of victim		
No		
Level of participation/premeditation		
No		
Conduct completed/attempted		
Good		
Other features of player's conduct		
Entry point		
<input type="checkbox"/> Top end 10+ Weeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mid-range 6 Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-end 2 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

[Insert]

RELEVANT OFF-FIELD MITIGATING FACTORS

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Acknowledgement of guilt and timing	Player's disciplinary record/good character
Yes, and she expressed sincere remorse	2 yellow cards at the tournament
Youth and inexperience of player	Conduct prior to and at hearing
Yes: 35 years old and 7 years in Rugby. Not many Women's 7s competitions in Moldova and 10 years break in her career.	Good
Remorse and timing of remorse	Other off-field mitigation

Yes after the match to the victim and during the hearing.	She expressed some remorse
Number of weeks deducted: 3	
Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:	
Behaviour of the player / Sincere remorse / No influence on the match nor the victim.	

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT OFF-FIELD AGGRAVATING FACTORS	
As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby	
Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game	
No	
Need for deterrence	
No	
Any other off-field aggravating factors	
No	

Number of additional weeks: 0

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:

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 – RE Discipline Regulations 4.1.4 / 4.4 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

Total sanction	3 weeks = 3 matches in 7's	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences	12/06/2022	
Sanction concludes		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	None	

Costs	0 EUR
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Date	12/06/2022
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<p>Signature (JO or Chairman)</p> 	<p>DELIVERED:</p>  12-06-22
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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 - RE Discipline Regulations 4.6.2 (or equivalent Tournament rule)



NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY HEARING

To be signed by the Union and sent to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu as soon as practicable

Union	Moldova Rugby Union
Player	Anastasia POPA
Jersey Number	3
Competition	7s Trophy Women (Zagreb)
Match between	Hungary v Moldova
Venue	Zagreb
Date of incident	12/06/2022
Time of incident (min)	First half / Minute 2:12
Reason	9.13 Dangerous tackle
Documents attached	1. Citing Commissioner report 2. Video clip 3. Yellow card report

JUDICIAL PANEL

Please be informed that the Disciplinary Panel judging your Disciplinary Case will be composed of:

1. Bartosz Marczyński (Judicial Officer)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEARING

Date	12/06/2022
Time	16H30
Place	Meeting point at the DJ's cabin
Address	Zagreb

Please see below an extract of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations (full text is available on Rugby Europe [website](#)).

4. Hearing Notification

The following procedure for the disciplinary hearings in case of Foul Play shall be applied by the Chairperson of the designated Disciplinary Panel, or where applicable the Judicial Officer, who is entitled to give any directions necessary for the proper conduct of proceedings generally including, but not limited to:

- a) Establish the date, time, set-up and place of the hearing;
- b) Notify the Player and his/her Union of the date, time and place of the hearing;



- c) Advise the Player of the Panel Members' identity, and any other person(s) in attendance where relevant;
- d) Provide the cited Player with all relevant reports and evidence against him/her;
- e) Inform the Player that he/she is entitled to make written submissions in advance of the hearing;
- f) Inform the Player that he/she can be represented by his/her Union and/or a legal advisor;
- g) Remind the Player that he/she cannot play any Match pending resolution of the case.

Shall the cited Player be not available and unable to attend the meeting, he/she must inform the Disciplinary Panel at the earliest opportunity. Where a Player cited fails to attend a hearing, the Disciplinary Panel has the discretion to adjourn the hearing or, where it is satisfied that there are no reasonable grounds for the failure to attend, to proceed to hear the case against the Player cited; or to suspend the Person Charged until such time as he/she appears.

If you wish to submit some elements in writing before the hearing, please feel free to use the "Disciplinary Statement" form. It will be shared with The Disciplinary Panel as soon as practicable.

Please note that this Hearing Notification also serves as Disciplinary Notice and formally marks the beginning of the Disciplinary Case.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Notice of Hearing by signing it and send it to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu as soon as practicable.

SIGNATURES	
<p>For Rugby Europe</p>  <p>Bartosz Marczyński¹ Judicial Officer</p>	<p>For the Union</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Name of the Union's authorized person: ARTIOM GUSHW</p> <p>Signature: </p>

CITING COMMISSIONER REPORT

This report must be completed and sent to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu prior to expiration of the citing period

Union	Moldova			
Player	Anastasia Popa			
Jersey Number	3			
Competition	Women's 7s Trophy Zagreb (Leg 1)			
Match between	Home Union	Hungary	Visiting Union	Moldova
Match Result	Home Union	12	Visiting Union	7
Venue	Stadion NŠC Stjepan Spajić - Zagreb			
Date of incident	12 June 2022			
Time of incident (min)	2:12 First Half			

NATURE OF OFFENCE (PLEASE INDICATE APPROPRIATE OFFENCE)

