

Addendum to the Decision of the Hearing Committee dated the 30th January, 2022 re
Ryan Oosthuizen (South Africa)

Ryan Oosthuizen (South Africa) was cited for an incident occurred in the game between South Africa and Australia, for the final of World Sevens Series 2022 – Seville, on the 30th January 2022. A disciplinary hearing took place on the same day, as a result of which the player received a sanction of three weeks/games. At the date of the hearing, the player was unaware of his next three games would be.

Subsequent to the hearing the player submitted details of the following matches and asked the Judicial Officer to consider same in order to finalise the end date of the player's playing sanction:

- Two matches against the Zimbabwe Sevens National Team, on 17th March, 2022,
- The Third match being the first match that South Africa will play in the next World Rugby Sevens Series, to be held in Singapore, on the 9th and 10th April, 2022;

The Judicial Officer was required to assess whether or not the first/any/all of the above matches could be considered meaningful matches for the purpose of sanction and the Committee was mindful of the provisions of Regulation 17 in that regard.

The two matches against the Zimbabwe Sevens National Teams, played in compliance with the laws of the game, between teams of similar standards of play made up the best available /potential players. The matches were to be played at appropriate venues.

Both preparation matches were played within 22 days days of the commencement of the World Rugby Sevens Series, to be held in Singapore.

In those circumstances the preparation matches do, in the opinion of the Judicial Officer, have a meaningful playing consequence for the player and do fulfil the criteria outlined in Regulation 17.21.3.

The third Match proposed, also have a meaningful playing consequence for the player and do fulfil the criteria outlined in Regulation 17.21.3.

The Judicial Officer therefore confirms that the final match to which the players sanction shall apply is the - first match that South Africa will play in the next World Rugby Sevens Series, to be held in Singapore, on the 9th and 10th April, 2022 (so far there is no draw for that tournament so the opposing team is still unknown) and the players sanction shall end immediately after that first match ends.

Dated the 21th March, 2022.

Signed Marcello d'Orey