

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Timmins	Player's forename(s)	George
Player's Union	England Rugby		
Match	England U20s v Scotland U20s		
Competition	World Rugby U20s Championship 2025	Match Date	29 June 2025
Offence	Law 9.11 – amended to Law 9.12 (striking with the elbow)	SELECT: Red card ☒ Citing ☐	
Finding of Committee <i>Foul play determined?</i> <i>Red card upheld?</i>	Foul Play determined, red card upheld		
Summary of Sanction	10 weeks/matches reduced to 5 weeks/matches.		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	i. 04.07.25 – v South Africa (JWC); ii. 09.07.25 – v Australia (JWC); iii. 14.07.25 – v TBC (G4) (JWC); iv. 19.07.25 – v TBC (G5) (JWC); v. 06.09.25 – v Glasgow (Bath – pre-season)		
REASONS FOR DECISION			
The correct Law breach is Law 9.12 – striking with the elbow – not 9.11. We assess the entry level at the Top End. We do so because of: The deliberate actions of the Player. Striking the victim player's head (face) with his elbow; The victim player was in a vulnerable and defenceless position on his back; Contrary to the Player's submission we do not see any provocation by the victim player. The victim player's attempts to move the Player were legal. There was no self-defence; The victim player suffered an injury to his face which required stitches which is likely to leave a lifelong facial scar; Therefore, the starting point is 10 weeks. As to mitigation we are prepared to offer the Player the full 50% discount considering his early acceptance of breach, clean disciplinary record, his young age and inexperience and remorse. There are no aggravating features. Accordingly, we offer the Player an indication of sanction of 5 weeks (50% of 10 weeks = 5 weeks). We do not consider the Player a suitable candidate for the coaching intervention programme.			

Foul Play Review Committee Members	Adam Casselden SC (Aus) David Croft (Aus) Donal Courtney (Ire)		
Signature Chair	Adam Casselden SC	Date	30/06/25