



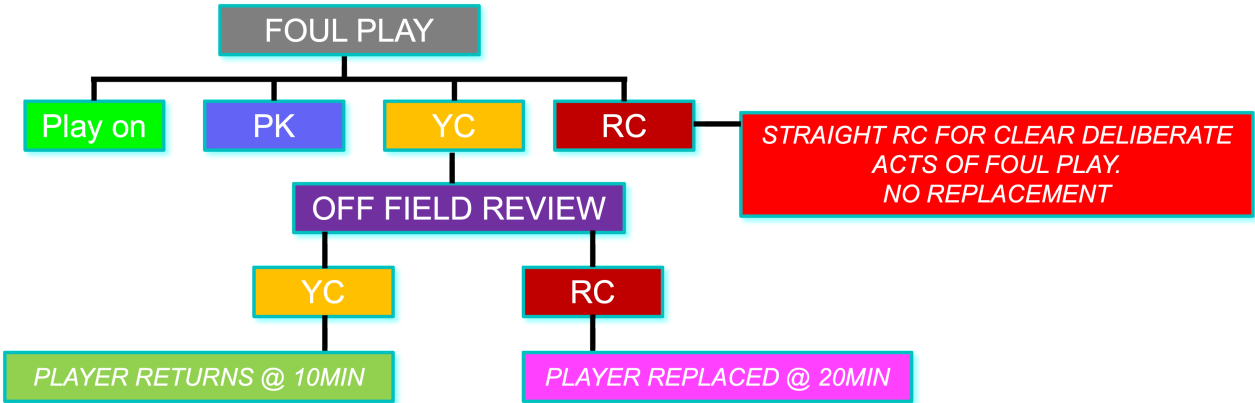
# SUPER RUGBY PACIFIC 2023

## MODIFIED FOUL PLAY PROCESS

**Purpose:**

Super Rugby Pacific is implementing a modified foul play process to improve decision making and maintain the flow of the game.

**Process:**



All incidents of potential foul play identified by the Match Official (MO) team are reviewed to determine what level of sanction applies. The following sanctions may be applied after the initial review by the on-field MO team:

- Play On: in the event no foul play is evident; or
- Penalty Kick: in the event foul play is evident but at a low level of danger and/or significant mitigating factors are evident; or
- Yellow Card: in the event foul play is evident but at an increased level of danger and potential mitigating factor/s are present; or
- Red Card: in the event foul play is evident and determined to be deliberate and with a high level of danger. The Red Card would see the player removed from the match and not be replaced.

Any incident of foul play, that contains dangerous actions, that is adjudicated at a Yellow Card level on field will automatically be reviewed by the TMO during the 10 minute period the player is off the field. The TMO will follow existing laws and law application guidelines for specific incidents to determine the correct sanction for the incident. The possible sanctions are:

- Yellow Card sanction in which the Player is entitled to return at the conclusion of the 10 minute period; or
- Red Card sanction in which the Player would be removed from the match but would be permitted to be replaced after 20 minutes from the time of the incident.

The TMO will inform the Match Officials of their decision no later than 8 minutes into the 10 minute review period to provide Teams sufficient time to make any adjustments needed and for the Player to be able to prepare to re-enter the match in the case of a Yellow Card.

Any incident of foul play that does not contain dangerous actions but is adjudicated at a Yellow Card sanction (eg. technical infringements, repeated team infringements) would not be subject to a review.

Any Player who receives two Yellow Card sanctions during a match, will receive a Red Card sanction in which the Player would be removed from the match but would be permitted to be replaced after 20 minutes from the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Yellow Card incident.

All post-match disciplinary processes will remain as in previous years.