



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC

Jiri Riha

035/2025/2026

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The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga reviewed the incident that occurred at the 06:22 mark of the Hungarian Championship OBI 73 (Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC - UTE), during which the referees penalized the Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC player #26 Jiri Riha 5+20 for boarding.

Injury register:

Player #17 UTE, Kiss Dániel hit his head on the play and suffered a head injury that caused him to temporarily lose consciousness. He was taken to hospital by ambulance for further treatment. He did not continue the game.

IIHF RULE 41.1. BOARDING

A boarding penalty shall be imposed on any Player who checks or pushes a defenseless opponent in such a manner that causes the opponent to hit or impact the boards violently or dangerously. The severity of the penalty, based upon the impact with the boards, shall be at the discretion of the Referee.

There is a considerable amount of judgment involved in the application of this rule by the Referees. The responsibility is on the Player applying the check to ensure their opponent is not in a defenseless position and if so, they must avoid or minimize contact.

However, in determining whether such contact could have been avoided, the circumstances of the check, including whether the opponent put themselves in a vulnerable position immediately prior to or simultaneously with the check or whether the check was unavoidable can be considered. This balance must be considered by the Referees when applying this rule.

41.2. MINOR PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a minor penalty, based on the degree of force and violence of the impact with the boards, to a Player guilty of "boarding" an opponent.

41.3. MAJOR PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major penalty to a Player guilty of "boarding" an opponent, and who recklessly endangers the fouled Player in a way that at the discretion of the Referee such Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a minor penalty.

41.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major and a game misconduct penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by "boarding" and the Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a major penalty. Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on

the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

Review of Incident:

At 06:22, the UTE player Kiss Dániel is playing the puck in his defending zone on the goal line approximately 2.5 meters from the boards. When the puck hits his stick, it bounces upwards and he attempts to regain control. BJA player Jiri Riha, who is on the forecheck, reaches Kiss shortly after he touches the puck when he about 1.5 meters from the boards. Riha then pushes Kiss in the back by extending his left hand/forearm causing him to collide dangerously into the boards.

The Committee Ruling:

- While there was no intent to injure, Jiri Riha must be aware of his positioning on the ice when making a check like this and make sure his contact does not accelerate his opponent to violently crash into the boards from a dangerous distance.
- Therefore, Jiri Riha is responsible for the push and subsequent consequences of his actions on the play.

As a result, the Committee ruled the play Careless (0-3) and Jiri Riha **will be suspended for 1 game for the infraction** and according the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 150.

The player will spend down his suspension at the next Hungarian Championship, OBI game.

If a player or players of a team are serving a suspension imposed automatically by the Erste Liga or the MJSZ Disciplinary Committee, the maximum number of foreign players of the team who can be called up for a game during the period of the suspension is reduced by the number of the suspended player or players and only reaches the maximum entry for a match in the competition regulations after the suspension or suspensions have expired.

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