



RULES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCDEURES

Part I: DISCIPLINARY RULES

The disciplinary bodies of the 2023 World Military Rugby Championship (CMMR 2023) are vested with disciplinary power over:

- Delegations participating in CMMR 2023.
- Members of the delegations participating in CMMR 2023.

These disciplinary bodies are competent, under the conditions set out in these regulations, to pronounce sanctions for actions contrary to the rules laid down by the CMMR 2023 regulations, issued of the regulations of the French Rugby Federation and World Rugby.

A translator may assist these disciplinary bodies in the execution of their duties.

CHAPTER I: DISCIPLINARY BODIES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1: PROVISIONS COMMON TO DISCIPLINARY BODIES OF FIRST INSTANCE AND APPEAL

ART 1: Identification of first instance disciplinary bodies.

A Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023) comprising:

- Three (3) representatives of the Mixed Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council of the Brittany Regional Rugby League, including its president, members chosen for their legal competence and/or in terms of ethics and professional conduct athletes and/or their knowledge of rugby;
- A representative of the Ministry of the Armed Forces chosen for their legal skills and/or in terms of sports ethics and deontology and/or their knowledge of rugby;
- A representative of the delegations chosen from among the three representatives drawn by lots during the technical meeting, the specific appointment of this representative excluding any conflict of interest for the examination of a case concerning a member of his own delegation or a member of a delegation opposed to its own delegation during a meeting.

ART 2: Identification of disciplinary appeal bodies.

An Appeals Committee (CA CMMR2023) comprising:

- Three (3) representatives of the Appeal Committee of the Regional Rugby League of Brittany, including its chairman, members chosen for their legal competence and/or in terms of sports ethics and deontology and/or their knowledge of rugby;

- A representative of the Ministry of the Armed Forces chosen for their legal skills and/or in terms of sports ethics and deontology and/or their knowledge of rugby.

This committee is competent to hear, as a last resort, decisions rendered by the Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Board (CMDRL CMMR2023).

ART 3: Incompatibilities and conflicts of interest.

3.1 – Incompatibilities

The President of the Organizing Committee of CMMR2023 and of the Regional League of Brittany cannot be simultaneously members of any disciplinary body.

Any disciplinary body is made up of a majority of members who do not belong to the CMMR 2023 Management Committee or the CMMR 2023 Steering Committee.

3.2 – Conflict of interest

Members of disciplinary bodies must inform the president of the body of which they are members if they have a direct or indirect interest in the case. In this case, they cannot sit.

Example:

Representatives of the delegations drawn by lot Nation A - Nation B - Nation C.

Examination of the case of a player from nation A in a match between nations A and C.

Sitting Member: Nation B

During a case, no one can sit on the disciplinary body of appeal if they sat on the disciplinary body of first instance.

ART 4: Term of office

The term of office for members of the disciplinary bodies of CMMR 2023 extends from Wednesday, August 16, 2023 to Monday, September 11, 2023.

In the event of permanent impediment, resignation or exclusion of a member, a new member may be appointed under the same conditions as their predecessor for the remaining term of office.

In the event of permanent impediment, resignation or exclusion of the President, the presidency of the disciplinary body is assumed by the member who has been appointed as a substitute.

ART 5: Independence and obligation of confidentiality

The members of the disciplinary bodies decide independently and cannot receive instructions.

The members of the disciplinary bodies and the secretaries of the meeting are bound by an obligation of confidentiality for the facts, acts and information of which they become aware by virtue of their functions.

ART 6: Meeting of disciplinary bodies.

Disciplinary bodies of first instance and appeal meeting when convened by their president or, where applicable, their vice-president.

They can only deliberate only when at least three of its members are present.

In the absence of the President, the meeting is chaired by their Vice-President, or failing that, by the oldest member among the members present.

In the event of a tie vote, the President of the meeting has the casting vote.

The President of the meeting of the disciplinary body appoints either a member of the latter or another person to act as meeting Secretary.

ART 7 – Access to the debates

All debates of the disciplinary bodies will take place by videoconference considering the tight scheduling of the competition, they cannot be public.

Only the person concerned, the person or persons who assist or represent him and a translator if necessary, are invited to attend the meeting of the disciplinary bodies.

ART 8 – Dematerialized meetings

The deliberations are in principle conducted via videoconferencing, provided that means guaranteeing the effective participation of each person in the debates and the adversarial nature of the procedure are in place. Where appropriate, the deliberations are held under the same conditions provided that their confidentiality is guaranteed.

ART 9 – Methods of transmission of documents and procedural acts

Given the organizational conditions of CMMR 2023, the documents and procedural acts are sent by e-mail to the person prosecuted and to the head of delegation. A copy will be delivered by hand against discharge to the head of the delegation.

The use of e-mail must guarantee the reliability of the identification of the parties to the electronic communication, the integrity of the documents sent as well as the security and confidentiality of the exchanges between all the persons participating in the disciplinary procedure. It must also make it possible to establish with certainty the date and time of the transmission of the documents as well as those of their receipt by the recipient.

Section 2: COMMON PROVISIONS JOINT DISCIPLINE COUNCIL AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

ART 10 – Area of intervention

The **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** is competent to hear in the first instance, cases of a disciplinary nature, on the one hand, and administrative or sporting nature, on the other hand, falling under CMMR 2023.

The **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** is competent to hear any dispute of a sporting nature arising during the organization of CMMR 2023 meetings, such as a complaint or contestation of a withdrawal.

ART 11 – Methods of referral

The **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** will meet automatically at the end of each day of competition, leaving a period of 48 hours for the investigation of disciplinary cases, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, August 22nd 2023 for Day 1 of group matches.
- Saturday, August 26th 2023 for Day 2 of group matches.
- Wednesday, August 30th 2023 for Day 3 of group matches.
- Monday, September 4th 2023 for the Challenge ½ finals.
- Tuesday, September 5th 2023 for the Trophy ½ finals.
- Wednesday 2023, September 6th 2023 for the Championship ½ finals.

The **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** is convened ex officio following:

- Any complaint that has not been automatically rejected by its President;
- Any other request, at the initiative of the most diligent party to the dispute of an administrative nature, within 2 clear days of the act or decision to be contested;
- Any other request, at the initiative of the most diligent party to the dispute of a sporting nature, within 2 clear days of approval of the result of the match or the classification of the competition phase;
- Any act of foul play not sanctioned (red card) during the match by the referee but identified and notified by the federal representative in an additional report.
- Any request from the President of the organizing committee.

The act of referral mentions the name and e-mail address of its author and, where applicable, of the person on whose behalf it is introduced. On pain of inadmissibility, it contains the statement of facts, pleas and conclusions, and if it is from a delegation, it comes from the head of delegation.

The President of the CMDRL CMMR 2023, or any member he has delegated for this purpose, rejects referrals that are manifestly inadmissible or unfounded.

ART 12 – Recording of offenses

Yellow card(s): used by the referee, during the match, to signal to a player that he has committed an offense justifying his temporary exclusion. This foul leads to an entry in the disciplinary file of the person concerned from the date on which this meeting took place. The accumulation of two yellow cards during the same game, or three yellow cards during the competition leads, for the player concerned, to the application of an automatic sporting measure (see appendix 2).

Yellow card followed by a direct red card (same player, same match): the yellow card which led to the temporary exclusion of the player or manager concerned is not recorded in his file and is not counted in the number of yellow cards resulting in automatic sporting measure.

Red card: used by the referee, during the match, to signal to a player or member of the technical staff that they have committed a sufficiently serious foul to justify their definitive exclusion. This foul leads to an entry in the disciplinary file of the person concerned from the date on which this meeting took place.

ART 13 – Preparation and investigation of files

As necessary, any file is the subject of an update, which consists of collecting by any means the elements of the procedure and/or requesting factual clarifications about those already in the file. Any disciplinary body may, within the framework of the examination of a case referred to it, decide to initiate an additional investigation, the implementation of which it entrusts to authorised persons.

The persons in charge of the investigation exercise their mission with complete impartiality and objectivity and can:

- Speak to any person whose input is deemed useful;
- Ask any person for information necessary for the smooth running of the procedure.

ART 14 – Precautionary measures

When the circumstances justify it, in particular with regard to the seriousness of the facts, the President of the disciplinary panel may pronounce against the person prosecuted, at any time of the procedure and by reasoned decision, a precautionary measure pending notification of the decision of the disciplinary body.

In addition, any report from the referee or an official representative targeting a participant in a meeting equates to a provisional ban on him or her from participating in the CMMR2023 meetings until the notified date of the disciplinary hearing.

Any card resulting in an automatic sporting measure is worth a provisional ban on participating in CMMR2023 meetings until notification, by email, of the said measure.

ART 15 – Notice

The person prosecuted is summoned before the disciplinary panel by sending a document setting out the grievances upheld, under the conditions provided for in ART 9 of these regulations, at least one clear day before the date of the session.

When the procedure is initiated against a delegation, its head of delegation is summoned under the same conditions.

The person prosecuted and, where applicable, their adviser or lawyer may consult the report and the entire file before the hearing by requesting its transmission in accordance with the procedures provided for in Article 9 of these regulations.

They may request that the persons of their choice be heard, whose names they will communicate at least twenty-four hours before the meeting. The chairman may refuse, by reasoned decision, manifestly abusive hearing requests.

During the hearing, the person prosecuted may be accompanied by any person or be represented by their counsel or by their lawyer.

If they does not speak or understand the French language well enough, they can ask to be assisted by an interpreter of their choice.

In order to carry out any step referred to in this article; any counsel for the person prosecuted must be able to provide, on first request, a written mandate, dated and signed by the latter.

ART 16 – Postponement of the case

Given the circumstances relating to the smooth running of the competition, and except in cases of force majeure, the postponement of the case cannot be requested.

ART 17 – Conduct of the hearing

The President of the meeting or the person he designates explains the facts and the course of the procedure.

Any person whose hearing seems useful may be heard.

The person prosecuted and, where applicable, the person or persons assisting or representing them are invited to speak last.

ART 18 – Evidence of the offense

The facts likely to lead to the pronouncement of a disciplinary sanction are materialized by any element brought to the attention of the disciplinary body and which the latter deems useful to take into consideration in the examination of the case, in particular a match, a referee's report, a report from the federal representative, a report from the safety delegate, a testimony, a video recording.

ART 19 – Process for determining the sanction with regard to an individual person

When the disciplinary panel considers that the facts submitted for its examination constitute an offence, it determines the appropriate sanction according to the process defined below.

19.1 – Assessment of the seriousness of the offense

This assessment is based on the following:

- The intentional or deliberate nature of the act;
- The reckless or negligent nature of the act;
- The nature of the offense and the manner in which it was committed, including the part of the body used;
- The existence of a provocation on the part of the victim of the act;
- The perpetrator acted in retaliation and, if applicable, the time when he acted;
- The perpetrator acted to defend himself and, where applicable, the nature and intensity of his gesture with regard to the gesture suffered;
- The possible consequences of the act on the physical integrity of the victim;
- The possible impact of the act on the course of the match;
- The vulnerability of the victim at the time of the act, in particular with regard to his position, his ability to defend himself in such a position and the part of the body affected;
- The degree of premeditation of the act;
- The degree of accomplishment of the act;
- Any other factor relating to the conduct of the person concerned, directly related to the offense committed and which the commission deems relevant to take into account.

