



SUMMARY OF BCRU DISCIPLINE RULINGS FOR 2024/2025 SEASON

Please see below for a summary of BC Rugby Disciplinary Rulings for the 2024/25 Senior Club Season:

Updated as of April 9, 2025

April 9

Simone John of Westshore RFC was ejected from a March 22, 2025, Men's Div 1 match vs Castaway Wanderers by referee Robert Brown, for contravening Law 9.12 (striking with a hand).

Suspension: 2 games

(credit given for sitting out games on March 29th and April 5th)

Mike Finnemore of Castaway Wanders RFC was ejected from an April 5th, 2025, Premier Men's match vs UBC by referee Derek Horton, on a report from Assistant Referee Andrew Owen, for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackling)
Suspension: 4 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

Nick Gilmore of Comox RFC was ejected from an April 5th, 2025, Men's Div 1 match vs Uvic by referee Darren Munro, for contravening Law 9.12 (striking with a fist)
Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 game

April 2

Cole Harris of Pacific Pride RFC was ejected from a March 22th, 2025, Premier Men's match vs Burnaby Lake by referee Clint Lemkus, on a report from Assistant Referee Jeremy Duncan, for contravening Law 9.12 (punching)
Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games.



Sam Franklin of Capilano RFC was cited by Bayside RFC for contravening Law 9.12 – contact with the eyes, in a March 22nd, 2025, Div 1 Men's match.

Suspension: No further action

Jeremy Routley-Long of Burnaby RFC was cited by Abbotsford RFC for contravening Law 9.12 – striking with a foot, in a March 22nd, 2025, Div 1 Men's match.

Suspension: No further discipline. The Player's action did not rise to the level of a sending off

Jeremy Routley-Long of Burnaby RFC was cited by Abbotsford RFC for contravening Law 9.12 – striking with a fist, in a March 22nd, 2025, Div 1 Men's match.

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

DJ Stewart of JBAA RFC was cited by Nanaimo RFC for contravening Law 9.13 – dangerous tackling, in a March 22nd, 2025, Div 1 Men's match.

Suspension: 8 games reduced by mitigating factors to 4 games

Justin Blanchard of Kamloops RFC was ejected from a March 22th, 2025, Div. 1 Men's match vs Surrey Beavers RFC by referee Sam Kinloch for contravening Law 9.12 (punching)

Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game. Credit given for a game sat out on March 29th. Suspension is served.

March 19

Darcy Johnson of Bayside RFC was cited by Langley for contravening Law 9.12 - biting in a March 5th, 2025, Senior Men's match.

Suspension: 18 games reduced by mitigating factors to 10 games. Credit was given for 2 games. Remaining suspension 8 games.

Sarina Brooks of JBAA RFC was ejected from a March 8th, 2025, Div. 1 Women's match vs Castaway Wanderers by referee Kaitlyn Jonda for contravening Law 9.12 (punching)



Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games. Credit given for 1 game. Remaining suspension 2 games

Dylan Taylor of Cowichan RFC was ejected from a March 8th, 2025, Div. 1 Men's match vs UVic by referee Juan Pablo Rey for contravening Law 9.17 (tackling an opponent who's feet are off the ground).

Suspension: 8 games reduced by mitigating factors to 4 games. Credit given for 1 game. Remaining suspension 3 games

John Braddock, a coach with Castaway Wanderers RFC was found to have breached BC Rugby Discipline Policy 6.6 and sections 5.3 and 6.3 (o) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct for verbal abuse of a Match Official at a March 8th, 2025 Div 1 Women's match vs JBAA.

Suspension: banned from coaching or attending the team's matches until March 31st, 2025. John Braddock must also register and successfully complete (obtain and submit to the DC, the certificate) for the NCCP coaching module "Making Ethical Decisions"

March 5, 2025

Garret Garbe of Brit-lions was ejected from the January 25th, 2025, Men's Div 2 match vs Kats by referee Britt Blackford for contravening Law 9.29 (receiving 2 yellow cards in 1 match). The player also played in a February 1st, 2025 match vs Richmond before his ejection was considered by the DC.

Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigation to 1 game (credit given for February 1st match vs Kamloops)

February 5, 2025

Rhys James of Pacific Pride RFC was found to have breached Law 9.28 and sections 6.6 (a) and (e) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct for verbal abuse of a Match Official at a February 1st, 2025 Premier Men's match vs Castaway-Wanderers.

Suspension: 4 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games



Matthew Bennett of Uvic RFC was ejected from a January 25th, 2025, Senior Men's exhibition match vs Central Washington University by referee Jacob Gonzales for contravening Law 9.29 (2 yellow cards in 1 match)
Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game

December 11, 2025

Carmen Duursema of Burnaby Lake was cited by Westshore RFC for contravening Law 9.12 (striking with an elbow) in a November 30, 2024, Women's Premier match
Ruling: the actions of Carmen Duursema did not rise to the level of a red card.
The DC will take no further action.

