



JUDICIAL UPDATE

Wednesday 18 March

SUPER RUGBY PACIFIC JUDICIAL UPDATE: ROUND 5

AUGUSTINE PULU SUSPENDED FOR THREE WEEKS

The Super Rugby Pacific Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) has found Moana Pasifika player Augustine Pulu guilty of a dangerous tackle in contravention of Law 9.13.

The dangerous play, for which Pulu received a red card, occurred in the 17th minute of the match between the Blues and Moana Pasifika at Eden Park on 15 March 2026.

The FPRC determined that the mid-range entry point of six weeks/matches was appropriate for the incident in which Pulu, making a tackle, made direct contact with his swinging arm against an opponent's head, with no mitigation.

In light of the player's acceptance that he committed an act of foul play, as well as mitigating factors such as his prior disciplinary record and remorse, the FPRC applied the full 50 per cent reduction in sanction.

*Pulu was also given permission to apply to take part in World Rugby's Coaching Intervention Programme as a substitute for the final match of the sanction.

Pulu has been suspended from all forms of the game for three weeks, which will apply to the following Super Rugby Pacific matches:

- Moana Pasifika v Crusaders, Saturday, 21 March 2026
- Moana Pasifika v Highlanders, Friday, 27 March 2026
- Moana Pasifika v Chiefs, Saturday, 11 April 2026 *

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