19.2 – Identification of the entry point of the sanction

The starting point of the quantum of the sanction is called the “entry point”. After having assessed the seriousness of the alleged acts, the Disciplinary Council classifies the offense at the lower (LD), middle (MD)

or higher (HD) level of the gravity scale, which allows it to identify the point of entry applicable in view of the disciplinary scale.

19.3 – Identification of possible aggravating factors

After having identified the entry point of the sanction, the disciplinary panel notes any aggravating factor external to the progress of the match that it deems relevant then it determines, if necessary, the additional period of suspension that it considers should be added to the applicable entry point.

Aggravating factors:

- The disciplinary record of the author of the act, in particular if the latter is in a state of recidivism;
- The need for deterrence to fight against a specific type of offense if the teams have been informed of the existence of this need;
- Any other external factor that the committee deems relevant to take into account, including misconduct before or during the hearing.

19.4 – Identification of possible mitigating factors

After having identified any aggravating factors, the committee notes any mitigating factor external to the match in order to determine the period of suspension that it considers should be deducted from the quantum.

Mitigating factors:

- The acknowledgment by the person concerned of their guilt and, if applicable, the moment when this guilt was recognized;
- The blank disciplinary record of the person concerned;
- The youth and inexperience of the person concerned;
- The conduct of the person concerned before and during the hearing;
- The expression of remorse and, if applicable, the moment when this remorse was expressed;
- Any other external factor that the committee deems relevant to take into consideration.

ART 20 – Deliberation and decision of the disciplinary body

The disciplinary body deliberates behind closed doors, without the presence of the person prosecuted, of the persons assisting or representing him, of the outside persons heard at the hearing, of the person in charge of the investigation and of the prosecuting authorities.

The disciplinary body takes a reasoned decision, signed by the President and the Secretary of the meeting.

The decision is taken according to the scale of sanctions provided for in the CMMR 2023 regulations and any aggravating and/or mitigating factors outside the course of the meeting in question, if applicable.

The decision is notified to the person prosecuted in accordance with the procedures provided for in Article 9 of these regulations.

The notification mentions the means and deadlines for appeal.

ART 21 – Extension of international disciplinary decisions

The principle of universality of sanctions is a fundamental principle of rugby, the organisation of which is governed by World Rugby and the implementation of which is the responsibility of the national federations which are members of World Rugby.

The French Rugby Federation, as a member of World Rugby, ensures compliance with this principle on its territory.

Despite the unofficial nature of the CMMR 2023 fixtures, the commission reserves the right to ask the FFR to inform the national federation of a person who has been sanctioned particularly seriously for an offense on the higher level of the scale of gravity.

Section 3: PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE 2023 CMMR APPEAL BOARD

ART 22 - Area of intervention

The **Appeals Committee (CA CMMR2023)** rules in the last resort in the event of appeals lodged in accordance with Article 23 of these rules against the decisions of the **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Board (CMDRL CMMR2023)**.

ART 23 – Methods of referral

May seize the Appeal Board of a decision directly and individually adversely affecting him:

- Any natural person or :
 - His counsel (duly mandated for this purpose) or his lawyer;
 - The head of his delegation;
- Any delegation through its head of delegation.

May also appeal to the Appeals Commission:

- The president of the CMMR 2023 Organizing Committee.

The act of referral to the Appeals Committee mentions the name and e-mail address of its author and, where applicable, of the person on whose behalf the appeal is presented. On pain of inadmissibility, it contains the statement of facts, pleas and conclusions and must be accompanied by a copy of the contested decision.

ART 24 - Time limits and forms of appeal

24.1 – General provisions

The decision of the **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** may be appealed within two clear days from the date on which it is notified, according to the procedures provided for in Article 9 of this settlement, a period which runs from the day after notification of this decision.

This time limit is prescribed on pain of inadmissibility.

The exercise of the right of appeal cannot be subject to the payment of a sum of money.

