

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Uamaki	Player's forename(s)	Sika
Player's Union	New Zealand		
Match	New Zealand U20s v South Africa U20s		
Competition	World Rugby U20s Championship 2025	Match Date	19 July 2025
Offence	Law 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.	SELECT: Red card ☒ Citing ☐ (after FPRO review)	
Finding of Committee <i>Foul play determined?</i> <i>Red card upheld?</i>	The FPRC finds that the player did commit an offence contrary to Law 9.13 which met the red card threshold. The actions of the player resulted in contact with the head of the victim player. It was found that the level of danger was high and that there was no applicable mitigation. Foul Play determined, red card upheld.		
Summary of Sanction	6 weeks/matches reduced to 3 weeks/matches or to 2 weeks subject to successful completion of World Rugby's Coaching Intervention Program ("CIP").		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	24 July 2025 Auckland NPC Preseason vs. Northland 31 July 2025 Auckland NPC vs. Waikato 9 August Auckland B. vs. Northland or Auckland NPC vs. Canterbury (unless the player applies and successfully completes CIP)		
REASONS FOR DECISION			
We assess the entry level as mid-range for the following reasons: - The offending act, amounting to Foul Play, was reckless. The Player knew, or ought to have known, that there was a risk of committing an act of Foul Play; - While it is arguable that the Player's intention to wrap his opponent with his left arm may have been impeded by his teammate, the Player should, in any case, have further lowered his body position, as he was too upright throughout; - There was contact with the victim Player's head, which warrants at least a mid-range entry point. Therefore, the mid-range starting point is 6 weeks.			

As to mitigation we are prepared to offer the Player the full 50% discount considering his acceptance of foul play, yet in his view not warranting a red card, his young age, inexperience and remorse.

There are no aggravating factors. The Player may apply for a CIP.

Accordingly, we offer the Player an indication of sanction of 3 weeks (50% of 6 weeks = 3 weeks), subject to a possible further reduction of 1 week on successful completion of the CIP.

Foul Play Review Committee Members	Philippe Cavalieros Jamie Corsi David Croft		
Signature Chair		Date	20/07/25