

RFU SHORT JUDGMENT FORM 3 YELLOW CARDS



Club's Level	Level 1	Competition	Gallagher Premiership
Match No 1	Northampton Saints v Leicester Tigers	Date of Match 1	30/10/2021
Match No 2	Leicester Tigers v Harlequins	Date of Match 2	05/12/2021
Match No 3	Bristol Bears v Leicester Tigers	Date of Match 3	26/12/2021

Particulars of Offence

Player's Surname	Van Der Westhuizen Wiese	Forename(s)	Jasper
Club name	Leicester Tigers	Type of Offence	3 Yellow Cards (Totting up)
Date of Birth	21.10.1995	RFU ID No.	2623678
Sanction	1 week suspension <input type="checkbox"/> 2 week suspension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 week suspension <input type="checkbox"/> Other length of suspension <input type="checkbox"/>		

Hearing Details

Hearing Date	29/12/2021	Single Judicial Officer	Charles Cuthbert, John Greenwood & Ollie Clark
Hearing Venue	Video	Panel Secretary	Rebecca Morgan

Details of Yellow Cards

Yellow Card Number 1	9.16 - Knocking or charging down	Date	30/10/2021
<p>N12 carried the ball approximately 5m from the Leicester goal line. L12 attempted to make a tackle. L8 came in as an assistant tackle but did not wrap and shoulder charged N12 knocking him to ground. This was the second penalty against L8 for a no arms tackle and therefore deemed it to be worthy of a YC.</p>			
Yellow Card Number 2	9.11 - Reckless/Dangerous play	Date	05/12/2021
<p>I ASKED THE TMO TO CHECK A TACKLE BY LT8 TO ENSURE HE USED HIS ARMS TO MAKE THE TACKLE. THE TMO CONFIRMED HE DIDNT AND THAT IT WAS WORTHY OF A PK. AFTER AWARDING THE PK I OBSERVED IT ON THE SCREEN I DECIDED THE ACT WAS WORTHY OF A YC. - THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON THE HARLEQUINS 10M LINE APPROXIMATELY 10M FROM TOUCH. - THE BALL HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE Q PLAYER FROM A PREVIOUS RUCK SITUATION WHEN THE LT 8 COMMITTED THE ACT OF FOUL PLAY - I CAN NOT BE 100% sure of the initial point of contact but it was the lower legs of the Q player.</p>			
Yellow Card Number 3	9.25 - A player must not intention	Date	26/12/2021
<p>Bristol 10 took receipt of a kick approximately 6m inside his own half. He put up a kick. Leicester 20 did not attempt to charge down the ball but made contact with the standing leg of B10. There was no attempt to grasp and the player in my opinion had an opportunity to pull out.</p>			

Summary of any mitigating and aggravating features:

The Player accepted the charge at the earliest opportunity. He was open and honest before the Panel. He spoke of the additional training he is undertaking with coaches at Leicester Tigers to address the errors in his technique that lead to the yellow cards. He apologised for his appearance before the Panel.

The Player also provided a character reference from Andrea Pinchen, CEO of Leicester Tigers which spoke of the Player in positive terms and referenced the community work he undertakes.

In relation to the aggravating features, the Panel noted that there are no directives in place from either the RFU or World Rugby that might apply. However, the Player does have previous matters on record (a dangerous tackle in 2019, a ruck offence in 2020 and dangerous play in a ruck or maul in Feb 2021). These are similar in nature to the three yellow cards the Player has accrued this season. There are no off-field aggravating factors.

The Panel determined that the appropriate entry point was 2 weeks. This is because the 3 yellow cards were for similar matters and within a 6 week period. The Player was entitled to some mitigation on account of his plea and the other mitigation set out above therefore 1 week was deducted. However, an additional week was added on to reflect his poor previous record.

Number of weeks allowed in mitigation

1

Number of weeks added on

1

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	2 weeks
Date sanction commences	28/12/2021
Date sanction concludes	10/01/2022
Date free to play	11/01/2022
Final date to lodge appeal	31/12/2021
Costs	£500

Meaningful games to be missed

02.01 v Newcastle Falcons
09.01 v Wasps

Signature of JO

Charles Cuthbert

Date

29/12/2021

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/REQUIREMENTS 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