The appeal is not suspensive, except for a reasoned decision of the disciplinary body of first instance taken at the same time as it is ruled on the merits. When the decision refuses to grant conclusions tending to confer a suspensive nature on an appeal, the Appeal Commission, seized of an appeal involving the contestation of this refusal, may rule on the latter by a reasoned decision before examine the merits of the case.

When the appeal comes from the president of the CO CMMR 2023, the Appeal Commission informs the person prosecuted according to the procedures provided for in Article 9.

ART 25 – Conduct of the appeal procedure

The President rejects manifestly inadmissible or unfounded appeals.

The appeal panel decides on the basis of the trial file and the appeal submissions, in compliance with the adversarial principle.

It rules in the last resort.

The President or the person designated draws up a report setting out the facts and recalling the conditions for the conduct of the procedure. This report is presented orally during the meeting.

ART 26 – Miscellaneous provisions

The Appeal Commission must make a decision within two clear days of being referred to it.

When the Appeal Commission has been seized only by the person concerned, or by his delegation, the sanction pronounced by the disciplinary body of first instance cannot be increased.

CHAPTER II: DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

ART 27 – Applicable penalties:

The applicable sanctions are in particular:

- 1) A warning;
- 2) A reprimand;
- 3) A loss of one or more sports matches;
- 4) A point penalty;
- 5) A downgrade;
- 6) A suspension consisting, depending on the alleged offense and the status of the person concerned, of:
 - A temporary ban on participating in CMMR 2023 sporting events;
 - A temporary ban on participating, directly or indirectly, in the organization and running of CMMR 2023 competitions and events;
 - A temporary ban on the exercise of function(s), which may in particular prevent access to the field and/or referees' locker rooms and/or team locker rooms and, where applicable, to the corridors giving access to these areas;
- 7) Deregistration consisting, depending on the alleged offense and the status of the person concerned, of:
 - A permanent ban on participating in CMMR 2023 sporting events;
 - A permanent ban on participating, directly or indirectly, in the organization and running of CMMR 2023 competitions and events;
 - A permanent ban on the exercise of function(s), which may in particular prevent access to the field and/or referees' locker rooms and/or team locker rooms and, where applicable, to the corridors giving access to these areas.

One or more sanctions may be chosen from among the sanctions listed above or mentioned in Appendix 1 of these rules; respecting proportionality. They are established in consideration of the seriousness of the facts and the behaviour of the author.

Sanctions resulting from the violation of sporting regulations are automatic in the cases exhaustively set out in Appendix 2 of these regulations, provided that the disciplinary body can, in the light of the observations made by the person prosecuted, rule on the reality and the effective accountability of the facts which are reproached and take into account the circumstances specific to each case.

ART 28 – Remedies and publication

The notification of the decision must specify the means and time limits for appeal available to the person concerned.

Sanctions will be disseminated anonymously by email to all heads of delegation unless the disciplinary body, by reasoned decision, decides to order nominative dissemination or if the person who has been of a release decision requires that it be nominative.

ART 29 – Application of penalties

The decision of the disciplinary body fixes the date of requalification of the sanctioned person.

Concerning the sanctions of suspension, they are applied under the conditions set out below.

Definition of the period of suspension.

Suspension sanctions are expressed in number of matches.

Determination of effective and expiry dates

The **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** sets the date of entry into force of the suspension sanctions and their methods of execution in accordance with the following principles:

- a) When the disciplinary procedure has been initiated following a report from a match official, which constitutes a precautionary measure, the sanction comes into force from the day after the day of the match during which the offense was committed.
- b) In other cases, and except for a precautionary measure pronounced by the president of the disciplinary body in application of the provisions of these regulations, the penalty of suspension comes into force from the date of notification of the decision.

In the event of a combination of offences, i.e. separate offenses committed by the same person and judged in the same instance, the periods of suspension will be cumulative, within the limit of the highest maximum penalty incurred.

ART 30 – Recidivism

Is in a state of recidivism, the person or delegation which, falling under the blow of any sanction, has already been the subject during the CMMR 2023 of a previous sanction, which has become definitive.

