



**23 May 2018**

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

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

**Player:** Tevita Nabura

**Team:** Highlanders

**Position:** Wing

**Date of Incident:** 19 May 2018

**Nature of Offence:** Law 9.12: Kicking

**Elapsed time in match when offence occurred:** 17:52

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Tevita Nabura suspended for 6 weeks**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Tevita Nabura of the Highlanders for contravening Law 9.12: Kicking, after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Nabura has been suspended from all forms of the game for 6 weeks, up to and including Friday 6 July 2018.

The incident occurred in the 17th minute of the match between the Waratahs and Highlanders played at Allianz Stadium in Sydney on 19 May 2018.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Nigel Hampton QC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and John Langford assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Nigel Hampton QC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles, and a statement from the player and submissions from his legal representative, Aaron Lloyd, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card under Law 9.12 (physical abuse - kicking). The player's action was seen by the Committee as a misguided effort by an inexperienced player to both try and regain balance whilst in the air and ward off the approaching opposing player."

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a top-end entry point of 12 weeks due to the contact with the opposition player's head. As it is required to do, the Committee assessed that, given the

comparative lack of force of the actual contact to the head and the lack of any injury to the other player, the entry point should remain at 12 weeks. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's excellent record, his remorse, his inexperience and his guilty plea at the first available opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension by 50% to a sanction of 6 weeks."

"The Player is suspended up to and including Friday 6 July 2018."

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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