



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2021-22/004 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 9 (DVTK Jegesmedvék - MAC HKB Újbuda) case where in the 42th minutes Kevin Szabad (DVTK Jegesmedvék) penalized 25 minutes for illegal check to the head or neck.

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 Committee made the following conclusions:

In the third period of the game, Kevin Szabad collided with an opponent, who possessed the puck. In the collision, he squeezed his elbow and met him with a regular posture. However, the primary contact points was the shoulder and head-neck areas. Kevin Szabad made no attempt to avoid a head and neck collision with an opponent who possess the puck with a low center of gravity, and thus in an endangered position. The colliding player must do everything possible to avoid injurious collisions with his opponents. The Commission found that, Kevin Szabad careless collision negligently endangered his opponent's physical integrity.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Kevin Szabad, player of the DVTK Jegesmedvék for 1 Erste Liga game due to an irregularity that could cause serious 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.

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

According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the DVTK Jegesmedvék. The club must pay a fine of EUR 100 according the 72/B. § (2).

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