



## **Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2021-22/003 decree**

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 7 (Gyergyói Hoki Klub - Titánok) case where in the 2nd minutes Ákos Szigeti (Gyergyói Hoki Klub) penalized 5+20 minutes for elbowing.

At the 2nd minutes of the game Ákos Szigeti collided irregularly with the opponent player.

Ákos Szigeti lost the puck, and without the intention of possessing the puck, he changed suddenly direction, and he collided with his shoulder with the opponent player's head, who did not possess the puck. The movement was unnecessary, avoidable, and extremely dangerous. The player of the Titánok was unable to continue the game.

**The referees should have penalized the case in accordance with Rule 48 of the IIHF.**

### **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.

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Match 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.

**The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Ákos Szigeti, player of the Gyergyói Hoki Klub for 2 Erste Liga game due to an irregularity that causing injury.**

**The Disciplinary Committee draws attention again to the fact that, according to the rules, the attack on the head and neck is one of the most serious irregularities. Players must do everything to avoid such collisions. The Committee continues to investigate the attacks to the head emphasizedly, whether or not the case was penalised, and uses dissuasive sanctions against these cases.**

The player will spend down his sentence at the next Erste Liga games.

*According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the Gyergyói Hoki Klub. The club must pay a fine of EUR 150 according the 72/B. § (2).*

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*Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee*