



**8 March 2020**

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

**FPRC Hearing Details (date, time and venue):** Sunday 8 March 2020, 12pm(SA), 9pm(AU), 11pm(NZ) via video-conference

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

**Player:** Tyrel Lomax

**Team:** Hurricanes

**Position:** Prop

**Date of Incident:** 7 March 2020

**Nature of Offence:** 9.16 A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without attempting to grasp that player.

**Elapsed time in match when offence occurred:** 46:04

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Tyrel Lomax suspended for 3 weeks**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Tyrel Lomax of the Hurricanes for contravening Law 9.16, after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Lomax has been suspended from all forms of the game for 3 weeks, up to and including Friday 27 March 2020.

The incident occurred in the 46th minute of the match between the Hurricanes v Blues at Sky Stadium in Wellington on 7 March 2020

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Eroni Clarke and Stefan Terblanche 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, Aaron Lloyd, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card under Law 9.16."

"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 the fact the Player has pleaded guilty at the first available opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 3 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 3 weeks, up to and including the Friday 27 March 2020."

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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