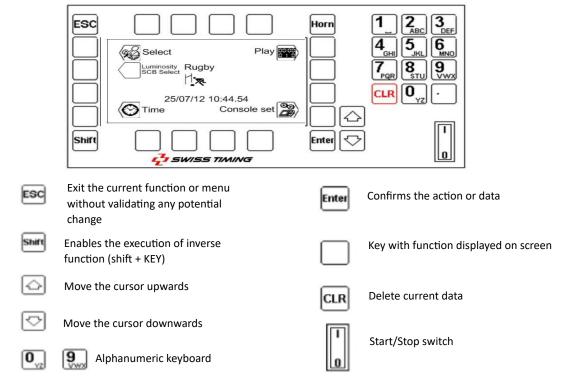






## **Console Layout and modes**



### **Correct settings for EPCR matches;**

- Switch on the console
- Press 'Select', then 'Settings'
- Check that 'Count Up' is selected (press button to toggle between 'Down' and'Up')
- Press the 'down' arrow, to access the second page of settings
- Ensure that 'Stop Time' is NOT checked [no tick in box] (press button to toggle between tick / no tick)
- Ensure that 'Total Time' IS checked [tick in box] (press button to toggle between tick / no tick)
- Press the down arrow, to access the third page of settings
- Ensure that 'Light Sending' IS checked [tick in box] (press button to togglebetween tick / no tick)
- Press 'Enter'
- Press 'Save', then 'Yes'







# <u>Test</u>

Always ensure you start a 'test match', to check that the correct settings are loaded.

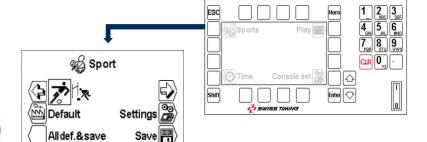


# **Game Settings**

The selection and saving of different game settings (duration of period, horn, type of counting etc...) are set from this menu.

Select the sport using these keys:





- Ensure the counter is on "Rugby" mode
- Match should commence at 00.00 and count up
- The match time should **NOT** stop at 40.00 (unless deliberately stopped by the timekeeper)
- Second half (Period 2) should start by showing 40.00 and count up to (andbeyond) 80.00.

# Check the functionality of:

- Penalty countdown: 60s
- Conversion countdown: 60s (since January 2025)
- Scores: keys "+2" ad "+3"



# [Settings] RUGBY Settings Selection

Press the [settings] to modify the settings et use the  $|\triangle|$  and  $|\nabla|$  to see all settings.









# **Extra time**

1.	Press on the key to e	nter the match. The software will ask whether you'd like to continue the
	match or 👜 [Pla	
2.	- Press on	to access the time adjustments menu
		[Min.] to modify the minutes:

- Enter 79 and press on to confirm. Press on [Sec.] to modify the seconds Enter 50 and press on to confirm Enter
- 3. Set the switch to **START** → Timer goes beyond 80:00
- 4. Set the switch to **STOP** to initiate extra-time

## End of the match

When the final period of the match comes to an end, turn the switch to **STOP** and press screen prompt will ask if you would like extra time:



- NO: to end the match. The console indicates END OF THE MATCH and it no longer becomes possible to restart the game
- YES: to enter extra time







# Use of 60 / 60 second count down (shotclock)

# **Penalty**

During the match, the 60 second count down, allowed for a penalty kick, can be activated by pressing on key  $60^{\circ}$ . To stop and clear this count down, press on the SHIFT key then key

# Conversion

During game time, the 60 second count down, allowed for a conversion, can be activated by pressing on key  $60^{\circ}$ . To stop and clear this count down, press on the SHIFT key then key

In the case where the try is awarded and then reviewed by TMO when the shotclock countdown has already been initiated:

1. Deactivate the timer. Press on



2. Restart the countdown at 60s after confirmation by the referee then  $60^{\circ}$ 

#### **Appendix Five**

#### **Replacement Protocol**

- Each Club's Technical Zone Manager is responsible for the Club's replacements during a Match, as well as
  the Club's compliance with the technical zone protocol at Appendix Nine to these Tournament Rules.
  The Technical Zone Manager must ordinarily be located in the Club's technical zone throughout the
  Match.
- 2. When a Club decides to replace a Player on the Playing Enclosure, the Club's Technical Zone Manager must fill in the appropriate details on the replacement card and sign it. The respective numbers of the Player leaving the Playing Area and the Player replacing him must be written in the appropriate box on the replacement card by the Technical Zone Manager.
- 3. When a Player leaves the field of play for a bleeding/open wound, the Technical Zone Manager must tick the blood box and enter in the appropriate box the respective numbers of the leaving Player and the replacement Player. This process must be repeated when the first Player returns to the field of play. A maximum of 15 minutes will be permitted for temporary blood replacements, after which the temporary replacement will become permanent. The 15-minute time allowance will start at the point the player reaches the point in the stadium agreed at the pre-match medical briefing.
- 4. When a Player leaves the field temporarily for an assessment under the HIA procedures, the Technical Zone Manager must tick the "HIA" box and enter in the appropriate box the respective numbers of the leaving Player and the replacement Player. This process must be repeated when the first Player returns to the field of play (as appropriate). If a Player leaves the field permanently, for example due to concussion or suspected concussion, pursuant to World Rugby Regulation 10, the Technical Zone Manager must tick the "Head Injury IPR" box. A maximum of 12 minutes will be permitted for temporary HIA replacements, after which the temporary replacement will become permanent. The 12-minute time allowance will start at the point the player reaches the point in the stadium agreed at the pre-match medical briefing. A player undergoing a HIA may not return to the field before the 12 minutes have expired.
- 5. If a player needs to leave the field temporarily for an assessment under the HIA procedures and also requires treatment for a bleeding/open wound, a maximum of 17 minutes will be permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, a player who has been temporarily replaced in these circumstances may return to the field as soon as the 12-minute HIA period has expired.
- 6. If a HIA is called in the final 10 minutes of the first half, a maximum of 12 minutes will still be permitted for the HIA; however, the player will NOT be required to report back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Official within the 12-minute HIA limit and may instead simply report to the 4<sup>th</sup> Official at the beginning of the second half.
- 7. If A HIA is called during the half time interval, in circumstances where the 4<sup>th</sup> Official has NOT been notified before returning to the changing room for half time, the HIA is deemed to have been called at the moment the second half commences, and the player may not return to the field until 12 minutes of the second half have elapsed.
- 8. If a HIA is called between the time of the half-time whistle and the 4<sup>th</sup> Official entering the match officials changing room; then the 12-minute allowance for a HIA will commence immediately. A temporary replacement may be made for the first few minutes of the second half until the 12-minute allowance has expired.
- 9. The 'Yellow card' box must be ticked by the Technical Zone Manager when a Front Row Player has been 'sin-binned' and another Front Row Player has to enter the Playing Area in order to ensure non-contested scrums do not occur. The respective numbers of the Player leaving the Playing Area and the replacement Front Row Player must be written in the appropriate box on the replacement card by the Technical Zone Manager.
- 10. The card does not represent a valid request until it is signed by the Technical Zone Manager.
- 11. The card is then handed by the Technical Zone Manager to the number 4 or 5 Match official, who will check the details and then proceed with the replacement.
- 12. The number 4 or 5 Match official will add the details to their replacement form.
- 13. Once the card has been passed to the number 4 or 5 Match official, a replacement is effective only when the Match referee has clearly signalled for the Player to be replaced. The Technical Zone Manager may amend details on the card given to the number 4 or 5 Match official at any time before the replacement takes place but any such amendments to the card must be authorised by signature by the Technical Zone Manager.
- 14. Once the Match referee has clearly signalled for the Player to be replaced, the number 4 or 5 Match

official will escort the replacement Player to the touch-line at the halfway line and, subject to the following provision, that Player may enter the Playing Area only after the Player leaving the Playing Area has crossed the touch-line and is off the Playing Area, and the number 4 or 5 Match official has signalled for the replacement Player to enter the Playing Area. A replacement Player may be allowed to enter the Playing Area before the Player leaving the Playing Area crosses the touchline if the Player leaving the Playing Area is injured to such an extent that it necessitates him being escorted from the Playing Area by medical personnel. In such a case, the number 4 or 5 Match official will signal to the replacement Player when he is permitted to enter the Playing Area.

