



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

DEAC

Anton Shenfeld
044/2025/2026
17 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 37:41, EL 160, DVTK Jegesmedvék - DEAC playoff match 4

Players Involved: #12 DEAC Anton Shenfeld
#28 DVTK Simon Szathmáry

Call on the Ice: There was no call on the play.

DVTK representative requested an investigation into the incident that occurred at 37:41 in the match EL 160 between DVTK Jegesmedvék and DEAC played on March 16, 2026.

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.

Review of Incident:

At 37:42 play was stopped for an injured DEAC player. Prior to stoppage of play, DVTK #28 Simon Szathmary picked up the puck at the right face-off dot just outside his defending zone. He struggled to gain control of the puck and was looking down and leaning slightly forward when he got approached the center line. DEAC #12 Anton Shenfeld sees him and comes from approximately three meters and delivers a check directly to the head of Simon Szathmary with his shoulder.

The Committee Ruling:

- The Committee ruled the hit was not a predatory hit but was delivered with significant force.
- Although Simon Szathmary is leaning slightly forward he is still upwards enough that Anton Shenfeld is responsible to make sure the head is not the principal point of contact by either lowering his positioning or slightly changing his attack angle which he had time to do once he started his approach.
- There should have been a penalty called due to the severity of contact.

As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) and that **Anton Shenfeld will be suspended for one game** for the infraction and according the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on DEAC. The organization must pay a fine of 150 EUR

The player will spend down his suspension at the next Erste Liga 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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