

# CONSTITUENT BODY SHORT JUDGMENT FORM

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## PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Player's surname	Wright	Date of birth	28/01/1992
Forename(s)	James	RFU ID #	1002750
Club name	Retford RUFC	Date of match	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
Offence & Law charged <small>(e.g. 9.12 - strike with head)</small>	9.12 - Striking with hand or arm (including stiff-arm tackle)	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Admitted
Home team	Retford	Away team	Mansfield 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV
Home team level*	2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	Away team level*	3 <sup>rd</sup> XV

**\*TEAM LEVEL REFERS TO 1ST XV, 2ND XV, COLTS, VETS, etc NOT WHOLE CLUB LEVEL**

## HEARING DETAILS

Hearing date	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2019	Hearing venue	Papers
Chairman	Matthew O'Grady	Secretary	Chris Johnson
Panel member 1	Leslie Law	Panel member 2	John Perry
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proven <input type="checkbox"/> Not Proven		

## CASE SUMMARY & SANCTION

**NOTE: UNDER RFU REGULATION 19.5.2, PLAYERS ORDERED OFF ARE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR CASE, SUCH SUSPENSION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SANCTIONING**

Total sanction	3 weeks	Entry Point	Mid-Range
Banned from	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, '19	Banned to	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019
Ban split from	N/A	Ban split to	N/A
Free to play	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019	Costs	£30

**NOTE: SANCTION IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE ONLY**

**NOTE: FOR SENDING OFF SUFFICIENT STATE UNDER TOTAL SANCTION**

Signature (Chairman)	Matthew O'Grady	Date	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019
Signature (Secretary)	Chris Johnson	Date entered to GMS	Click here to enter text.

PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX:  Intentional/deliberate 19.11.8(a)  Reckless 19.11.8(b)

Gravity of player's actions 19.11.8(c)		Nature of actions 19.11.8(d)	
Cheap shot to the back of victim's head. A punch with a clenched fist.		Punch to the head.	
Existence of provocation 19.11.8(e)		Whether player retaliated 19.11.8(f)	
Nothing to justify the Player's actions		Unknown.	
Self-defence 19.11.8(g)		Effect on victim 19.11.8(h)	
N/A		No known injury.	
Effect on match 19.11.8(i)		Vulnerability of victim 19.11.8(j)	
The game was abandoned. The Player's actions were a part of that.		A cheap shot to the back of a Player's head. The victim would not have been prepared for the punch. A vulnerable part of the victim's body.	
Level of participation/premeditation 19.11.8(k)		Conduct completed/attempted 19.11.8(L)	
No evidence of premeditation		Completed	
Other features of player's conduct 19.11.8(m)			
N/A			
Entry point number	Top end* Enter here	Mid-Range 6 weeks	Low End Enter here

**NOTE: STATE NUMBER OF WEEKS OR MATCHES ENTRY POINT FOR OFFENCE – ENTRY POINT IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE ONLY**

\*If top end, the Panel should identify an entry point between the top end and the maximum sanction (19.11.9) as set out in Appendix 2

In making the above assessment, the Panel should consider the RFU guidance (Note 2) set out in Appendix 5 (page 366) to Regulation 19. Significant weight should be given to RFU regulation 19.11.8(a), 19.11.8(h) and 19.11.8(i).

World Rugby requires minimum entry of Mid-Range for offences to the head. Top Range not justified.

**AGGRAVATING FACTORS (REGULATION 19.11.10)**

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the game 19.11.10(a)

Good record to date.

Need for deterrent 19.11.10(b)

N/A

Any other off-field aggravating factors 19.11.10(c)

N/A

Number added on:

N/A

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Acknowledgement of guilt 19.11.11(a)	Player's disciplinary record/good character 19.11.11(b)
Early guilty plea	Good record
Youth & inexperience of player 19.11.11(c)	Conduct prior to and at hearing 19.11.11(d)
Unknown	Early plea allowed the case to be dealt with on paper.
Remorse & timing of remorse 19.11.11(e)	Other off-field mitigation 19.11.11(f)
Early guilty plea.	None disclosed.

Number deducted:

3 weeks

**NOTE: SUBJECT TO REGULATION 19.11.13, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL CANNOT APPLY A GREATER REDUCTION THAN 50% OF THE RELEVANT ENTRY POINT SUSPENSION**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Both Retford RFC and Mansfield RUFC will be dealt with separately in relation to this abandoned match.