15. Before each Match, each Club will receive a different colour set of replacement cards, as below:

0	Replacen	nent Card
EPCR	Player Off	Player On
☐ Injury	Foul play replacement	Yellow card Tactical
☐ HIA	☐ Blood	Red card Reversal
☐ Head In	jury- IPR	Red card – 20min
Time:	Team 0	fficial Signature:







#### **Appendix Nine**

#### **Technical Zone Protocol**

#### 1. Location and Dimensions

- 1.1 Two technical zones (one for each Club) must be provided within the Playing Enclosure, on the same side of the Playing Area, one on either side of the half-way line and outside the Playing Area, pursuant to Law 1 of World Rugby's Laws of the Game.
- 1.2 The technical zones must be marked on the ground and, in each case, the line nearest the touchline must be parallel to the touchline.
- 1.3 Save where otherwise designated by EPCR, each of the technical zones must commence a minimum of five metres from the half-way line, must not exceed ten metres in length and three metres in width, and where practically possible, must not be less than two metres from the touch-line and must be behind the perimeter advertising boards, with easy access to the Playing Area (see diagram, below).

#### 2. Personnel and Conduct Permitted in the Technical Zones

- 2.1 The following persons may be present in each Club's technical zone during a Match:
  - (a) one certified and practising medical doctor;
  - (b) subject to clause 3, below, up to two other medically trained personnel (certified and practising medical doctors or physiotherapists only);
  - (c) subject to clause 4, below, up to two water/tee carriers; and
  - (d) the Technical Zone Manager (who will be responsible for the Club's compliance with this technical zone protocol during the Match).
- 2.2 All personnel permitted to be present in the technical zones pursuant to clause 2.1, above, must wear suitable armbands and/or bibs (which, for the Investec Champions Cup and the EPCR Challenge Cup, will be supplied by EPCR) at all times during the Match.
- 2.3 Subject to Appendix Three to these Tournament Rules (which requires coaching/management/medical staff and Players to gather and remain in their respective technical zones during a place kick competition), aside from those persons referred to in clause 2.1, above, no other person (including Club officials, coaching/management/medical staff and Players) may be present in the technical zones during a Match. And under no circumstances may any of the persons present in the technical zone pursuant to clause 2.1, above, be a Player serving a suspension imposed under the Disciplinary Rules.
- 2.4 Without prejudice to clause 4.7 of the Tournament Rules and the generality of the Disciplinary Rules, all persons present in the technical zone (a) must conduct themselves at all times in an orderly fashion in accordance with the highest standards of disciplined and sporting behaviour; and (b) must not obstruct, interfere with or (with the exception of a medic's legitimate comment regarding the treatment of a player or when the Technical Zone Manager is complying with Appendix Five to these Tournament Rules) direct any comments towards Match officials.
- 2.5 Any persons not permitted to enter the Technical Zones and who fails to adhere to this protocol by entering the Technical Zones (or fails to adhere to the instructions of the Match officials in connection with this protocol) may be cautioned or sent off by the Match officials or otherwise charged with Misconduct by EPCR.

#### 3. Medical Personnel

3.1 Of the two medically-trained personnel referred to in clause 2.1(b), above, one may be positioned on the far side of the Playing Area on the touch-line opposite the technical zones, and the other may be positioned on the near side of the Playing Area on the touch-line adjacent to the technical zones, but the two may not be together on one touch-line. These medical personnel must, at all times, retain the benefit of clear line of sight and access to the pitch, regardless of any commercial activations their presence might obscure. They may only provide water to the player they are treating. They must not, under any circumstances, touch the ball while it is live in play, e.g., as they approach the injured player or retreat from the field thereafter (the expectation being that if the path of the ball was reasonably likely to interfere with their treatment of a player, then the referee would have brought the match to a halt). If a medic from one of the teams touches the ball while it is live in play, the referee will penalise that team and award a penalty to the opposition.

3.2 In the case of injury to a Player in the Playing Area, the certified medical doctor referred to in clause 2.1(a), above and/or the medically-trained personnel referred to in clause 2.1(b), above, and/or the Match Day Doctor (if appointed) may enter the Playing Area in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

#### 4. Water/Tee Carriers

- 4.1 Subject to clause 4.4, below, the water/tee carriers referred to in clause 2.1(c), above, must remain in their respective technical zones at all times unless they enter the Playing Area to provide water or the kicking tee, which they may do only during official stoppages in play designated for that purpose, or when a try has been scored, up to a maximum of twice per half with the approval of the 4<sup>th</sup> Official.
- 4.2 At all times, Players may come to the touch-line adjacent to the technical zones to receive water, or to the area behind the dead ball line. Water bottles must not be left in-goal; if water bottles are left in-goal, the 4<sup>th</sup> Official may withhold approval for water carriers to enter the Playing Area at the permitted times.
- 4.3 Under no circumstances may water bottles or other containers be thrown onto the Playing Area.
- 4.4 One of the water carriers may enter the Playing Area to provide a kicking tee or sand to a kicker preparing to take a penalty kick at goal or conversion (i.e. once one of the Club's Players has (a) indicated that he intends to kick at goal after a penalty has been awarded, or (b) scored a try). The water carrier may also bring one water bottle for the kicker's sole use.
- 4.5 Neither of the water carriers referred to in clause 2.1(c), above, may be the Club's Head Coach or Director of Rugby.
- 4.6 Hot weather may warrant one further water break per half, at the discretion of the Match referee and with prior agreement of both Clubs.

#### 5. Administration and Enforcement of the Technical Zone Protocol

- 5.1 During a Match, the number 4 and 5 Match officials will administer and enforce this technical zone protocol on behalf of the Match referee. If there is a breach of this technical zone protocol, one or both of the number 4 and 5 Match officials will report the matter to the Match referee, who may caution any person responsible for such a breach (which can include, for the avoidance of doubt, a member of a Club's coaching/management/medical staff) or, at his/her discretion, expel that person from the technical zone and the Playing Enclosure.
- 5.2 Without prejudice to any action taken by the Match officials pursuant to clause 5.1, above, any breach of this technical zone protocol (including those resulting in expulsions from the technical zone and the Playing Enclosure) may be reported to the Disciplinary Officer, who may investigate the matter, hold an enquiry and/or bring a Misconduct complaint pursuant to the Disciplinary Rules.

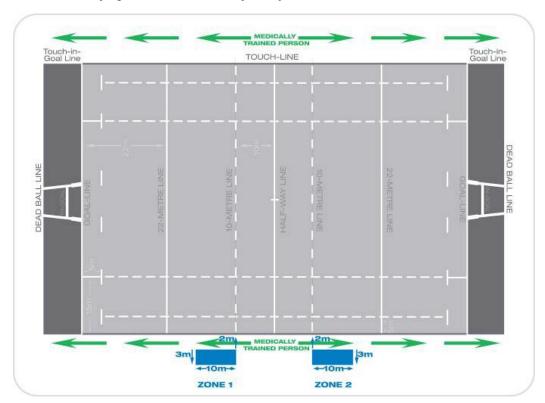
## 6. Personnel Outside the Technical Zones and the Playing Enclosure

- 6.1 Subject to clause 3, above, and save where (a) replacements enter the Playing Area pursuant to the replacement protocol at Appendix Five to these Tournament Rules or warm up pursuant to clause 6.2, below, and/or (b) the Club's coaching staff enter the Playing Area at the half time interval to attend to the Club's Players, each Club's replacements and coaching/management/medical staff must be located outside the Playing Enclosure throughout the Match.
- 6.2 If replacements wish to warm up, they may do so either (a) in a designated warm-up area outside the Playing Area (where they may use balls, hit-shields and/or any other rugby equipment), or (b) in the opposing Club's in-goal area, i.e. the attacking in-goal area (where they may NOT use balls but may use hit-shields, which must be returned to the Technical Zone after each warm-up event).

## 7. Players Temporarily Suspended

- 7.1 When a Player is Temporarily Suspended, subject to clause 7.3, below, that Player must remain in the 'sin bin' area (as designated pursuant to clause 4.3.2 of the Tournament Rules) for the duration of the Temporary Suspension.
- 7.2 A Temporarily Suspended Player may be given water and warm clothing while in the 'sin bin' area. If half-time occurs during the Temporary Suspension period, the Player may go to his Club's dressing room but must return directly to the designated 'sin bin' area for the remaining period of his Temporary Suspension when the second half begins.

7.3 A one-minute warm-up period is permitted prior to the Temporarily Suspended Player returning to the Playing Area, in which the Player may leave the 'sin bin' area.



#### **Appendix Ten**

#### **HIA Review Process**

The process set out in this Appendix Ten ("HIA Review Process") establishes the procedure by which any incident that takes place in (or is related to) a Match that (a) is connected with HIA and/or concussion and/or related matters; and/or (b) is either routinely reviewed or referred by EPCR to the HIA Review Processor and/or the EPCR HIA Review Panel ("Head Injury Event") may be reviewed.

For the avoidance of any doubt, neither this HIA Review Process, nor any action taken pursuant to this HIA Review Process, precludes the Disciplinary Officer from investigating any such incident and/or bringing disciplinary proceedings in respect of any such incident (or taking any other action he considers appropriate pursuant to the Disciplinary Rules).

Initial Review by the HIA Review Processor (Alligin Performance and Independent Video Reviewers (IVR's))

- 1. EPCR (or World Rugby where it requests it) may refer Head Injury Events to the HIA Review Processor for the purposes of review. The HIA Review Processor will review all Head Injury Events (a) as part of the routine post-game video review process or (b) if referred by EPCR. If any third party wishes to refer an incident to the HIA Review processor, it may only do so through the EPCR Disciplinary Officer, who will refer the matter to the HIA Review Processor and inform the referrer of the outcome.
- 2. The procedure by which such review is carried out is intended to be flexible and will be at the discretion of the HIA Review Processor, where appropriate under direction or guidance from EPCR. It is anticipated that the HIA Review Processor's review will include (at least) a review of the video footage of the relevant Head Injury Event.
- 3. The HIA Review Processor may request, from any Club or Person, documents, video footage, statements, answers to questions (whether by correspondence through a secure online portal or in a meeting, at the discretion of the HIA Review Processor) and/or other materials to assist them with their review.
- 4. All Clubs and Persons must comply in full with such requests, and must facilitate compliance by others (for example, if requested to do so by the HIA Review Processor, Players must permit Club Medics to disclose to the HIA Review Processor details of their respective injuries and illnesses, treatment and other relevant matters), and it will not be a valid excuse for a Club and/or any of its Persons that has failed or refused to comply with such a request to rely on any privilege against self-incrimination: any such privilege is deemed to have been waived by the Club and its Persons.
- 5. In the event of a disagreement between the IVR and the Club doctor on the interpretation of a video, the IVR shall inform the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the Club's Union who may consult with the World Rugby Independent Video Interpretation Expert Group. If consulted, the World Rugby Independent Video Interpretation Expert Group shall ordinarily provide its written report within 24 hours of receipt of the review request. Notwithstanding any referral to (or report from) the World Rugby Independent Video Interpretation Expert Group, the IVR still has the ability to refer a case in accordance with paragraph 8 below.
- 6. If the IVR and CMO of the Club's Union concludes that there is a justifiable medical reason or explanation for an incident, no further referral will be required and the CMO of the Club's Union will decide whether further education and/or training is required.
- 7. If the IVR and/or CMO of the Club's Union concludes that there is anything other than a justifiable medical reason or explanation for an incident, the HIA review processor and CMO of the Club's Union must refer the case to the HIA Review Group set out in paragraph 8 below. By way of guidance only, below is a non-exhaustive list of examples which should result in a referral to the HIA Review Group:
  - (a) a deliberate or reckless failure to comply with the World Rugby Head Injury Assessment Protocol (for example, off-field assessment completed in a time that compromises quality of assessment, or potential tactical manipulation);
  - (b) a failure in the delivery of video viewing (for example, no side-line video link);
  - (c) a deliberate attempt by any team member to influence a medic in relation to HIA;
  - (d) repeated errors (more than two in a two-year period) in the application of the World Rugby Head Injury Assessment Protocol;
  - (e) evidence of a deliberate obstruction of the World Rugby Head Injury Assessment Protocol or the HIA Review Process: and/or
  - f) existence of any other act or omission in relation to the World Rugby Head Injury Assessment Protocol that significantly jeopardises player welfare.

#### Subsequent Review by the EPCR HIA Review Panel

- 8. The HIA Review Group shall be appointed by the Chairman of EPCR's Independent Disciplinary Panel and ordinarily be composed of an:
  - (a) Independent Lawyer (who must be eligible to sit as a Judicial Officer under World Rugby Regulations) who shall chair the HIA Review Group;
  - (b) CMO of the Club's Union (in the event that the CMO of the Club's Union is unavailable then the CMO of another Club's Union will be appointed);
  - (c) a World Rugby nominated representative; and
  - (d) a representative from EPCR.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CMO of the Club's Union shall be entitled at any point to informally consult with the CMO of the other participating Union if he/she so wishes.

- 9. The chair of the HIA Review Group may, if he/she wishes:
  - (a) invite a representative(s) of other participating unions/federations to sit as additional members of the HIA Review Group; and/or
  - (b) consult with other third parties such as tournament organisers.
- 10. The HIA Review Group will preferably meet in person (or via conference call if absolutely necessary) within 36 hours of a referral by the IVR or the CMO of the Club's Union.
- 11. The HIA Review Group may at any point make further enquiries of the club, the independent reviewer and/or the World Rugby Video Interpretation Expert Group and such individuals or groups must provide responses to such enquiries by the deadline set by the HIA Review Group.
- 12. The HIA Review Group has the power to investigate all matters referred to it and all clubs must cooperate fully with such investigations, including providing requested information within the timeframes provided. Provided all timeframes set by the Group are complied with, the Group will ordinarily issue its findings within 14 days of the referral.
- 13. Following conclusion of an investigation, the HIA Review Group may in its absolute discretion:
  - (a) make recommendations for further education and training for the Club personnel, including the Club doctor.
  - (b) make recommendations for the World Rugby HIA Working Group to consider an alteration in the process, education and/or training; and/or
  - (c) make a referral to the EPCR Disciplinary Officer to consider further disciplinary action.
- 14. The HIA Review Group must send a written report to the Club, Club's Union and relevant competition organiser setting out its recommendations.
- 15. There is no power to appeal any decision of the HIA Review Group.

# <u>Confidentiality</u>

- 16. Subject to the following, all proceedings before the HIA Review Processor and/or the EPCR HIA Review Panel will be confidential:
  - (a) EPCR may, at its discretion, publish (in whole or in part) the decisions and reports of the HIA Review Processor and/or the EPCR HIA Review Panel, including a summary of such decisions and reports. EPCR will ordinarily consult with the HIA Review Processor/HIA Review Group and the CMO of the union/federation concerned before making any public statement.
  - (b) Ordinarily, the report of the EPCR HIA Review Panel will be disclosed by EPCR to the Clubs and Persons that are connected with the HIA Incident, but that will be at EPCR's discretion (and EPCR might, for example, elect not to disclose it or to disclose only a redacted version).

For the avoidance of doubt, unless the chairman of the EPCR HIA Review Panel expressly orders otherwise, the written report of the EPCR HIA Review Panel, and all material reviewed by the HIA Review Processor and/or the EPCR HIA Review Panel in respect of the relevant HIA Incident, will be provided to the Disciplinary Officer and will be capable of being used as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.



# **EPCR SUBSTITUTION FORM**

Team A		 	/	Team B_		 
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Player off	Player on	Reason	Time	Player off	Player on	Reason	Time

#### Reasons -

RI: replacement injury ST: substitution tactical YCT: yellow card technical YCF: yellow card foul play

YCR: player returns after yellow card

RC: sent off

SBF: player off for a front row player during sin bin

SBFR: player returns after front row sin bin

BI: blood and/or open wound

BR: blood and/or open wound return HIA: Head Injury Assessment removal HIAR: Head Injury Assessment return CONC: concussion or suspected concussion

FPR: Foul Play replacement

Signature of Fourth Official	
-	

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Give to EPCR Official Data Provider immediately on completion of match.

Attach Substitution Cards to Form.



# **MATCH OFFICIAL REPORT**



Competition	Match date					
Match Result			-			
Home Team				Score		
Away Team				Score		
Venue						
Ground/Weather Cond	litions					
			1			
Referee		Assistant Referee	1			
Assistant Referee 2  4 <sup>th</sup> Official		TMO 5 <sup>th</sup> Official				
4" Official	_	5" Official				
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☐ Supporter	□ Non-playing p	ersonnel 🗆 O	ther			
4. If you answer	red yes to question 1, please	e add details on the	incide	ent(s):		
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