

QRU RECOMMENDED *MINIMUM* SUSPENSIONS

For first offence

These are for the more common offences. For others use the IRB recommended sanctions as attached but adapt for local circumstances

Offence	Law	Less serious	More serious
Striking (fist)	10.4.a	1-2 weeks	4-8 weeks
Striking (knee)	10.4.a	2-3 weeks	6-10 weeks
Striking (head)	10.4.a	4-6 weeks	6-12 weeks
Stamping/trampling (body)	10.4.b	1-3 weeks	5-8 weeks
Stamping/trampling (Head)	10.4.b	2-4 weeks	6-12 weeks
Kicking (body)	10.4.c	2-4 weeks	5-8 weeks
Kicking (head)	10.4.c	3-5 weeks	7-12 weeks
Dangerous tackle	10.4.e	1-3 weeks	4-8 weeks
Lifting tackle	10.4.i	2-3 weeks(drop)	4-8 weeks (spear)
Abuse of match officials - verbal			5-8 weeks
Abuse of match officials – touching/pushing			16-24 weeks
Striking match official			24 weeks -life ban

NOTES.

1. The underlying objective of the disciplinary system is to provide a safe playing environment for players. Any acts of foul play which can compromise player safety should be dealt with severely. For example, a 'king hit' punch on a player who has no chance to see the punch coming should be dealt with by a suspension at the top end of the scale.
2. To reflect the IRB's concerns about a player's status as a persistent offender, if a player appears for a second occasion in 3 years, the first offence penalty may be doubled to reflect his attitude in becoming a persistent offender. For a third offence, it may be trebled
3. For any greater number, a lengthy suspension should be imposed to reflect the player's apparent disregard for the rules of the game and safety
4. The seriousness of the offence is reflected by the part of the body which is attacked e.g. a stomping on the head is more serious than on the back of an opponent (see IRB Regulation 17.14.3 for all the relevant factors)
5. In addition, IRB Regulation 17.14.4 and 17.14.5 lists various factors which can be considered to be aggravating or mitigating features which can bear upon the suspension to be imposed.