## **RFU SHORT JUDGMENT FORM 3 YELLOW CARDS**



Club's Level	1	Competition	Gallagher Premiership
Match No 1	London Irish v Sale Sharks	Date of Match 1	26/09/2021
Match No 2	Sale Sharks v Harlequins	Date of Match 2	15/10/2021
Match No 3	Wasps v Sale Sharks	Date of Match 3	21/05/2022

Particulars of Offence				
Player's Surname	Ross	Forename(s)	Jonathon	
Club name	Sale Sharks RFC	Type of Offence	3 foul play yellow cards	
Date of Birth	27/10/1990	RFU ID No.	947121	
Sanction	1 week suspension 🛛 2 week suspensio	on 3 week suspens	ion Other length of suspension	

Hearing Details			
Hearing Date	08/06/2022	Single Judicial Officer	Charles Cuthbert
Hearing Venue	Papers only	Panel Secretary	Rebecca Morgan

Details of Yellow Cards				
Yellow Card Number 1	9.14 - Tackling opponent without	Date	26/09/2021	
In the 65th minute of the second half, the London Irish scrum half passed the ball behind the back of the London Irish 21. The Sale number 8 travelled approximately 8 metres and tackled the London Irish 21 who never had the ball. I blew my whistle and issued a yellow card. Wayne Barnes				
Yellow Card Number 2	9.13 - Dangerous Tackle	Date	15/10/2021	
Q15 caught a ball from a kick. He ran towards the half-way. He was tackled by Sale 6. The arm of Sale 6 appeared to ricochet off the shoulder of Q15 and make contact with the neck. I therefore gave a penalty. The TMO Ian Tempest then came into me to say that the contact was direct. I therefore reviewed the incident formally and agreed that contact was direct but not high danger and therefore issued a YC. Tom Foley				
Yellow Card Number 3	9.28 - Players must respect the a	Date	21/05/2022	
In the process of awarding a Wasps try and few Sale players were questioning me as to whether the player had scored. When looking a the floor where there were a number of players I observed Jonathan Ross make eye contact with myself and tell me 'that is bollocks'. As a result I issued him a YC. When he entered the field he apologised for his choice of words. Ian Tempest				



## Summary of any mitigating and aggravating features:

The Club accepted the charge. By way of mitigation, the Club acknowledged that whilst the Player has previously been suspended for 1 week for totting up 3YC (in the 20-21 season) he is regularly amongst the competition top tackling stats.

The Player had apologised to the Referee for his comment on the 21 May 2022.

The Player does not have the benefit of youth or inexperience given his significant playing experience. Whilst he has apologised he does not have the benefit of a completely clear record.

In the circumstances, a 1 week sanction is imposed.

Number of weeks allowed in mitigation 0 Number of weeks added on

0

Sanction

## **NOTE:** PLAYERS ORDERED OFF ARE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR CASE, SUCH SUSPENSION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SANCTIONING

Total sanction	1 week
Date sanction commences	24/05/2022
Date sanction concludes	06/06/2022
Date free to play	07/06/2022
Final date to lodge appeal	09/06/2022
Costs	£250

Meaningful games to be missed		
04.06 v Bristol		

Signature of JO	Charles Cuthbert	Date	09/06/2022
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NOTE: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST THIS DECISION AS SET OUT IN REGULATION 19.12 OF THE DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS. YOUR ATTENTION IS SPECIFICALLY DRAWN TO THE TIME LIMIT AND DIRECTIONS/REOUIREMENTS RELATING TO AN APPEAL SET OUT IN REGULATION 19.12.9

ANY PERSON SUSPENDED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS IS REMINDED THAT UNDER RFU REGULATION 19.11.16 THE SUSPENDED PERSON MAY NOT PLAY THE GAME (OR ANY FORM THEREOF) OR BE INVOLVED IN ANY ON-FIELD MATCH DAY ACTIVITIES ANYWHERE WHICH INCLUDES (BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO) ACTING AS WATER CARRIER/ RUNNING ON A TEE ETC

