

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Vasuturaga	Player's forename(s)	Bulou
Player's Union	Fiji		
Match	Canada v Fiji		
Competition	Rugby World Cup 2025	Match Date	23 August 2025
Offence	Law 9.13 – Dangerous tackling	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	6 matches/weeks, reduced to 3 matches/weeks. Should the player wish to access the coaching intervention sanction mitigation programme and completes it successfully, the final sanction will be one of 2 matches/weeks.		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	Match 1 – Scotland v Fiji 30 August 2025 Match 2 – Wales v Fiji on 6 September 2025 Match 3 - RWC QF (13/14 September) should Fiji make the QFs, otherwise a match to be determined* *Upon successful completion of CISM if applied for.		
REASONS FOR DECISION			
The Player admitted she committed an act of Foul Play in breach of Law 9.13 of the Laws of the Game. The Player also accepted that her Foul Play met the Red Card threshold. Consistent with the Player's admissions we find the Player did effect a dangerous upright tackle on the ball carrier (victim player) in breach of Law 9.13. Her actions were not intentional but nonetheless reckless. Applying the Head Contact Process (HCP) - there was direct contact by the Player's right shoulder to the victim player's head with a high degree of force. Accordingly, there was a high degree of danger pursuant to the HCP with no mitigation. In our opinion the FPRO was correct to upgrade the Yellow Card issued to the Player to a Red Card. We offer the following indication of sanction. The Player made direct contact with the victim player's head. By reason of the mandatory notation to Appendix 1 to World Rugby's Regulation 17 (contact with the head) the entry point commences at Mid-Range.			

We find that the Player's offending is Mid-Range (6 weeks) and no more.

As to mitigation we are prepared to offer the Player the full 50% discount considering her early acceptance of Foul Play, clean disciplinary record and her remorse.

Accordingly, **we offer the Player a sanction of 3 weeks** (50% of 6 weeks = 3 weeks).

There are no aggravating features.

Whilst the Player did not ask for it, we consider the Player is a suitable candidate for the coaching intervention programme.

Foul Play Review Committee Members	Adam Casselden SC (Chair) Jamie Corsi Stefan Terblanche		
Signature Chair	Adam Casselden SC	Date	24 August 2025