



FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Player: Tate McDermott

Team: Queensland Reds

Position: Halfback

Date of Incident: 12 April 2024

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, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder.

Elapsed time in match when incident occurred: 46:24

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Tate McDermott suspended for 3 weeks

The Super Rugby Pacific Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) has found Tate McDermott of the Queensland Reds guilty of contravening Law 9.12 - A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder.

Tate McDermott has been suspended from all forms of the game up to and including 4 May 2024.

The incident occurred in the 46th minute of the match between Moana Pasifika and Queensland Reds at Semenoff Stadium in Whangarei on 12 April 2024.

The FPRC comprising Stephen Hardy (Chairman), Ofisa Tonu'u and Stefan Terblanche assessed the incident.

In his finding, FPRC Chairman Stephen Hardy ruled as follows:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including from the player and the player's submissions, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card and found the Player to have contravened Law 9.12."

"The entry point for the offence was 6 weeks (assessed as mid-range for intentional and deliberate physical abuse of striking with arm to the side of the victim player's head where the victim player was in an vulnerable position with limited ability, if any, to defend himself)."

“The Player was given a discount for entering an early guilty plea (and other relevant mitigating factors including remorse and prior disciplinary record), reducing the suspension from 6 weeks to 3 weeks. The Player is therefore suspended up to and including 4 May 2024.”

“In providing the Player the Sanction, the Foul Play Review Committee emphasised that this sort of incident is not tolerated in any form of the game.”

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