



23 March 2022

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING NEWS RELEASE

Hearing Details (date, time and venue): Wednesday 23 March 2022, 7pm(AEDT), 9pm(NZDT) via video-conference

Judicial Committee Chairman: Nigel Hampton QC

Judicial Committee Members: Helen Morgan & De Wet Barry

Player: Taniela Tupou

Team: Reds

Position: Prop

Date of Incident: 18 March 2022

Nature of Offence: Law 9.20 Dangerous play in a ruck or maul. b. A player must not make contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders.

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Taniela Tupou citing dismissed

A SANZAAR Judicial Committee Hearing has found Taniela Tupou of the Reds not guilty of contravening Law 9.20 Dangerous play in a ruck or maul after he was cited during a Super Rugby Pacific match at the weekend.

No sanction has been imposed on the player.

The SANZAAR Judicial Hearing held via video conference on Wednesday 23 March 2022, 7pm(AEDT), 9pm(NZDT) was heard by Nigel Hampton QC, (Chair), Helen Morgan and De Wet Barry.

In his finding, the Judicial Committee Chairman Nigel Hampton QC ruled the following:

"The Judicial Committee conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles, and submissions from the player, and the Player's legal representative, Mark Martin QC."

"The Judicial Committee deemed that the Red Card threshold has not been met and the citing was dismissed.

"The Judicial Committee found that there was no evidence of direct contact made by the Player's shoulder with his opponent's head. In the event there was any contact with the opponent's neck it was secondary and of insufficient danger to warrant

either a Red or Yellow card.”

“The player is therefore free to resume playing.”

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