RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

At: Bloomsbury Holiday Inn, London.

On: Monday 20th April 2009

JUDGMENT

Player: Pierre Panizzutti

Club: Dings Crusaders RFC

Panel: Jeremy Summers (Chairman), Peter Budge and Simon Wakefield.

Secretary: Liam McTiernan

To Consider: The accumulation of 3 foul play yellow cards in one season by Pierre Panizzutti, Dings Crusaders RFC, during matches played on 29/11/08 (Unfair Play), 03/01/09 (Striking) and 28/03/09 (Dangerous Tackling).

The case was dealt with as "papers only".

Evidence as to Fact

The Panel considered the three yellow card reports.

Sanction

In line with Appendix 2 of the RFU Disciplinary Regulations the Panel assess this as Top-End, making it necessary to look at the Low-End entry point for the most serious offence, that being a dangerous tackle, resulting in a two-week starting point. There were no aggravating factors present, and given the player's clean record and guilty plea the Panel were of the opinion that the Player was deserving of a one-week discount. The Panel therefore impose a one-week suspension on the Player. The player is suspended from 21stth to 27th April 2009, he can play again on 28th April 2009.

Costs

Costs of £75.00 are awarded against the Player/Club.

Right of Appeal

The Player is advised of his Right of Appeal under DR 12.1.1.

Signed: Jeremy Summers, Chairman.

Date: 21st April 2009.