



**Wednesday 21 September 2022**

## **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING NEWS RELEASE**

**Hearing Details (date, time and venue):** Wednesday 21 September, 6:30 pm (AEST), via video-conference

**Judicial Committee Chair:** Andre Oosthuizen SC

**Judicial Committee Members:** De Wet Barry & José Luis Rolandi

**Player:** Darcy Swain

**Team:** Australia

**Position:** Lock

**Date of Incident:** Thursday, 15 September 2022

**Nature of Offence:** Law 9.11 (Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others including leading with the elbow or forearm, or jumping into, or over, a tackler).

**Time of Offence:** 35:03

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

**Darcy Swain suspended for six weeks.**

A SANZAAR Judicial Committee Hearing has found Darcy Swain of Australia guilty of contravening Law 9.11 - " Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others" after he was cited following the Australia v New Zealand round 5 Rugby Championship match.

Darcy Swain has been suspended for 6 weeks, up to and including 6 November 2022.

The incident occurred in the international match between Australia and New Zealand at Marvel Stadium in Melbourne on Thursday 15 September 2022.

The Judicial Committee Hearing held via video conference on Wednesday 21 September, 6:30 pm (AEST), was heard by Judicial Committee Chair Andre Oosthuizen, and Committee Members De Wet Barry & José Luis Rolandi.

In its findings, the Judicial Committee Chair, Andre Oosthuizen SC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, having heard from the player and from his legal representative, Aaron Lloyd, the Judicial Committee upheld the Citing and deemed the incident meet the red card threshold for Law 9.11."

"With respect to sanction the Judicial Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a mid-range entry point of six (6) weeks. Through the actions by the player such as position, control, and player movements they found the incident was not intentional, however, it was highly reckless."

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