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

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

**Player:** Isaia Walker-Leawere

**Team:** Hurricanes

**Position:** Lock

**Date of Incident:** 6 May 2023

**Nature of Offence:** Law 9.29: When a player is being cautioned and suspended for 10 minutes, the referee will show that player a yellow card. If that player later commits another yellow-card offence, the player must be sent off.

**Elapsed time in match when offence occurred:** 77th minute.

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Isaia Walker-Leawere free to play**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee reviewed the Red Card awarded to Isaia Walker-Leawere of the Hurricanes for contravening Law 9.29: If that player later commits another yellow-card offence, the player must be sent off.

The incident occurred in the 77th minute of the match between the Fijian Drua and Hurricanes at HFC Bank Stadium in Suva on 6 May 2023.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Michael Heron KC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and John Langford assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chair Michael Heron KC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence including submissions from his legal representative, Aaron Lloyd, the Foul Play Review Committee decided that no further sanction was warranted."

"The Foul Play Review Committee applied Appendix 4 of World Rugby Regulation 17, noting that this is an area where judicial discretion is required. The Committee determined that at least one of the yellow cards was awarded for technical offences (not Foul Play) which did not involve a breach of Laws 9.11 to 9.28 and that exceptional circumstances therefore existed which warranted no further sanction being imposed. The Committee held that the red card received by the player was sufficient penalty in the circumstances and no further sanction was warranted. The red card remains on the player's record."

"The player is therefore free to resume playing."

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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