

Re: The Allegation of Misconduct by The Village Lions and Tsunami Bams on April 18, 2026 following the Lansdowne v Village Lions Rugby Match

There is currently a Regulation 18 Misconduct investigation being conducted by Gary Lee Heavner, a World Rugby Judicial Officer (“JO”).

The JO has directed the following:

1. Tsunami Bams shall provide copies of any and all criminal charges and any other paperwork he received related to this incident by any law enforcement or judicial entity to the JO, through the Empire Administrator **by 8:00 (EDT) May 15, 2026.**
2. The Village Lions shall provide copies of any and all criminal charges and any other paperwork Tsunami Bams received related to this incident by any law enforcement or judicial entity to the JO, through the Empire Administrator **by 8:00 (EDT) May 15, 2026.**
3. Tsunami Bams and the Village Lions shall provide any additional evidence they want considered, including but not limited to videos, photographs and witness statements to the JO, through the Empire Administrator by 8:00 (EDT) May 19, 2026
4. Lansdowne shall provide any evidence they want considered, including but not limited to videos, photographs and witness statements to the JO, through the Empire Administrator by 8:00 (EDT) May 19, 2026
5. All parties should be reminded that any lack of cooperation or failure to follow a JO directive in this matter may itself be an act of misconduct leading to sanctions.
6. Except for speaking to the JO, until this matter has concluded, including any potential appeal, each Party is directed to not discuss this matter outside their own party. This includes any public statements, by individuals or groups, using social media or other means.
7. Be advised that any threats of retaliation to any party, or disparaging comments on the judicial process or outcome may be itself an act of misconduct leading to sanctions.
8. The Empire Board is directed to not discuss this matter amongst themselves, or anyone else, until its full conclusion, since they may be needed to hear any appeal.

9. The Empire Administrator shall post a copy of this memo on the Empire website, and that shall be the only public statement, made by any party or entity, until the conclusion of this matter.
10. Any questions regarding the above should be directed in writing to the Empire Administrator.
11. A remote hearing on this matter shall be scheduled for **Thursday May 21, 2026 at 8:00 (EDT)**.