



**15 July 2018**

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

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

**Player:** Ed Quirk

**Team:** Sunwolves

**Position:** Flanker

**Date of Incident:** 13 July 2018

**Nature of Offence:** Law 9.12 - A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to: Striking with the hand or arm

**Elapsed time in match when offence occurred:** 36:40

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Ed Quirk suspended for 2 weeks**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Ed Quirk of the Sunwolves for contravening Law 9.12: Striking with the hand or arm, after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Quirk has been suspended from all forms of the game for 2 weeks, up to and including 4 August 2018.

The incident occurred in the 36th minute of the match between the Reds and Sunwolves played at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane on 13 July 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 additional evidence, as well as a statement from the player and submissions from his legal representative, Maryjane Crabtree, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card under Law 9.12"

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a mid-range entry point of 4 weeks given the strike to the head of the opposition player. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's good Judicial record, the fact the opposing Player was uninjured and the Player's guilty plea at the first available opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 2 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 2 weeks, up to and including 4 August 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.