<input type="checkbox"/> 9.11 Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.19 Dangerous play in a scrum.														
<input type="checkbox"/> 9.12 A player must not physically abuse anyone. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Biting</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Striking with elbow</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Intentional contact with eye(s)</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Striking with shoulder</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Reckless contact with eye(s)</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Striking with head</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Contact with eye area</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Striking with knee</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Punching or striking with hand or arm (including stiff arm tackle)</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Stamping or trampling</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Tripping</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Kicking</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biting	<input type="checkbox"/> Striking with elbow	<input type="checkbox"/> Intentional contact with eye(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Striking with shoulder	<input type="checkbox"/> Reckless contact with eye(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Striking with head	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact with eye area	<input type="checkbox"/> Striking with knee	<input type="checkbox"/> Punching or striking with hand or arm (including stiff arm tackle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stamping or trampling		<input type="checkbox"/> Tripping		<input type="checkbox"/> Kicking	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.20 Dangerous play in a ruck or maul. <input type="checkbox"/> A player must not charge into a ruck or maul <input type="checkbox"/> A player must not make contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders <input type="checkbox"/> A player must not intentionally collapse a ruck or a maul
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<input type="checkbox"/> 9.12 A player must not verbally abuse anyone.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.25 A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball.														
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.13 A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes but is not limited to tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.27 A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship. <input type="checkbox"/> Hair pulling or grabbing <input type="checkbox"/> Spitting at anyone <input type="checkbox"/> Grabbing, twisting or squeezing the genitals (and/or breasts in the case of female players) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)														
<input type="checkbox"/> 9.14 A player must not tackle an opponent who is not in possession of the ball.															

<input type="checkbox"/> 9.15 Except in a scrum, ruck or maul, a player who is not in possession of the ball must not hold, push, charge or obstruct an opponent not in possession of the ball.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.28 A player must not disrespect the authority of a Match Official.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9.16 A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without attempting to grasp that player.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.28 A player must not verbally abuse a Match Official.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9.17 A player must not tackle, charge pull, push or grasp an opponent whose feet are off the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.28 A player must not make physical contact with Match Officials.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9.18 A player must not lift an opponent off the ground and drop or drive that player so that their head and/or upper body make contact with the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.28 A player must not use threatening actions or words towards Match Officials.
	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.28 A player must not physically abuse Match Officials

DETAILED REPORT


Proximity of Official(s) to incident	[10] Meters
Score at that time	Home team: [0] pts Visiting team: [0] pts

Please give a detailed report below (PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY):

The alleged foul play occurred as the Hungarian #9 was carrying the ball in across the front of her posts approximately 8 meters from the Hungarian try line. Moldova #3 was in sight of the ball carrier, in an upright position for the tackle and resulted with her outstretched left arm making contact to the ball carriers chin and neck area resulting in the Hungarian 9 going to ground immediately. The incident was detected by the Referee who stopped play and issued a Yellow Card to Moldova #3. After the Hungarian player was attended to by her medical staff briefly, she continued in the match and play resumed with a penalty to Hungary.

The action of Moldova #3 resulted in direct contact to the head area of the Hungarian player, was reckless & avoidable with a high level of force (as demonstrated by the speed the Hungarian player went to ground). Upon review of the video, I deem that the player had a clear line of sight of the ball carrier, there was no significant changes in height or movement and that the tackler was in an upright position through the tackle.

I believe that the actions of Moldova #3 in using her outstretched arm resulting in a direct contact to the head and neck area of the ball carrier & with a high degree of danger posed a significant risk of serious injury to the Hungarian #9 and that this constitutes a dangerous tackle contrary to Law 9.13.

Date	12 June 2022
Name of the Citing Commissioner	Palemia Field
Signature of the Citing Commissioner	

REFEREE'S REPORT ON A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

To be sent to discipline@rugbyeurope.eu

Player's Union	MOLDOVA			Player's Number	3
Full Name of Player	POPA ANASTASIA				
Venue	ZAGREB		Date of Incident	12.6.22	
Competition	WOMEN'S TROPHY				
Match Result	T1: HUNG.	12 pts	T2: MOL	7	pts
Referee's	CROATIA HUMAN KUDAL				
Assistant Referees	AR1:	CROATIA			
AR2:					

Nature of Offence: (Please indicate appropriate offence)

3.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.7 (c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.10	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.14	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.19	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.24	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.7 (d)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.11	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.20 a <input type="checkbox"/> , b <input type="checkbox"/> , c <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.7 (a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.8	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.12	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.16	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.21	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.26	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.7 (b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.9	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9.17	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.22	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.27	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please give a short description of the Law:						9.18	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.23	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.28	<input type="checkbox"/>

Time of the incident	2	Period of the incident	1 st Half <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / 2 nd Half <input type="checkbox"/> / Extra time <input type="checkbox"/>
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Proximity of Official(s) to incident _____ Meters

Score at that time	T1: HUNGARY pts 0
	T2: MOLDOVA pts 0

Had any cautions been issued to	Individual: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	General: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Was the Player ordered off further to the report of an Assistant Referee? <i>(If yes, a separate form may need to be completed and submitted by the assistant referee)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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PLEASE GIVE A DETAILED REPORT BELOW (PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY)

high tackle
Weak arm direct to the neck

This report must be completed and provided to a designated disciplinary official immediately after the completion of the match.

Note to player: You may challenge this Temporary Suspension within **48 hours (15s) / 12 hours (7s)** of its notification to you by giving notice to the Designated Disciplinary Official and, ordinarily, specifying reasons

Name of the Referee	HUMAN KUDAL	Date	12.6.22
Signature of the Referee			