



SUMMARY OF BC RUGBY DISCIPLINE RULINGS FOR 2023/24 SEASON

Please see below for a summary of BC Rugby Disciplinary Rulings for the 2023/24 Senior Club Season:

Updated as of April 10, 2024

APRIL 10, 2024

Arslan Schaigan of Capilano RFC was ejected from a March 23, 2024 Men's Premier Reserve game vs Ravens for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling).

Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game. Credit given for April 6th game.

David O'Donaghue of Ravens RFC was ejected from a March 23, 2024 Men's Premier game vs Capilano for contravening Law 9.20 (dangerous rucking).

Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game. Credit given for April 6th game.

Amber Hanna of United Women RFC was cited by JBAA RFC from a March 16, 2024 match for contravening Law 9.13 (Dangerous Tackling; head to head contact)

Suspension: 4 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games.

Ethan Whiting of Capilano RFC was ejected from an April 6, 2024 Men's Premier Reserve game vs JBAA for contravening Law 9.18 (dangerous rucking; "tip tackle").

Suspension: time served in the match is sufficient

MARCH 20, 2024





Ethan Frye of United RFC was ejected from a March 2, 2024, Men's Div 3 game vs Comox RFC by referee Sam Klein-Laufer for contravening Law 9.29 (2 yellow cards in a game). Both yellow cards were for foul play
Suspension: 2 games (Credit given for games served on March 9 and 16)

Brent Bradbury of Abbotsford RFC was ejected from a March 16, 2024 Men's Div 1 game vs Bayside for contravening Law 9.20 (dangerous rucking).
Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

Thomas Cucake of Brit-Lions RFC was ejected from a March 16, 2024 Men's Div 3 game vs United for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling).
Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

MARCH 6, 2024

Tyler Grom of JBAA RFC was cited from a February 3, 2024 Men's Premier Men's game vs Pacific Pride for contravening Law 9.14 (dangerous tackling).
Suspension: 4 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

Glen Costello of Kats RFC was ejected from a February 10, 2024, Men's Div 3 game vs Meraloma RFC by referee Chris Assmus for contravening Law 9.29 (2 yellow cards in a game). Both yellow cards were for foul play
Suspension: 2 games increased by aggravating factors to 4 games

Glen Sharpe coach of UBC RFC was reported by the match officials of a February 3, 2024 Women's Premier game vs Castaway for breaching Section 6.3 (o) of the BCRU Code of Conduct (abuse of referees).

Disciplinary Action

- Suspension from coaching any Rugby team during 3 games (credit given for 2 games already served. Remaining suspension 1 game)
- Completion of a Level 1 Referee course
- Supply to the DC a video of his apology to the game's match officials





Lee Xander of United RFC was ejected from a February 10, 2024, Men's Div 3 game vs Capilano RFC by referee Scott Johnson for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling)

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games (credit given for 2 games already served. Remaining suspension 1 game.)

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

David Dinbandhu of Burnaby Lake RFC was ejected from a February 3, 2024, Premier Men's match vs Westshore RFC by referee Julianne Zussman for contravening Law 9.27 (spirit of good sportsmanship)

Suspension: 6 games raised by aggravating factors to 8 games. One game was served on February 10, 2024.

Note: The DC will also begin an investigation into the actions of David Dinbandhu as possible breaches of the BRCU Code of Conduct.

Andrew Gudmenseh of Cowichan RFC was ejected from a January 27th, 2024, Men's Div 1 match vs Naniamo RFC by referee Doug Thorpe for contravening Law 9.12 (striking with his head).

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

Flora Poole of Capilano RFC was ejected from a January 27, 2024, Women's Premier/D1 match vs Kamloops RFC by referee Shanda Assmus for contravening Law 9.13 (Dangerous Tackling)

Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game

David Livingston of Langley RFC was ejected from a February 3, 2024 Men's Div 1 game vs Abbotsford by referee Shanda Assmus for contravening Law 9.29 (2 yellow card offenses in a match). Both offences were dangerous tackling.

Suspension: 2 games

DECEMBER 6, 2023





Duncan Poulson of Westshore RFC was ejected from the November 11th, 2023, Men's Premier Reserve match vs UVic RFC by referee Malcolm Klaver for contravening Law 9.12 (striking with fist). Duncan Poulson had also become involved in a melee while he was not a player in the match.

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

Josh Ketch of UVic RFC was ejected from the November 11th, 2023, Men's Premier Reserve match vs UVic RFC by referee Malcolm Klaver for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling) and Law 9.12 (striking with fist).

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Ethan Spencer of Meraloma RFC was ejected from the October 28th, 2023, Men's Premier Reserve match vs Capilano RFC by referee Dan Cvitanovich for contravening Law 9.9 (2 yellow cards)

Suspension: 2 games

Bethany Dueck of Capilano RFC was ejected from the November 4th, 2023, Women's Premier match vs Westshore RFC by referee Ardy Farhangdoost for contravening Law 9.20 b) (head contact)

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

James Welsh of SFU RFC was ejected from the November 4th, 2023, Men's Div 2 match vs Scribes RFC by referee Dave Smortchovsky for contravening Law 9.12 (striking with head)

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

Kostya Soloviov of Castaway-Wanderers RFC was found to have played an October 21st, 2023, Div 3 game, while under suspension for a previous red card. On February 2, 2019, while a member of the Surrey Beavers, he was suspended for 16 games for kicking an opponent in the head and spitting.





After the 2018-19 season, he left the country and was not a registered member of the BCRU until the 2023-24 season.

On November 8, 2023, the DC has ruled he should receive credit for 6 games from the remainder of the Surrey RFC 2018-19 season.

On November 8, 2023, the DC has ruled has 10 games remaining from the 2019 suspension, 8 games from the October 25th suspension and an additional 2 games for playing while under suspension.

Suspension: 20 games in total

OCTOBER 25, 2023

David Dinbandhu of Burnaby Lake RFC was ejected from the September 23rd, 2023, Men's Premier match vs Ravens RFC by referee Chris Assmus for contravening Law 9.12 (physical abuse - striking)

Suspension: 6 games, reduced by mitigating factors to 4 games. (2 have been served on October 14th and 21st). Remaining suspension 2 games.

James Carson of Ravens was cited by Burnaby Lake for breaching Law 3.7 and 9.27 during the September 23rd, 2023, Premier men's game.

Suspension: 1 game

Frank Carson of Ravens was cited by Burnaby Lake for breaching Law 9.12 (kicking) during the September 23rd, 2023, Premier men's game. The Discipline Committee ruled that the actions of Frank Carson were foul play but did not rise to a level to warrant a sending off (red card).

Suspension: none

Blake Coss of Surrey Beavers RFC was ejected from the September 23rd 2023 Men's Div 3 match vs Kats RFC by referee Lance Davison for contravening Law 9.12 (physical abuse- striking)

Suspension: 6 games, reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games. (1 has been served on October 14th). Remaining suspension 2 games.



Chase McCrum of Burnaby Lake RFC was ejected from the October 14th , 2023, Men's Premier match vs Capilano RFC by referee Brad Schwalger for contravening Law 9.18 (dangerous tackling). The Discipline Committee ruled that the actions of Chase McCrum were foul play but did not rise to a level to warrant a sending off (red card).

Suspension: none.

Andrew Coe of Ravens RFC was ejected from the October 14th , 2023, Men's Premier match vs UBC RFC by referee Ben Lambrick for contravening Law 9.8 (repeated infringement... dissent)

Suspension: 1 game, reduced by mitigating factors to time served.

Kris Solovion of Castaway-Wanderers RFC was ejected from the October 21st, 2023, Men's Div 3 match vs Comox RFC by referee Lee Burrige for contravening Law 9.12 (stamping)

Suspension: 6 games, increased by aggravating factors to 8 games.

Miranda Dethmongkhonh of Chilliwack RFC was ejected from the October 21st, 2023, Women's Div 2 match vs Scribes RFC by referee Miriam Sobrino for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling)

Suspension: 6 games, reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Josh Radons of Abbotsford RFC was ejected from the September 16· 2023 Men's Div 2 match vs Kamloops RFC by referee Sam Kinloch for contravening Law 9.12 (physical abuse- striking)

Suspension: 6 games, reduced by mitigating factors to 4 games

Peter Hackett of Kats RFC was ejected from the September 23· 2023 Men's Div 2 match vs Surrey RFC by referee Lance Davison for contravening Law 9.12 (physical abuse- striking)

Suspension: 6 games, reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games





Brett Boyce of Cowichan RFC was ejected from the September 23, 2023 Men's Div 1 match vs Port Alberni RFC by referee Darren Munro for contravening Law 9.12 (physical abuse- striking)

Suspension: 6 games, reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

JULY 9, 2023 (PRCs)

A U-14 male player: Law 9.12 Striking, Suspension: Time served was sufficient.

A U-16 male player: Law 9.9:, Repeated Infringement: Suspension, Time served was sufficient

A U-16 male player: Law 9.12 Striking: Suspension, Time served was sufficient.

SUSPENSIONS CARRIED OVER FROM 2022/23 SENIOR CLUB SEASON

James Kelly of Surrey Beavers RFC was ejected from the March 11th, 2023, Men's Div 1 match vs Squamish RFC by referee Tyler Dawson for contravening Law 9.9 (repeated infringement by a player, 2 yellow cards in a match)

Suspension: 2 games increased because of previous similar offences to 8 games. James Kelly is also placed on probation for 12 months.

Freddy Tafuna of Seattle RFC was cited by Capilano RFC for two incidents of foul play during the April 1st, 2023, Men's Premier match vs Capilano RFC. The Citing Representative found that both citations had merit and that Freddy Tafuna had, in both cases, contravened Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling).

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigation to 3 games, for each incident. Total suspension 6 games.