This element and more generally the disciplinary record of the person constitute aggravating factors which can be retained for the determination of the sanction.

ART 31 – Suspended sanctions

Sanctions other than warning, reprimand and expulsion may be accompanied by all or part of a suspended sentence.

Any new offense punished during this period entails the application of the sanction.

ANNEX 1:**ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES**

This appendix sets out the additional disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed on delegations.

- 1) Participation in competitions: NOT APPLICABLE
- 2) Safety and emergency measures / Sports enclosures:
 - Financial compensation for damage to sports facilities
- 3) Organization of meetings: NOT APPLICABLE
- 4) Financial breakdown: NOT APPLICABLE

APPENDIX 2:**AUTOMATIC SPORTING MEASURES**

Certain decisions taken by the referees during the matches have automatic sporting consequences for the CMMR 2023. These are the following decisions, which lead to a suspension for the following day of competition (or the following 2 days of competition in the event of recurrence):

- Red card for indiscipline (challenging decisions taken by match officials, offenses against the spirit of the game, restlessness, non-respect of the area assigned to him);
- Second yellow card during the same match for the person listed on the match sheet;
- Third yellow card for the same person in different matches during CMMR 2023.

The person concerned by an automatic sporting measure may challenge it before the **Joint Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Council (CMDRL CMMR2023)** at the latest within 48 hours of the end of the meeting in question, according to the procedures provided for in Article 9. of this regulation. On pain of inadmissibility, this request must imperatively be accompanied by one or more elements likely to demonstrate that the facts are not constituted or attributable to the person concerned. Thus formed, this referral suspends the automatic nature of the sporting measure and the disciplinary body rules in accordance with the procedures provided for in the regulations.

THE DISCIPLINARY SCALES

TABLE OF SPORTING INFRACTIONS AND SANCTIONS

OFFENSES	Sanction maximum incurred	Severity scale : Lower degree (LD) Medium degree (MD) Higher degree (HD)
Removal = a player subject to Removal can no longer participate in CMMR2023. They cannot be replaced in the staff of their delegation.		
For any act constituting an offense referred to below which could have caused or has caused serious consequences for the health of the victim, the penalty incurred may go as far as Removal, notwithstanding the penalties indicated below.		
1 – ACTIONS AGAINST A MATCH OFFICIAL (referee(s), linesman(s), delegate(s), federal representative...) :		
Non-protection of a match official	26 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 3 games HD : Removal
Misconduct vis-à-vis a match official	26 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Disrespecting the authority of a match official	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Verbal aggression against a match official (includes, but is not limited to, any verbal aggression based on religion, gender, nationality, ethnic origin and sexual orientation)	52 weeks	Removal
Threatening act(s) or word(s) towards a match official	260 weeks	Removal
Physical contact with a match official in the course of play	52 weeks	Removal
Physical assault on a match official (hit(s) or attempted hit(s), deliberate pushing, throwing(s) of object(s), spitting, etc.)	Radiation	Removal

2 – DANGEROUS PLAY : N.B.: for any act of foul play causing contact to the head and/or neck, with the exception of those marked with an asterisk, the entry point retained corresponds at least to the average degree of the scale of seriousness.		
Tackle an opponent early, late or in a dangerous manner (tackle dangerously includes, among other things, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders, even if the tackle started below the line shoulders)	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Tackling an opponent who is not in possession of the ball	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Lifting an opponent off the ground and dropping or pushing them to the ground, such that their head and/or upper body hits the ground	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Tackling, charging, pulling, pushing or grabbing an opponent whose feet are off the ground	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Charging or obstructing a player who has just kicked the ball	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Dangerous play in a scrum: I. First line forming at a distance from the opposing first line and charging on it. II. Front row player shooting at an opponent. III. Front row player intentionally lifting an opponent off the ground or forcing them out of the scrum with an upward motion. IV. Front row player intentionally collapsing a scrum.	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Dangerous play in a ruck or maul: I. Player charging into a ruck or maul (a charging includes any contact made without linking to another player in the ruck or maul). II. Player making contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders. III. Player intentionally collapsing a ruck or maul.	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal

