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| Match            | USA v Portugal   |             |                            |
| Competition      | Nations Cup 2026   |             |                            |
| Date of match    | Jul 04, 2026   | Match venue | DICK'S Sporting Goods Park |
| Applicable rules | Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook<br>Nations Cup Disciplinary Manual 2026 |             |                            |

| PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE |   |                                 |  |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Player's surname       | Vareiro   | Player's forename(s)            | Manual   |
| Player's Union         | Portugal  | Date of birth                   | 14 January 2005  |
| Referee's name         | Gianluca Gneccchi   |                                 |  |
| Foul Play              | Admitted <input type="checkbox"/><br>Disputed <input type="checkbox"/>  | Red card or<br>Citing warranted | Admitted <input type="checkbox"/><br>Disputed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Offence                | 9.12 - A player must not physically or verbally abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, biting, punching, contact with the eye or eye area, striking with any part of the arm, shoulder, head or knee(s), stamping, trampling, tripping or kicking. |                                 |  |
| Disciplinary           | Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If "Other" selected, please specify:<br>Citing <input type="checkbox"/><br>Other <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                 |  |
| Summary of Sanction    | Three (3) matches which may be reduced to two (2) matches if coaching intervention completed successfully   |                                 |  |

| FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE (FPRC) DETAILS                         |  |                         |                    |
|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| FPRC date   | 6 July 2026  | FPRC type               | On-line conference |
| Chair/JO  | Wang Shao-Ing  |                         |                    |
| Other Members of the FPRC   | Jamie Corsi (former-Wales International)<br>Leon Llyod (former- England International)   |                         |                    |
| Disciplinary Liaison<br><i>(administration support only)</i>      | Joyce Hayes  |                         |                    |
| Player's written submission was provided to FPRC                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/><br>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Player's Representative | NA                 |
| List of documents/materials provided to Player in advance of FPRC | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Referee's Red Card Report</li> <li>2. Foul Play Review Officer (FPRO) form</li> <li>3. Video clips of Incident title - USA_vs_POR_20_21_23_POR_10_TRIPPING_OR_KICKING_RC_Playlist</li> <li>4. USA Injury update provided by Nick Colling, USA Men's 15s Senior Team Manager</li> <li>5. World Rugby Disciplinary Booklet (file titled "Nations Cup Disciplinary Manual 2026")</li> </ol> |                         |                    |

| FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE (FPRC) DECISION  |
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| Summary of decision   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the time of the FPRC meeting, the Player had not provided the template statement or any submissions. The Player's record and playing schedule were provided afterward.</li> <br/> <li>2. After considering the materials, the FPRC amended the applicable foul play law to Law 9.11 - Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others including leading with the elbow or forearm, or jumping into, or over, a tackler.</li> <br/> <li>3. Applying the Head Contact Process (2023), the Red Card threshold was met:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>head contact</u> – Yes. The Player's left boot made direct contact with USA's face;</li> <li>b. <u>foul play</u> – Yes. The Player's actions were reckless. As he turned in the air (after catching the ball) he extended his left leg in an unnatural manner and without regard for USA#11's safety. The contact with USA's face was avoidable.</li> <li>c. <u>degree of danger</u> – High. The Player was dynamic and USA#11 was running directly in the path which the Player extended his left leg into. The result was direct contact of considerable force.</li> <li>d. <u>mitigation</u> – None. The Player has sight of USA#11.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

| Entry point (select entry point and indicate n° of weeks/matches starting point) |  |   |
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| <u>Top end</u> * <input type="checkbox"/>  | <u>Mid-range</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>Low-end</u> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| N° of Weeks/Matches  | N° of Weeks/Matches: 6                               | N° Weeks/Matches                        |

\*If Top End, the JO or Panel should identify, if appropriate, an entry point between the Top End and the maximum sanction and provide the reasons for selecting this entry point, below.

| Mitigating factors (relevant off-field factors the FPRC considered) |   |                                  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Player's disciplinary record <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    | Player's experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Remorse <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other <input type="checkbox"/>                                      | If "Other" selected, please specify:                    |                                  |

Number of weeks/matches deducted 3

| Aggravating factors (relevant off-field factors the FPRC considered)            |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game <input type="checkbox"/> | Need for deterrence <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Other <input type="checkbox"/>  | If "Other" selected, please specify:         |  |


Number of additional weeks/matches 0

| Summary of reason for number of weeks/matches:  |   |                    |           |
|---|---|--------------------|-----------|
| <p>The FPRC applied the mandatory mid-range entry point for head contact. USA#11 sustained a cut to the lip. He continued participation in the match and is available for the next match.</p> <p>The FPRC applied the maximum mitigation of 50%. There were no aggravating factors.</p> |   |                    |           |
| Total sanction  | Three (3) weeks translated to (3) matches subject to coaching intervention. |                    |           |
| Sanction commences  | 4 July 2026   | Sanction concludes | See below |

## FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE DECISION

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| Matches/tournaments included in sanction | <p>Three (3) matches:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Match 1</i>      Canada v Portugal - 11 July 2026</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Match 2</i>      Tonga v Portugal – 18 July 2026</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Match 3</i>      <i>To be confirmed by Player who plays in the PRO D2 competition for Provence Rugby</i></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> |
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**NOTE:** YOU HAVE **4 HOURS** FROM NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION OF THE CHAIRPERSON/JO TO ACCEPT THE FPRC DECISION.

| PLAYER AND FPRC JO/CHAIRPERSON'S CONFORMATION       |   |      |             |
|---|---|------|-------------|
| Player's Signature<br>(Acceptance of FPRC decision) |   | Date |             |
| FPRC Signature<br>(JO or Chairperson)               |  | Date | 6 July 2026 |