



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2021-22/007 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga EL 14 (Gyergyói Hoki Klub - Sport Club Csíkszereda) where in the 15th minutes Szabolcs Papp (Sport Club Csíkszereda) penalized 25 minutes for slew-footing and 25 minutes for illegal check to the head and neck.

IIHF RULE 52 SLEW-FOOTING

“Slew-footing” is the act of a Player using their leg or foot to knock or kick an opponent’s feet from under them or pushes an opponent’s upper body backward with an arm or elbow, and at the same time with a forward motion of their leg, knocks or kicks the opponent’s feet from under them, causing them to fall violently to the ice.

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 Committee made the following conclusions:

At the 15th minutes into the game, Szabolcs Papp kicked his opponent’s leg from behind. When Krisztián Szabó Pál standing up from the ice, directly hit on his head with great force. The player of the Gyergyói Hoki Klub was seriously injured and needed hospital care.

According to the disciplinary principles of the Disciplinary Committee, the suspension should be imposed in such a way that the level of the irregularity is adapted to the material gravity of the disciplinary offense, the degree of the offender's guilt, and mitigating and aggravating circumstances.

The Disciplinary Committee did not consider any mitigating circumstance during the investigation of the case. The irregularity seen in the recording of the case cannot be linked to icehockey in any way, it has no place in sports.

The Disciplinary Committee condemns any attack that is unnecessary, avoidable and dangerous to the physical integrity of the participants.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Szabolcs Papp, player of the Sport Club Csíkszereda to 12 Erste Liga games due to his unworthy conduct in hockey.



Erste Liga wants to be the scene of clear, safe and fair icehockey. The Committee continued to include same and similar cases with a dissuasive sanction.

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 Sport Club Csíkszereda. The club must pay a fine of EUR 500 according the 72/B. § (2).

26. September 2021, Budapest

Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee