



09 July 2024

Junior Pan American Championship, Women

Subject: Notification of Hearing and Decision

Re: Argentina Assistant Coach MACCARI Sofia

This is to inform you that a disciplinary hearing has been scheduled to address coaching from the stands in the undesignated area.

**Details of the Incident:** On the game W13 ARG v CHI, Assistant Coach Sofia MACCARI was observed by technical official Axel MUNOZ coaching from an authorized coaching area. As this was the 4<sup>th</sup> time, Sofia MARACCI was observed coaching, she was removed from the stands to the team locker room area. An email was sent to Argentina Team Manager Juan BLANCI on 7 July, 2024 after the 3<sup>rd</sup> incident. In the email, it was clear on what the repercussions were if Sofia MACCARI was observed coaching in a non-coaching area. "If Ariel or I observe Sofia coaching in an unauthorized area, she will be removed from the stands for the remainder of the game and an official code of conduct hearing will be held."

**Hearing Details:**

**Date, Time and Location**

Sunday 9 July 2024 at 12:00, Technical Delegate Office, Tamanawis Park, Surrey, BC

**Level of the Offense**

Code of Conduct Level 1

Article 2.2 m: Repeated failure to comply with the directions of a Technical Official.

**Attendance required**

Sofia MACCARI, Argentina Coach

One representative

Translator (optional)

**Meeting Details:**

The meeting took place in the TD office at 1200.

**Attendance:**

Sofia MACCARI, Argentina Assistant Coach

Juan BLANCO, Argentina Team Manager

Rene' ZELKIN, TD Junior Pan American Championship, Women

Ariel WALLACE, TD Junior Pan American Championship, Men

Axel MUNOZ, Technical Official

As Sofia Maccari did not speak English, she requested interpretation. Juan Blanco, Team Manager Argentina served as the interpreter.

Review of the 4 occasions of coaching outside of the coaching area were reviewed. Sofia Maccari accepted that on the first 3 occasions she stopped coaching when she was spoken to. Sofia did not accept that she was coaching on the 4<sup>th</sup> occasion.

Juan Blanco confirmed that any coach in the coaching box can coach and assured the TDs that she would be only in the coaching box in future games.

**The disciplinary history of the team member:** none

Sofia Maccari accepts the breach of the Code of Conduct and her attitude during the hearing was regretful.

**Any penalty already incurred:**

During the Team Manager Briefing, the coaching area was identified by a map of the venue, verbally where the area was and repercussions if coaching was observed outside the coaching box.

Sofia Maccari was spoken to on 3 occasions:

**4 July 2024 Match W04 ARG v URU** Ariel Wallace, TD observed Sofia Maccari coaching outside of the coaching area. Ariel Wallace reviewed with Sofia Maccari that she could not coach outside of the coaching area and showed her where the coaching area was.

**6 July 2024 Match W09 CAN v ARG** Ariel Wallace TD observed Sofia Maccari coaching outside of the coaching area. Ariel Wallace reviewed with Sofia Maccari that she could not coach outside of the coaching area. She wanted to remain where she was sitting and stated she would not coach. Ariel Wallace observed that she no longer coached.

**7 July 2024 Match W11 USA v ARG** Rene' Zelkin, TD observed Sofia Maccari coaching outside of the coaching area. Rene' Zelkin sat with Sofia Maccari for the first two quarters of the game as she did not want to sit in the coaching area. She did not coach for the remainder of the game outside of the coaching area.

**7 July 2024**, Rene' Zelkin, TD spoke to Juan Blanco after the game about the issue with Sofia Maccari coaching outside of the coaching area. The TD reviewed the 3 incidents and the potential repercussions if Sofia Maccari was observed coaching outside of the coaching area. Rene' Zelkin followed up with an email which Juan Blanco confirmed that he understood.

Match W13 ARG v CHI Axel Munoz observed Sofia Munoz coaching outside of the coaching area. Ariel Wallace TD removed Sofia Maccari to the team locker room area for the remainder of the game.

**Decision:**

Official reprimand with report submitted to FIH and PAHF.

Sofia Maccari is permitted to coach from the coaching area. If there is any further observations of coaching outside of the coaching area, further disciplinary actions could be taken.

Rene' Zelkin



Technical Delegate Junior Pan American Championship, Women

Ariel Wallace



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