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JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING NEWS RELEASE

Hearing Details (date, time and venue): Tuesday 27 February 8am(SAST), 5pm(AEDT), 7pm(NZDT) via video conference

Judicial Committee Chairman: Michael Heron QC

Judicial Committee Members: David Croft, De Wet Barry

Player: Antonio Kiri Kiri

Team: Blues

Position: Loose Forward

Date of Incident: 23 February 2018

Nature of Offence: SANZAAR Disciplinary Rule 6.1: If a Player has received two Warnings or a combination of a Warning and a yellow card during a Match, he shall be treated for disciplinary purposes as if he had been sent off.

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Antonio Kiri Kiri suspended for 1 week

A SANZAAR Judicial Committee Hearing has found Antonio Kiri Kiri of the Blues in breach of SANZAAR Disciplinary Rule 6.1.

Kiri Kiri was awarded a Yellow Card in the 53rd minute of match between the Highlanders and Blues at Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin on 23 February 2018. Following the match he was cited for a separate incident involving a potential charge of Striking with the Head. Kiri Kiri was issued with a Warning from the Judicial Committee in regards to this incident. As a result he was awarded a Yellow Card and a Warning from the same match.

SANZAAR Disciplinary Rule 6.1 states:

"6.1: If a Player has received two Warnings or a combination of a Warning and a yellow card during a Match, he shall be treated for disciplinary purposes as if he had been sent off."

The SANZAAR Judicial Hearing held via video conference on Tuesday 27 February via video conference was heard by Michael Heron QC, David Croft and De Wet Barry.

In his finding, the Judicial Committee Chairman Michael Heron QC ruled the following:

"The Judicial Committee conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles, and submissions from his legal representative, Mr Aaron Lloyd."

“With respect to sanction the Judicial Committee ruled, after considering a number of factors, including the guidance of World Rugby Regulation 17, and due to the nature of both the Yellow Card and Warning being issued for dangerous play that the Player should be suspended for 1 week. ”

"The player is therefore suspended for 1 week, up to and including Friday 3 March."