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## DISCIPLINARY PANEL REPORT

**Match:** Porvoo - Hämeenlinna  
**Competition:** Championship  
**Date:** 07.05.2016  
**Player/club:** Samu-Petteri Pääkkö, Porvoo

### Reason for hearing

The player was dismissed with a straight red card for endangering an opponent by grappling and pulling the player by his headgear.

### Panel composition

George Mossford, Chris Gibbons, Steve Whittaker

### Evidence submitted

Written reports by the match referee and a match video submitted by Linna Rugby Club. Porvoo did not submit a statement on behalf of the player.

### Outcome

The disciplinary panel considers that the player was in breach of the duty of care due an opponent and that this breach was most accurately represented by Law 10.4(e): 'a dangerous tackle or attempted tackle above the line of the shoulders'. 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 finds the player initially committed a high tackle that brought the ball carrier to ground and that the headgear was subsequently used to try leverage the player out of the way. The panel deemed this to be a midrange offense, but the player's previously unblemished disciplinary record and the remorse demonstrated by the player in both accepting the dismissal on the field and also after game act in favour of the player. The panel therefore concluded that the two-week suspension should be reduced by one-week.

The player is therefore awarded a one-week suspension that will begin on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and end on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, rendering him unavailable for selection for Porvoo – Helsinki on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016. In addition, the player will not be eligible to play for any club in any competition during this period.

