

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	Mwayembe	Player's forename(s)	Ambre
Player's Union	FFR	Date of birth	1 March 2004
Referee's name	Holly Wood		
Foul Play	Admitted ☒ Disputed ☐	Red card or Citing warranted	Admitted ☒ Disputed ☐
Offence	Reg. 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		
Disciplinary	Red card ☒ If "Other" selected, please specify: Citing ☐ Other ☐		
Summary of Sanction	3 weeks reduced to 2 subject to successful completion of World Rugby's Coaching Intervention Programme (CIP)		

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 and TMO - WXV Global Series Disciplinary Manual 2026 - Global Off-Field Sanctioning Process 2026 - Confirmation from Australia that their #3 did not receive any injury as a result of the incident involving France #1 - Statement by Australia confirming Australia 3 did not sustain any injuries as a result of the incident and that the Player apologised to Australia 3 in person and later also sent her a message to apologise.		

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Summary of decision

In the 16th minute of the first half, Australia 3 received the ball within France's 22 and charged forward. As Australia 3 was being held by France 3, the Player made an upright tackle on her, resulting in contact with Australia 3's head.

The incident was referred to the TMO who then upgraded the yellow card to a 20mn Red Card.

The Player explains that she was positioned in the defensive line as a potential supporting tackler, intending to assist her team-mate by challenging for the ball rather than making the primary tackle. When the Australian ball carrier unexpectedly side-stepped towards her, she did not have time to adjust her body position and her shoulder unintentionally made contact with the opponent's head; she emphasises she did not intend to make a high tackle, immediately apologised after the match and has a clean disciplinary record.

On sanction, the Player accepts that, under Regulation 17 and Appendix 1, any red-card head contact must attract at least a mid-range entry point (six weeks), and submits that this case should be treated as mid-range, with full 50% mitigation (prompt admission, apologies, clean record, no adverse effect on the opponent or the match), resulting in a three-week suspension, with no aggravating factors.

Having reviewed the available footage, the FPRC finds that the Player attempted a tackle in an upright position, resulting in shoulder-to-head contact with Australia 3. This constitutes an act of foul play under Law 9.13, as reproduced above. In assessing the appropriate entry point, and consistent with the Player's submission, the FPRC notes that there was head contact which, pursuant to Appendix 1 of Regulation 17, requires at least a mid-range sanction. The FPRC considers a mid-range entry point to be appropriate in the circumstances.

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 3.

Accordingly, the FPRC proposes to apply full mitigation, reducing the sanction from the mid-range entry point of 6 matches to 3 matches.

As requested, the Player is granted leave to apply for CIP. In the event of successful completion of the CIP, the sanction shall be reduced 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
3. WXV Global Series 2026 – New Zealand vs France Saturday, 24 October 2026 (unless CIP is successfully completed)

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 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 ☒	Player's experience ☒	Remorse ☒
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Other ☐	If "Other" selected, please specify:
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Number of weeks/matches deducted

3

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	3 weeks reduced to 2 subject to successful completion of World Rugby's Coaching Intervention Programme (CIP)		
Sanction commences	21 September 2026	Sanction concludes	25 October 2026 or 18 October if successful completion of CIP.
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