



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Corona Brasov

Radim Valchar
048/2025/2026
30 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 19:57, EL 177, Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC - Corona Brasov - semi-final game 3

Players Involved: BRA #22 Radim Valchar
BJA #8 Szabó Bence

Call on the Ice: Radim Valchar was a major penalty and game misconduct for an Illegal Check to the head and Neck area.

The records have not shown an injury reported for Szabó Bence and he did continue to play in the game.

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.

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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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 a "cross-checking" and the Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a minor 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 19:57 Corona Brasov #22 Radim Valchar comes from behind the BJA net to the top of the crease. BJA #8 Szabó Bence is defending him and makes contact in the chest area and then brings his hands and stick up after initial contact. The BJA goaltender catches the puck, holds it and play is stopped. Szabó Bence begins to push Radim Valchar away from the goalie by using his hands and stick in the chest area when Valchar retaliates by raising his arms and stick and delivers a hit using his stick in a cross-checking manner to the neck area of Szabó Bence.

The Committee Ruling:

- The infraction met the standard for a major and game misconduct for a Cross Checking or an Illegal Check to the Head and Neck.
- Although Radim Valchar was being pushed in the chest after the whistle, his reaction to the push was excessive and dangerous.
- The Committee ruled Valchar's contact was not overly forceful but the contact was targeted, intentional and recklessly endangerment his opponent based on the location to the neck/head area of Szabó Bence.

As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3). **Radim Valchar 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 Corona Brasov. The organization must pay a fine of 150 EUR

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

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