



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Corona Brasov

Sebastien Piche

059/2025/2026

10 April 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 45:53, EL 186, Corona Brasov - Gyergyói Hoki Klub - F game 1

Players Involved: BRA #58 Sebastien Piche
GYHK #44 Fejes Nándor

Call on the Ice: A major penalty was assessed for Boarding

The Head of the Erste Liga Referee Working Group initiated disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 12 (1) a) of the Erste Liga Sports Disciplinary Regulations.

The player is currently suffering from a periorbital hematoma.

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:

Prior to the stoppage of play at, GYHK # 44 Fejes Nándor is skating along the boards in possession and control of the puck. Bra #58 Sebastien Piche is skating beside him defending him in the BRA defending zone. As they near the corner Fejes Nándor falls and starts to get up to play the puck. When he touches the puck, he is still not completely standing up and his head is at the level of the top of the boards. BRA # 58 Sebastien Piche delivers a body check on Fejes left shoulder area causing his head to hit the boards

The Committee Ruling:

- Although it is very unfortunate an injury resulted due to Fejes Nándor’s head hitting the dasher of the boards, the force and degree of violence of the contact was not severe.

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As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3), and **Sebastien Piche will not receive any further discipline.**

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