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JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING NEWS RELEASE

Hearing Details (date, time and venue): Tuesday 7 September 2021, 9:00pm(NZST), 7:00pm(AEST), 11:00am(SAST), 6:00am(ART).

Judicial Committee: Robert Stelzner SC (Chair), De Wet Barry, José Luis Rolandi

Player: Jordie Barrett

Team: New Zealand

Position: Full Back

Date of Incident: 5 September 2021

Nature of Offence: Law 9.11: Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others.

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Jordie Barrett Red Card dismissed

A SANZAAR Judicial Committee Hearing has found Jordie Barrett of New Zealand not guilty of contravening Law 9.11 after he was issued with a Red Card during a Rugby Championship match at the weekend.

No further sanction has been imposed on Barrett and he is free to play.

The incident occurred in the match between Australia and New Zealand at Optus Stadium in Perth on 5 September 2021.

The SANZAAR Judicial Hearing held via video conference on Tuesday 7 September 2021, 9:00pm(NZST), 7:00pm(AEST), 11:00am(SAST), 6:00am(ART) was heard by Robert Stelzner SC (Chair), De Wet Barry and José Luis Rolandi.

In his finding, the Judicial Committee Chair Robert Stelzner SC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including from the player, a medical report on the opposition player involved, and from two expert witnesses, and having considered the submissions from his legal representative, Stephen Cottrell, the Judicial Committee found that the Player had not transgressed Rule 9.11 and had therefore not committed an act of foul play.

He legitimately went up in the air to collect a high ball, when in trying to regain his balance on the downward trajectory, his boot inadvertently made contact with his opponent's head. The accidental nature of the incident lead the Judicial Committee to find that there was no intentional nor reckless act of dangerous play, with the result that the Red Card is expunged from the player's record."

"The player is therefore free to play in the upcoming matches."