



**APPENDIX 1. IRB RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS FOR OFFENCES WITHIN THE PLAYING ENCLOSURE (REGULATION 17)**

Description	Entry Point Based on Scale of Seriousness of the Player's conduct, which constitutes the offending. Lower End (LE), Mid Range (MR), Top End (TE).	Maximum Sanction
Physical Abuse of Match Officials	LE – 6 months; MR – 24 months; TE – 5 years.	Life
Threatening Actions or Words at Match Officials	LE – 3 months; MR – 12 months; TE – 24 months.	36 Months
Contact with Eyes or the Eye Area	LE – 3 months; MR – 9 months; TE – 18 months.	24 Months
Biting	LE – 6 months; MR – 12 months; TE – 24 months.	36 Months
Testicle Grabbing or Twisting or Squeezing	LE – 3 months; MR – 9 months; TE – 12 months.	24 Months
Kicking an Opponent	LE – 3 months; MR – 9 months; TE – 12 months.	18 Months
Stamping on an Opponent	LE – 1 month; MR – 3 months; TE – 9 months.	12 Months
Trampling an Opponent	LE – 1 month; MR – 3 months; TE – 9 months.	12 months



Illegal rucking of an Opponent	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 6 weeks; TE – 3 months.	6 months
Dangerous charging or obstructing or grabbing of opponent without the ball, including shouldering	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 3 months; TE – 6 months.	12 Months
Dangerous charging or obstructing or grabbing of opponent carrying the ball, including shouldering	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 3 months; TE – 6 months.	12 Months
Striking with Head	LE – 6 weeks; MR – 6 months TE – 12 months	24 Months
Striking with Knee	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 3 months; TE – 6 months.	12 Months
Striking another Player hand, arm, fist including the elbow.	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 3 months; TE – 6 months.	12 Months
Dangerous tackling of an opponent including early or late and including the action known as the “stiff arm tackle”.	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 6 weeks; TE – 3 months.	6 Months
To trip an opponent with the foot/leg.	LE – 1 week; MR – 4 weeks; TE – 6 weeks.	3 Months
To hold, push, charge, obstruct an opponent not holding the ball except in a scrum, ruck or maul.	LE – 1 week; MR – 3 weeks; TE – 4 weeks.	6 Weeks
To cause a scrum, ruck or maul to collapse.	LE – 1 week; MR – 3 weeks; TE – 6 weeks.	3 Months

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Verbal abuse of opponents whether based on race, creed, colour or otherwise.	LE – 2 weeks; MR – 2 months; TE – 4 months.	6 Months
Spitting at Players	LE – 1 month; MR – 3 months; TE – 6 months.	6 Months

In respect of offences not referred to above, appropriate sanctions may be imposed at the discretion of the relevant Judicial Officer, Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Officer and/or Appeal Committee (as the case may be).

Notwithstanding the recommended sanctions in Appendix 1 and/or the provisions of Regulation 17.14 in cases where the player's actions constitute mid range or top end of offending for any type of offence which had the potential to result and, in fact, did result in serious/gross consequences to the health of the victim, the Judicial Officers and/or Disciplinary Committees may impose any period of suspension including a suspension for life.