

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Game	Player's forename(s)	Cristobal
Player's Union	Chile		
Match	Chile v Romania		
Competition	N/A	Match Date	5 July 2025
Offence	Law 9.11	SELECT: Red card ☐ Citing ☒	
Finding of Committee <i>Foul play determined?</i> <i>Red card upheld?</i>	Foul play denied. Citing up held		
Summary of Sanction	8 week suspension. We have not been told if the player is eligible for the 'coaching intervention programme'. If he is eligible, we approve that course, and the sanction will be reduced to 7 weeks upon successful completion thereof.		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	We have only been provided with the player's schedule for the following 6 matches. He is suspended for all of these matches: 1- OLD MACKS VS OLD JOHNS 12 JULY 2025 (LOCAL SEASON) 2-BRASIL VS CHILE 19 JULY 2025 (INTERNATIONAL) 3- CHILE VS BRASIL 26 JULY 2025 (INTERNATIONAL) 4- OLD JOHNS VS CDA 02 AGOST 2025 (LOCAL SEASON) 5- PWCC VS OLD JOHNS 09 AGOST 2025 (LOCAL SEASON) 6- OLD JONS VS OLD BOYS 23 AGOST 2025 (LOCAL SEASON) Subject to his eligibility for and successful completion of the 'coaching intervention programme' the player is suspended for the next two matches he would otherwise be selected for and would play in. He must provide details of those matches to World Rugby within 24 hours of receipt of this decision. Following the original decision the FPRC was provided with the player's club playing schedule. That corrects the above schedule by the addition of a match on 16 August 2025. Therefore the eight matches subject to successful completion of the 'coaching intervention programme' are as follows: • 12-07-2025 Old Macks vs Old Johns (ARUSA) • 19-07-2025 Brazil vs Chile (International) • 26-07-2025 Chile vs Brazil (International)		

	• 02-08-2025 Old Johns vs CDA (ARUSA) • 09-08-2025 PWCC vs Old Johns (ARUSA) • 16-08-2025 UBB vs Old Johns (ARUCO) • 23-08-2025 Old Johns vs Old Boys (ARUSA) • 30-08-2025 UC vs Old Johns (ARUSA) In respect of 19th and 26th July, the Player is also suspended for his club matches on those dates.
REASONS FOR DECISION	
Evidence and materials considered: 1. Video footage of the incident. 2. Citing commissioner’s report. 3. Yellow card report. 4. Medical evidence in respect of the injured player 5. Player’s written submissions and a supporting document from Ignacia Diaz. Red card upheld: 1. Foul play, contrary to Law 9.11. 2. The red card threshold met: direct contact with the side of the head with sufficient speed and force that the degree of danger was high. We are satisfied that he caused the facial injuries to the ‘victim’ player. Therefore, the entry point is a red card (<i>per</i> Head Contact Process [‘HCP’]) 3. There was no attempt to wrap the ball carrier, so an always illegal action. Mitigation (if there was any) cannot apply so correct outcome is a red card (<i>per</i> HCP). Even if this was not an always illegal action, there is no mitigation so outcome the same: red card. <u>Sanction:</u> 1. The minimum mandated entry point is mid-range. However, this act of foul play caused serious facial injury, and we assessed as meriting a top end entry point. On the material before us, we would not move upwards of the 10-week starting point. 2. He did not admit foul play so cannot have full mitigation. This is his first ‘offence’ so he receives 2 weeks reduction for that good record. 3. There are no aggravating factors. 4. Therefore, the proposed sanction is a suspension of 8 weeks. 5. If he is eligible for coaching intervention programme the FPRC approves that course. Successful completion of that will reduce the suspension by one week	

Foul Play Review Committee Members	Bogdan Zebega (Rom) Martyn Wood (Eng)		
Signature Chair	Christopher Quinlan KC, JPC	Date	6 July 2025 / 14 July 2025