



**1 March 2022**

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

**Foul Play Review Committee:** Michael Heron QC (Chairman), John Langford and Stefan Terblanche

**Player:** Reece Hodge

**Team:** Rebels

**Position:** Fullback

**Date of Incident:** 26 March 2022

**Nature of Offence:** 2 x Yellow Card

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Reece Hodge suspended for 1 week**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee Hearing has found Reece Hodge of the Rebels guilty after he was issued with a Red Card during a Super Rugby Pacific match at the weekend.

Hodge has been suspended for 1 week, up to and including Saturday 5 March 2022.

Hodge received a Red Card as a result of committing 2 yellow card offences during the match between the Rebels and Force at AAMI Park in Melbourne on 26 February 2022.

A Player who receives two Yellow Cards in a match is awarded a Red Card.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee held via video conference on Monday 28 February 2022 was heard by Michael Heron QC (Chairperson), John Langford and Stefan Terblanche.

In his finding, the Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Michael Heron QC ruled the following:

"The Foul Play Review Committee conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles, and submissions from the player."

“With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee ruled, after considering a number of factors, including the direction provided by World Rugby's Regulation 17 - Appendix 4. Owing to the fact both yellow cards were deemed deliberate actions of foul play, it was felt that along with the Player's existing disciplinary record, that the Player's actions merited a further sanction of 1 week.”

"The player is therefore suspended for 1 week, up to and including Saturday 5 March 2022.”

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