



**8 March 2021**

## **FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE**

**Foul Play Review Committee:** Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Mike Mika and Stefan Terblanche

**Player:** Andrew Ready

**Team:** Force

**Position:** Hooker

**Date of Incident:** 5 March 2021

**Nature of Offence:** Law 9.12: A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to: Punching or striking with hand or arm (including stiff-arm tackle)

**Elapsed time in match when offence occurred:** 64th minute

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Andrew Ready suspended for 3 weeks**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Andrew Ready of the Force for contravening Law 9.12: Striking, after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby AU Match at the Weekend.

Ready has been suspended from all forms of the game for 3 weeks, up to and including 26 March 2021.

The incident occurred in the 64th minute of the match between the Waratahs and Force played at Bankwest Stadium in Sydney on 5 March 2021.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and Mike Mika assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Adam Casselden SC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including from the player and submissions from his legal representative, Michael Tudori, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card under Law 9.12"

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul

play merited a mid-range entry point of 6 weeks due to the World Rugby instructions that dictate any incident of foul play involving contact with the head must start at a mid-range level. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's clean judicial record and pleading guilty at his first available opportunity the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 3 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended from all forms of the game up to and including 26 March 2021. This includes the following fixtures:

- Round 4 Western Force v Melbourne Rebels 12 March 2021
- Round 5 Reds vs Western Force 20 March 2021
- Round 6 Brumbies vs Western Force 26 March 2021."

All SANZAAR disciplinary matters are in the first instance referred to the Foul Play Review Committee to provide the option of expediting the judicial process.

For a matter to be dispensed with at this hearing, the person appearing must plead guilty and accept the penalty offered by the Foul Play Review Committee.

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