



## **ANNEX THREE**

**Regulation 17:      Discipline – Foul Play**

***\*Consequential amendments to Regulation 1 and Regulation 2***

***Implementation Date: June 1, 2018***

## WORLD RUGBY SANCTIONS FOR FOUL PLAY (REGULATION 17)

**Note: Any act of foul play which results in contact with the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction**

### 9.11 Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: <del>4 weeks</del> <u>6 weeks</u>	Top-end: <del>8+ weeks</del> <u>10+ weeks</u>	Max: 52 weeks
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### 9.12 A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to:

Biting	Low-end: 12 weeks	Mid-range: 18 weeks	Top-end: 24+ weeks	Max: 208 weeks	
<del>Punching</del>	<del>Low-end: 2 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 4 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 8+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>A punch to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction</del>
<del>Intentional Contact with Eye(s)<sup>1</sup></del>	<del>Low-end: 12 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 18 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 24+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 208 weeks</del>	
<del>Reckless Contact with Eye(s)<sup>2</sup></del>	<del>Low-end: 6 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 12 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 18+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 208 weeks</del>	
<del>Contact with Eye Area<sup>23</sup></del>	<del>Low-end: 4 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 8 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 12+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	
<del>Punching or Striking with hand or arm (including stiff-arm tackle)</del>	<del>Low-end: 2 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 4 weeks 6 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 8+ weeks 10+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction</del>
<del>Striking with the elbow</del>	<del>Low-end: 2 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 6 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 10+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction</del>
<del>Striking with shoulder</del>	<del>Low-end: 2 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 6 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 10+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction</del>
<del>Striking with head</del>	<del>Low-end: 4 weeks 6 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 10 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 16+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 104 weeks</del>	
<del>Striking with knee</del>	<del>Low-end: 4 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 8 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 12+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction</del>
<del>Stamping or Trampling</del>	<del>Low-end: 2 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 6 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 12+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>Stamping/trampling on the head shall result in a top-end entry point sanction</del>
<del>Tripping</del>	<del>Low-end: 2 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 4 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 8+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	
<del>Kicking</del>	<del>Low-end: 4 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 8 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 12+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 52 weeks</del>	<del>Kicking the head shall result in a top-end entry point sanction</del>

### 9.12 A player must not verbally abuse anyone. Verbal abuse includes, but is not limited to, abuse based on: religion, colour, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation.

Low-end: 6 weeks	Mid-range: 12 weeks	Top-end: 18+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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<sup>1</sup> & <sup>2</sup> & <sup>3</sup> The "eye" involves all tissues including the eye lids within and covering the orbital cavity and the "eye area" is anywhere in close proximity to the eye.

**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.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 6 weeks	Top-end: 10+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks	A dangerous tackle which results in a strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction
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**9.14 A player must not tackle an opponent who is not in possession of the ball.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 6 weeks	Top-end: 10+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**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.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 4 weeks	Top-end: 6+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.16 A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without attempting to grasp that player.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 6 weeks	Top-end: 10+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.17 A player must not tackle, charge, pull, push or grasp an opponent whose feet are off the ground.**

Low-end: 4 weeks	Mid-range: 8 weeks	Top-end: 12+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**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.**

Low-end: 6 weeks	Mid-range: 10 weeks	Top-end: 14+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.19 Dangerous play in a scrum.**

**a. The front row of a scrum must not form at a distance from its opponents and rush against them.**

**b. A front-row player must not pull an opponent.**

**c. A front-row player must not intentionally lift an opponent off their feet or force the opponent upwards out of the scrum.**

**d. A front-row player must not intentionally collapse a scrum.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 4 weeks	Top-end: 8+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.20 Dangerous play in a ruck or maul.**

**a. A player must not charge into a ruck or maul. Charging includes any contact made without binding onto another player in the ruck or maul.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 6 weeks	Top-end: 10+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**b. A player must not make contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders.**

**c. A player must not intentionally collapse a ruck or a maul.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 4 weeks	Top-end: 8+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.25 A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball.**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 6 weeks	Top-end: 10+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.26 A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship including but not limited to:**

Hair pulling or grabbing	Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 4 weeks	Top-end: 6+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
Spitting at anyone	Low-end: 4 weeks	Mid-range: 8 weeks	Top-end: 12+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
Grabbing, twisting or squeezing the genitals (and/or breasts in the case of female players)	Low-end: 12 weeks	Mid-range: 18 weeks	Top-end: 24+ weeks	Max: 208 weeks
Other	Low-end: 4 weeks	Mid-range: 8 weeks	Top-end: 12+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks

**9.27 A player must not disrespect the authority of a Match Official**

Low-end: 2 weeks	Mid-range: 4 weeks	Top-end: 6+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.27 A player must not verbally abuse a Match Official. Verbal abuse includes, but is not limited to, abuse based on: religion, colour, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation.**

Low-end: 6 weeks	Mid-range: 12 weeks	Top-end: 18+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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~~9.27 A player must not physically abuse Match Officials.~~

<del>Low-end: 24 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 48 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 96+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: Life</del>
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~~9.27 A player must not use threatening actions or words towards Match Officials.~~

<del>Low-end: 12 weeks</del>	<del>Mid-range: 24 weeks</del>	<del>Top-end: 48+ weeks</del>	<del>Max: 260 weeks</del>
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**9.27 A player must not make incidental physical contact with Match Officials.**

Low-end: 6 weeks	Mid-range: 12 weeks	Top-end: 18+ weeks	Max: 52 weeks
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**9.27 A player must not use threatening actions or words towards Match Officials.**

Low-end: 12 weeks	Mid-range: 24 weeks	Top-end: 48+ weeks	Max: 260 weeks
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**9.27 A player must not physically abuse Match Officials.**

Low-end: 24 weeks	Mid-range: 48 weeks	Top-end: 96+ weeks	Max: Life
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In respect of offences not referred to in Appendix 1 above, appropriate sanctions may be imposed at the discretion of the relevant Judicial Officer, Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Officer and/or Appeal Committee (as the case may be).

Notwithstanding the Sanctions in Appendix 1 and/or the provisions of Regulation 17.19 in cases where the player's actions constitute mid-range or top end offending for any type of offence which had the potential to result and, in fact, did result in serious/gross consequences to the health of the victim, the Judicial Officers and/or Disciplinary Committees may impose any period of suspension including a suspension for life.