FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Doge (the 'Player')	Player's forename(s)	Mesake
Player's Union	Fiji		
Match	Fiji v. Canada		
Competition	Pacific Nations Cup	Match Date	September 14, 2025
Offence	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 x Citing ☐	
Finding of Committee *Foul play determined?* *Red card upheld?*	In determining foul play, the Committee found that the Player's actions were reckless. The Committee found that the Player made direct head contact with the Canada #8, that his actions amounted to a high degree of danger and that no mitigation applied. The Red Card was upheld.		
Summary of Sanction	The committee upheld the red card and imposed the mandatory mid-range sanction for offending which occurs under the Head Contact Process which led to a six match entry point. The Committee did not award full 50% mitigation due to the non-acceptance of foul play, but allowed a reduction of 2 games, resulting in a final sanction of four matches (reduced to three on successful completion of the coaching intervention program).		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	Fiji v. Japan on September 20, 2025 Nadi v. Tailevu on September 27, 2025 Nadi v. Nadroga on October 4, 2025 Nadi v. Suva on October 11, 2025 (if coaching intervention program is not completed by this date)		

REASONS FOR DECISION

HCP Step 1: Has Head Contact Occurred?

a. Yes. The Player's head had made contact with the ball carrier's neck/or head.

HCP Step 2: Was there foul play?

b. Yes. The Player was upright with no bend at the hips. The Player's actions were reckless, by not adjusting his height, he knew or should have known that there was a risk of committing the act of foul play.

HCP Step 3: What was the degree of danger?

c. The degree of danger was high. The Committee considered the following factors:

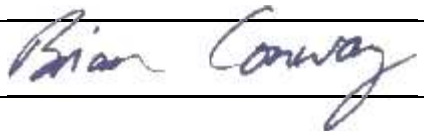
i. direct contact – the Player's head made direct contact with Canada 8's neck/or head;

ii. dynamic – the Committee noted that the Player can be seen rising upwards into contact

HCP Step 4: Is there any mitigation?

d. The Committee found there was no significant change in height nor change in direction by Canada #8 The Player also had a clear line of sight. The Committee did not find any mitigating factors present.

Consequently, having considered all the evidence, the Committee upheld the Red Card.

Foul Play Review Committee Members	Brian Conway (Chair), Juan Pablo Spirandelli, Stefan Terblanche		
Signature Chair		Date	September 15, 2025