



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

DEAC

Kreisz Brúnó
043/2025/2026
15 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 28:43, EL 156, DVTK Jegesmedvék - DEAC playoff match 3

Players Involved: #29 DEAC Kreisz Brúnó
#53 DVTK Vokla Roland Armand

Call on the Ice: There was no call made on the play being reviewed.

DVTK representative requested an investigation into the incident that occurred at 28:43 during the DVTK Jegesmedvék - DEAC game. According to his opinion, DEAC player # 29 Kreisz Brúnó hit DVTK player #53 Vokla Roland Armand on his head.

The records have not shown an injury.

IIHF RULE 48 ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK

There is no clean check to the head or neck.

The Player delivering the hit must avoid hitting the opponent's head or neck.

A hit resulting in contact with an opponent's head where the head was the main point of contact and such contact to the head was avoidable is not permitted. This rule supersedes all similar actions regarding hits to the head and neck.

A penalty for "illegal check to the head or neck" will be assessed if one of the following occurs when a Player checks an opponent:

- I. A Player who directs a hit of any sort, with any part of their body or equipment, to the head or neck of an opposing Player or drives or forces the head of an opposing Player into the protective glass or boards using any part of their upper body.
- II. A Player who extends and directs any part of their upper body to contact the head or neck of an opponent.
- III. A Player who extends their body upward or outward in order to reach their opponent or uses any part of the upper body to contact an opponent's head or neck.
- IV. A Player who jumps (leaves their skates) to deliver a blow to the head or neck of an opponent.

48.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major penalty and an automatic game misconduct penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by an "illegal check to the head or



neck". 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.

IIHF RULE 59 CROSS-CHECKING

The act of using the shaft of the stick between the two hands to forcefully check an opponent.

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Review of Incident:

At 28:43 a DVTK player is in possession and control of the puck skating from the right side of the ice back towards the blueline. At this time DEAC player # 29 Kreisz Brúnó is skating near a DVTK opponent defending him with a couple of meters separation. The DVTK player then changes direction by circling towards the middle of the ice and then starts heading to the goal. DVTK #53 Vokla Roland Armand sees the play setting up and comes to run a screen and moves in a position to cut Kreisz Brúnó off and interfere with his defending of the DVTK player. When these two players meet Kreisz Brúnó sees Vokla Roland Armand and responds to the interference by cross checking him in the shoulder area breaking his stick.

The Committee Ruling:

- Vokla Roland Armand deliberately cuts off Kreisz Brúnó from defending his opponent.
- When Kreisz Brúnó sees Vokla Roland Armand, he delivers a cross-check to the shoulder area.
- The Committee saw no evidence from the video provided that the contact was made to the head.
- The play could have been penalized, as both an interference penalty to Vokla Roland Armand and a cross-check penalty to Kreisz Brúnó should have been assessed.
- Because of the location of the cross-check, it was determined that the play did not meet the criteria for a suspendable offense.
- They also noted that because a stick breaks on contact, it does not automatically mean a major penalty must be assessed, and in this case they ruled accordingly.

As a result, the Committee ruled categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) and there will be **no further discipline assessed to Kreisz Brúnó.**

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