



Tuesday 18 April 2018

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING NEWS RELEASE

Judicial Committee: Helen Morgan (Chair), Chris Smith and Ofisa Tonu'u

Player: Lachlan Swinton

Team: NSW Waratahs

Position: Loose forward

Date of Incident: 15 April 2023

Nature of Offence: Law 9.13: A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously.

Elapsed time in match when offence occurred: 00:21

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Lachlan Swinton suspended for 7 weeks

A SANZAAR Judicial Committee Hearing has found Lachlan Swinton of the NSW Waratahs guilty of contravening Law 9.13: A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously after he was Cited following a Super Rugby Pacific Match at the Weekend.

Swinton has been suspended for 7 weeks, up to and including 3 June 2023.

The incident occurred within the first minute of the match between NSW Waratahs and Western Force, played at Allianz Stadium in Sydney on 15 April 2023.

The SANZAAR Judicial Hearing held via video conference on Tuesday 18 April, 6:00 pm (AEST), 8:00 pm (NZST) was heard by Helen Morgan (Chair), Chris Smith and Ofisa Tonu'u.

In her finding, Judicial Committee Chair Helen Morgan ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including submissions from the Player and his legal representative, Mr Aaron Lloyd, the Judicial Committee upheld the Citing under Law 9.13."

"With respect to sanction, the Judicial Committee deemed the act of foul play was reckless, with the contact point directly made with the head, high force and no mitigating factors present. The Committee found the incident was highly dangerous and, after considering all relevant factors of World Rugby's Head Contact Process and sanctioning table, decided the foul play merited a top-end entry point of 10 weeks. Taking into account mitigating factors, including the Player's acceptance of guilt that the incident was foul play, conduct at the hearing and remorse, the Judicial Committee reduced the suspension by three weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 7 weeks, up to and including 3 June 2023.

ENDS