

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE DECISION

Match	France v. Australia		
Competition	WXV Global Series		
Date of match	19 Sept. 2026	Match venue	Stade Maurice David, Aix-en-Provence
Applicable rules	Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; WXV Global Series Disciplinary Manual 2026		

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			
Player's surname	Correa	Player's forename(s)	Cloé
Player's Union	FFR	Date of birth	23 Nov. 2003
Referee's name	Holly Wood		
Foul Play	Admitted ☒ Disputed ☐	Red card or Citing warranted	Admitted ☒ Disputed ☐
Offence	Reg. 9.12 - A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to: Contact with Eye Area		
Disciplinary	Red card ☒ If "Other" selected, please specify: Citing ☐ Other ☐		
Summary of Sanction	2 weeks		

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE (FPRC) DETAILS			
FPRC date	21 Sept. 2026	FPRC type	On-line conference
Chair/JO	Philippe Cavalieros		
Other Members of the FPRC	Donal Courtney (Former International Referee) Juan Pablo Spirandelli (Former International Referee)		
Player's written submission was provided to FPRC	Yes ☒ No ☐	Player's Representative	Lionel Rossigneux (team service manager) Edward Reay-Jones (head of legal)
List of documents/materials provided to Player in advance of FPRC	- FPRC Player Submission Form - Several clips of the incident - FPRO Report - Red Card Report signed by the Referee - Amended Red Card Report signed by the Referee - WXV Global Series Disciplinary Manual 2026 - Global Off-Field Sanctioning Process 2026 - Statement by Australia 5 indicating (i) she did not feel any actual contact to her eye during the maul offence, (ii) the marks/swelling to the left eye were present prior to the game commencing, and (iii) that post-match she approached the Player to state no hard feelings and requested a jersey swap, at which time the Player apologised for the incident.		

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Summary of decision

In the 22nd minute of the first half, during a maul close to France's try line, Australia 5 placed her arms around the Player's neck, whereupon the Player made sustained contact with her right hand to the face/eye area of Australia 5.

Upon review of the footage with the TMO, the Player was issued a permanent Red Card.

The Player states that she began the maul in a correct, low body position with her head down and in contact with opponents, but then felt herself being grabbed around the neck and "choked". She describes her subsequent actions as attempts to free herself: first using her left arm, then using her right forearm to push away the player gripping her, during which her hand unintentionally made contact with the opponent's face; she maintains she never saw the Australian player, did not make contact with the eye itself, and that any contact with the eye area was accidental and solely aimed at relieving neck pressure. She emphasises her respect for opponents, her clean disciplinary record, and the mutual post-match apologies and shirt exchange with Australia 5, who accepted it was part of the game and apologised for choking her.

On outcome, the Player accepts there was contact with the "eye area" but, in line with the opponent's statement, asserts there was no direct eye contact. She submits that the appropriate entry point is low-end (four weeks) because the conduct was reckless rather than intentional, occurred while she was acting in self-defence against a neck grab, and had no subsequent effect on the victim or the match beyond the immediate red card, and she contends that mitigation should reflect these circumstances.

Having reviewed the available footage, the FPRC concurs that there was contact with the eye area within the meaning of Law 9.12 and that this warrants a low-end entry point for the reasons set out above, which the FPRC also endorses.

In relation to mitigation, the Player admits having committed an act of foul play, has a clean disciplinary record, expressed remorse and apologised to Australia 5.

Accordingly, the FPRC proposes to apply full mitigation, reducing the sanction from the low-end entry point of 4 matches to 2 matches.

The following fixtures are captured by the sanction:

1. WXV Global Series 2026 - France vs Canada Saturday, 26 September 2026
2. WXV Global Series 2026 – New Zealand vs France Saturday, 17 October 2026

Entry point (select entry point and indicate n° of weeks/matches starting point)

Top end* ☐	Mid-range ☐	Low-end ☒
N° of Weeks/Matches	N° of Weeks/Matches	N° Weeks/Matches 4

*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 ☒	Player's experience ☒	Remorse ☒
Other ☐	If "Other" selected, please specify:	

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Number of weeks/matches deducted

2

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

Number of additional weeks/matches

0

Summary of reason for number of weeks/matches:			
See above			
Total sanction	2 weeks		
Sanction commences	21 September 2026	Sanction concludes	18 October 2026
Matches/tournaments included in sanction	See above.		

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 (Acceptance of FPRC decision)		Date	
FPRC Signature (JO or Chairperson)		Date	21 Sept. 2026