3 – BRUTALITY : N.B.: for any act of foul play causing contact to the head and/or neck, with the exception of those marked with an asterisk, the entry point retained corresponds at least to the average degree of the scale of seriousness.		
Tripping	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Punching or hitting with the hand or arm (including a “clothesline” tackle)	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Hit with the elbow	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Hit with the shoulder	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Kick	52 weeks	Removal
Hit with the knee	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Hit with the head	104 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Stepping or trampling on someone	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Contact with the ocular zone (the ocular zone includes everything in the immediate vicinity of the eye) *	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Careless contact with the eye or eyes (the eye includes all tissues including the eyelids and the elements covering the orbital cavity)	208 weeks	LD : 3 games MD : 5 games HD : Removal

Intentional contact with the eye or eyes (the eye includes all tissues including the eyelids and the elements covering the orbital cavity)	208 weeks	Removal
Biting	208 weeks	Removal
Grasping, twisting or squeezing the genitals	208 weeks	Removal
Spit on someone	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Pulling or grabbing hair	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Any other act of brutality contrary to sportsmanship	52 weeks	LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal

4 – VERBAL INFRACTIONS AND PROVOCATIONS : on a person other than a match official

Insult(s), insult(s)		LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Verbal aggression (includes, but is not limited to, any verbal aggression based on religion, colour, nationality, ethnicity, and sexual orientation)		Removal
Provocative and/or insulting gesture(s)		LD : 2 games MD : 4 games HD : Removal
Wrongdoing(s) and/or Wrongdoing(s) of a Registrant on the score sheet outside the playing enclosure.		Removal

5 – NON RESPECT OF FUNCTIONAL OBLIGATIONS :

Breach(es) of Captain's duties		LD : 3 games MD : Removal HD : Removal
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6 – VARIOUS FRAUDS :		
Participation or attempted irregular participation of a player in a match (under a false identity, under the influence of a suspension...).	Radiation of the player(s) found responsible	Removal
	Removal of the association recognized as responsible and/or financial sanction of an amount of €30,000	Team Removal

7 – ATTACKS ON THE SUPERIOR INTERESTS OF RUGBY :		
Any breach of honour or probity, any violent conduct or making abusive or defamatory remarks by a member of a delegation, with regard to another, leader or not, any failure to respect the duty of confidentiality , as well as any deliberate violation of federal regulations or behaviour likely to harm the image, reputation or interests of rugby or the armies, any violation of sports ethics and deontology.	Radiation of the player(s) found responsible	Removal
	Removal of the association recognized as responsible and/or financial sanction of an amount of €30,000	Team Removal

EXCLUSIONS :

A red card automatically leads to the opening of disciplinary proceedings against the player or manager concerned as well as his suspension as a precautionary measure until the date of notification of the decision of the disciplinary body in his regard (except red card for indiscipline or accumulation of two or three yellow cards).

Any player playing on the playing area, definitively excluded (red card), cannot be substituted, the team of the sanctioned player, will play until the end of the match with a correspondingly reduced squad.

Any person registered on the match sheet who has been definitively excluded must leave the playing enclosure without delay and cannot under any circumstances be replaced on the bench. From then on, the referee will ask the captain of the offending team to remove one of his partners from the playing area (except a front row player), until the end of the match. The player thus designated may take his place on his team's bench. If the captain of the offending team chooses to remove a player from the scrum (other than a front row player) the scrums will take place in numerical balance for the entire necessary duration (except if a simulated scrum).

Heads of delegation are responsible for accounting for yellow and red cards issued to members (players or managers) of their delegation. They must thus manage a priori the suspension of their players and coaches under penalty of sanctions aimed at qualifications.