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## **DISCIPLINARY PANEL REPORT**

**Match:** Jyväskylä - Tampere

**Competition:** Championship

**Date:** 24.07.2016

**Player/club:** Mauno Kontilla, Jyväskylä RC

### **Reason for hearing**

The player was dismissed with a straight red card for a stamp to the groin of an opponent on the floor.

### **Panel composition**

George Mossford, Chris Gibbons, Steve Whittaker

### **Evidence submitted**

A written report by the match referee, written statements from both Jyväskylä RC and Mr Kontilla, and a match video submitted by Tampere RC.

### **Outcome**

The disciplinary panel considers that the player was in breach of Law 10.4(b): 'stamping or trampling'. In Finland, the low-end entry point for this offense is a one-week suspension, midrange is two weeks, and high-end is three+ weeks.

After considering the evidence submitted, the panel accepts the player's assertion that there was no malice involved in the incident but concludes that the player did not demonstrate due duty of care toward an opponent on the ground with regards to the placement of his boot. As contact was made with the groin, the panel deemed this to be a midrange offense, but the player's previously unblemished disciplinary record, the fact that he was being held/tackled by the opponent after the whistle and subsequent remorse demonstrated act in favour of the player. The panel therefore concluded that the two-week suspension should be reduced by one-week.

It should be noted that although video evidence was submitted, the incident occurred just off screen and therefore it was not possible to determine either intent or the extent to which any contact was made. As a result, the video evidence was not taken into consideration when reaching this judgment.

Given the above, the player is therefore awarded a one-week suspension that will begin on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and end on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016, rendering him unavailable for selection for Turku Eagles – Jyväskylä on 6<sup>st</sup> August 2016. In addition, the player will not be eligible to play for any club in any competition during this period.

