

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION


PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Sergio Manoel Silveira	Player's forename(s)	De Luna
Player's Union	Brazil		
Match	Brazil v Namibia		
Competition	Men's Rugby World Cup Aus 2027 Qualifier	Match Date	18 November 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/>	
Finding of Committee <i>Foul play determined?</i> <i>Red card upheld?</i>	Foul play determined. Red Card upheld.		
Summary of Sanction	Three (3) week suspension. Should the Player apply for and successfully complete the Coaching Intervention Programme the suspension may be reduced to (2) weeks.		
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	<p>Translated under Reg 17.21.3 (e) to the following three (3) sevens tournaments</p> <p>Match 1 22 -23 November 2025 - Campeonato Paulista</p> <p>Match 2 29 -30 November 2025 - Campeonato Paulista / Lions</p> <p>Match 3 6-7 December 2025 - BR Sevens</p> <p>The Player will be free to play in <i>Match 3</i> if he applies for and completes the Coaching Intervention Programme.</p>		
REASONS FOR DECISION			
<p>Evidence</p> <p>1. The FPRC received and considered the following material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. video clips of the incident; b. two (2) Match Official Reports from the Referee and TMO; c. medical report, reflecting that the victim player Namibia #9 was removed from play for displaying obvious on-pitch signs of concussion (Criteria 1) under the HIA protocol. d. the Player's submissions. 			

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2. The Red Card threshold was met. The FPRC upheld the Red Card applying the Head Contact Process (2023):
- head contact – Yes. The Player's head made direct contact with the Namibia #9's face and/or head;
 - foul play – Yes. The Player's actions were reckless. He was always upright;
 - degree of danger – High. There was direct head-on-head contact. The Player was dynamic. There was high force as the Player approached at pace without slowing down; and
 - mitigation – None. The Player had clear line of sight. He did not make an attempt to change his height or speed. He did not have control. There was no significant drop or movement from Namibia #9

Sanction

3. The FPRC applied the mandatory mid-range entry point of 6 weeks due to the head contact.
4. Based on the Player's clean disciplinary record the FPRC applied full mitigation 3 weeks (reducing sanction to 3 weeks).
5. In accordance with Reg 17.21.3 (e) - each tournament or Series of Matches played over a weekend shall be considered to equate to one week for the purposes of calculating the suspension of a Player arising from a fifteen-a-side Match, which applies to the following tournaments on the Player's schedule
- 22 -23 November 2025 - Campeonato Paulista
 - 29 -30 November 2025 - Campeonato Paulista / Lions
 - 6-7 December 2025 - BR Sevens
6. The player is eligible for the Coaching Intervention Programme. If the Player applies and completes the programme, the suspension may be reduced to two (2) weeks.

Foul Play Review Committee Members	Valeriu Toma (ROM) Bogdan Zebega (ROM)		
Signature Chair	 Wang Shao-Ing	Date	20 November 2025