November 6, 2024

Brandon Craig of Surrey Beavers RFC was ejected from a November 2, 2024, Men's Div 2 match vs Kats by referee Marcus Treacy for contravening Law 9.12 (striking).

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games.

Riley Canning of Capilano RFC was ejected from a November 2, 2024, Men's Premier match vs James Bay by referee Doug Thorpe for contravening Law 9.29 (2 yellow cards in 1 game)

Suspension: 2 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game

Preston Petrovich of United RFC was found to have breached Section 5.3 (Respect) and Law 9.28 (Disputing the Referee's Decisions) during an October 19th, 2024, Men's Div 2 match vs Kats.

Discipline: Preston Petrovich to create a video apology



Mark Kempton a coach of Bayside U-16 Boys was found to have breached Section 6.3 (o) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct (Respect) during a September 29, 2024, match vs Langley Boys U-14.

Discipline: The DC will take no further action. (Note Bayside RFC suspended Mark Kempton for 1 week under its Code of Conduct)

Brian Marrozzo, a coach of Langley U-14 Boys was found to have breached Section 6.3 (o) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct (Respect) during an October 20, 2024, match vs United Boy's U-14.

Discipline: Brian Marrozzo to create a video apology (Note Langley RFC suspended Brian Marrozzo for 1 week under its Code of Conduct)

Curt Manning, a coach of the Alberta Strathcona Druids U-16 Boys was found to have breached Section 5.3 (Respect) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct (Referee Abuse) during a September 22, 2024 match at the Kamloops Age-Grade Tournament.

Discipline: Curt Manning to create a video apology and complete the NCCP Module "Making Ethical Decisions"

Rob Murphy, a coach of Alberta Strathcona Druids U-16 Boys was found to have breached Section 5.3 (Respect) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct (Referee Abuse) during a September 22, 2024 match at the Kamloops Age-Grade Tournament.

Discipline: Rob Murphy to create a video apology and complete the NCCP Module "Making Ethical Decisions"

Asfi Saeed, a member of JBAA RFC was found to have breached section 5.3 (Respect) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct (Referee Abuse) during a September 21, 2024 Men's Div 1 match between JBAA and Comox.



Discipline: Asfi Saeed to create a video apology

Brian Locke, a supporter of Burnaby Lake RFC was found to have breached section 5.3 (Respect) of the BC Rugby Code of Conduct (Referee Abuse) during an April 20, 2024, Men's Premier match played between Burnaby and Westshore.

Discipline: Brian Locke to create a video apology, Burnaby Lake RFC placed on probation for the remainder of the 24-25 season, Burnaby Lake RFC to post a \$1,000 bond and undertake other steps to ensure against similar incidents in the future.

Lewis McKnight of Kamloops RFC was ejected from an October 19th Men's Div 2 match vs Kelowna RFC by referee Ben Lambrick for contravening Law 9.13 (late tackle).

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games

Credit given for Oct 26th default by SFU and Nov 2nd match vs Richmond

October 23, 2024

Bryce Wordon of Burnaby Lake was cited by UBC for contravening Law 9.20 d) and e) ('Gator Roll) in an October 5th Premier Men's match.

Suspension: 6 games reduced by mitigating factors to 3 games

Adam Heatherington of Rising Tide RFC was ejected by referee Andrew Owen from an October 5, 2024, Div 3 men's match vs Castaway Wanderers for contravening Law 9.13 (Dangerous Tackling)

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

Jade Billington of Westshore was cited by UVic RFC for contravening Law 9.12 (Striking) in an October 5, 2024, match.



Suspension: 4 games reduced by mitigating factors to 2 games. Credit given for 1 game.

September 9, 2024

Arsalan Schaign of Capilano Premier Men's was cited by UBC RFC. The citing alleged that the yellow card issued for the foul play by referee Nat Hight should have been a sending off

Ruling: There was no conclusive evidence that the foul play rose to the level of a red card.

The DC received a complaint from 4 members regarding misconduct of a player under the BC Rugby Code of Conduct, in an incident occurring on September 7th in Kelowna.

Ruling: as the complainants were not witnesses to the incident, the incident had no real connection to Rugby and is under investigation by the RCMP, the DC will take no further action.

July 31, 2024

Jake Thiel of Vancouver Highlanders was ejected from a July 20, 2024, Senior Men's exhibition game vs Germany by referee Shanda Assmus for contravening Law 9.13 (dangerous tackle)

Suspension: 4 games reduced by mitigating factors to 1 game