

3 March 2026

Conraad van Vuuren
c/o Tracy Van Ginkel
Head of Rugby Operations, Fidelity SecureDrive Lions
By email: tvanginkel@lionsrugby.co.za

Dear Mr van Vuuren

Red Card – CONRAAD VAN VUUREN
Fidelity SecureDrive Lions v DHL Stormers, Saturday 28 February 2026 (Match)

Pursuant to clause 7.2.5 of the United Rugby Championship Disciplinary Rules 2025/26 (**Disciplinary Rules**), copy attached, I am writing on behalf of the chairman of the Disciplinary Panel, Mr Roger Morris, in respect of the red card issued to you in the above Match by the referee Christopher Allison (South Africa), for an offence under Law 9.13 – A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously.

For further details, please see the attached copy of the referee report received. Video footage of the incident can be seen via the following links: WeTransfer: <https://we.tl/t-ePXJW1zltl> or MyAirBridge: <https://mab.to/t/IGMfEdhhwKy/eu1>

I also attach reports from the assistant referees & TMO, along with statements from Dr Jason Suter, DHL Stormers Team Physician and Andre Venter, DHL Stormers No. 16. Any other evidence received will be forwarded to you as soon as reasonably practicable.

As agreed in our correspondence, this red card will be heard by a single Judicial Officer, and we propose Sheriff Kathrine Mackie (Scotland) to hear this case. Sheriff Kathrine Mackie will chair the hearing off the evidence received and will propose a sanction to you, should you disagree with the sanction proposed, we can then proceed to a full disciplinary hearing and this will proceed without prejudice.

Any objection to the appointment of any member of the Disciplinary Committee must be made to the chairman of the Disciplinary Panel, c/o Jude Canniffe (jude.canniffe@unitedrugby.com) and also to me at amy.monaghan@unitedrugby.com, to be received by no later than 10:00 (Ire/UK time) / 12:00 (SA time) on Wednesday 4 March 2026.

Pursuant to clause 7.1.6 of the Disciplinary Rules, failure to make an objection to the composition of the Disciplinary Committee by that deadline will constitute a waiver of any objection.

As noted, you are not required to attend the hearing, as it will be done off the papers (off the evidence).

Further to clause 7.2.6 of the Disciplinary Rules, the Judicial Officer for this hearing, Sheriff Kathrine Mackie, has asked me to notify you on their behalf that the standing directions set out at section A of Appendix Eleven to the Disciplinary Rules will apply in full, save for a slight variation to the deadline (you are required to submit the relevant written statement by no later than **15:00 (Ire/UK time) / 17:00 (SA time) on Wednesday 4 March 2026**). So, by that deadline you are required to send to Sheriff Kathrine Mackie (c/o Jude Canniffe (jude.canniffe@unitedrugby.com)) with a copy to each person copied on this letter) a written statement setting out the following matters:

- (a) whether you are the Player who was shown the red card;
- (b) whether you will argue any preliminary matters, and if so what they are (in summary);
- (c) whether you accept that the Official Report(s) is/are (a) true and accurate account(s) of the incidents that resulted in the showing of the red card and the facts surrounding the incident;
- (d) whether you accept that you committed an act or acts of Foul Play as set out in the Official Report(s);

- (e) whether you accept that that/those act(s) warranted a red card;
- (f) whether you will try to show that the referee's decision to show you a red card was wrong;
- (g) if you do not accept one or more of the propositions in paragraphs (c), (d) (e) and (f), above, why you do not accept it/them (in summary), and what evidence (and/or authorities) you will rely on to support your position (any written evidence and/or authorities must be attached to the written statement when sent and the names of any witnesses to be called must be set out in the statement); and
- (h) N/A

You should also include in your submission to the Judicial Officer, by the deadline noted above, the following:

- a written schedule of your matches during the 2025/26 season, along with (pursuant to clause 7.6.42 of the Disciplinary Rules) any written evidence (for example, from your club and/or union) as to whether or not you are fit, available and/or expected to play in each such match; and
- a comprehensive, accurate and up-to-date written statement of your disciplinary record (which must include all relevant details from all sports and all competitions since the age of 18).

For the avoidance of doubt, and pursuant to clause 7.2.4 of the Disciplinary Rules, you may not play rugby union (or enter the Playing Enclosure in any capacity, including as a water carrier or tee carrier, at any time on the day of a Match) pending the resolution of the case by the Disciplinary Committee.

Should you have any questions ahead of your hearing, please contact Ms Canniffe.

Yours sincerely



Amy Monaghan
Disciplinary Officer

Attachments:

- Referee report
- Assistant Referees and TMO reports
- Statement from Dr Jason Suter, DHL Stormers Team Physician
- Statement from Andre Venter, DHL Stormers Player
- URC Disciplinary Rules 2025/26

cc:

Sheriff Kathrine Mackie, Judicial Officer
Tracy Van Ginkel, Fidelity SecureDrive Lions
Rudolf Straeuli, Fidelity SecureDrive Lions
Marius Botha, Legal Representative
Thato Mavundla, MyPlayers
Willemien van der Merwe, SA Rugby
Chantal du Pisani, SA Rugby
Roger Morris, Chair, URC Disciplinary Panel