



DISCIPLINARY UPDATE: Tuesday 14 July 2026

NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND #2

NICCOLO CANNONE SUSPENDED FOR FOUR WEEKS

The Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) has found **Italy lock Niccolo Cannone** guilty of physical abuse in contravention of Law 9.12. The dangerous play, for which Cannone received a red card, occurred in the 52nd minute of the Nations Championship match between New Zealand and Italy at Hnry Stadium, Wellington.

The FPRC determined that the act of foul play merited a low-end entry point of six weeks/matches.

In light of Cannone's acceptance that he committed an act of foul play worthy of ordering off, as well as mitigating factors such as his disciplinary record, conduct, and remorse, the FPRC applied a 2-week reduction to the sanction.

Cannone has been suspended from all forms of the game for four weeks, which will apply to the fixtures below.

- Australia v Italy, Saturday, 18 July 2026
- Benetton Rugby v Zebre Parma, Saturday, 4 September 2026
- Black Lion v Benetton Rugby, Saturday, 12 September 2026
- Benetton Rugby v Dragons, Friday, 25 September 2026

SIMIONE KURUVOLI REFERRED TO DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Following an initial review by the Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC), the matter concerning **Fiji scrumhalf Simone Kuruvoli** was referred to a full hearing before a Disciplinary Committee, scheduled for Tuesday, 14 July 2026.

Kuruvoli is facing a possible sanction for physical abuse (Law 9.12) after being issued a red card during last Saturday's Nations Championship match between Fiji and England at Hill Dickinson Stadium in Liverpool.

A further update on this matter will be provided by 1 am UTC Wednesday 15 July.

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