



Disciplinary Committee

Introduction

As you are aware World Rugby are becoming increasingly concerned about injuries and contact to the head. Therefore with effect from 1 January 2017 new guidelines are being issued to Disciplinary Panels. This notice is to inform clubs of the effect of those guidelines on sanctions to players.

Striking with a hand arm or fist

The sanction for this offence is as follows.

Low End	2 weeks
Mid-Range	4 Weeks
Top End	10 weeks to 52 weeks

A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction

Striking with the elbow

The sanction for this offence is as follows.

Low End	2 weeks
Mid-Range	6 Weeks
Top End	10 weeks to 52 weeks

A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction.

Striking with the knee

The sanction for this offence is as follows.

Low End	4 weeks
Mid-Range	8 Weeks
Top End	12 weeks to 52 weeks

A strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-range entry point sanction.

Stamping/Trampling on an opponent

The sanction for this offence is as follows.

Low End 2 weeks

Mid-Range 6 Weeks

Top End 12 weeks to 52 weeks

Stamping/trampling on an opponent's head shall result in a top end entry point sanction.

Kicking an opponent

The sanction for this offence is as follows.

Low End 4 weeks

Mid-Range 8 Weeks

Top End 12 weeks to 52 weeks

A kick to the head shall result in a top end entry point sanction.

Dangerous Tackling

The sanction for this offence is as follows.

Low End 2 weeks

Mid-Range 6 Weeks

Top End 10 weeks to 52 weeks

A dangerous tackle which results in a strike to the head shall result in at least a mid-entry point sanction.

Conclusion

Any player sent off for an offence where contact is made with the head will have to attend the hearing.