



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2021-22/009 decree

The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the Chief of Referee, investigated the Erste Liga game 18 (UNI Győr ETO HC - Titánok) case where in the 38th minutes Kristóf Németh (Titánok) collided with his opponent.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

At the 38th minutes of the game Kristóf Németh collided irregularly with the opponent player. There was no penalty of the case.

Kristóf Németh collided with his opponent, who possessed the puck. In the collision, the first points of contact were the shoulders of the Titanok player, and the head of the UNI Győr ETO HC player. The colliding player must be aware of the position of his opponent and must do everything possible to avoid injurious situations. The player of the UNI Győr ETO HC was injured, and 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 Kristóf Németh, player of the Titánok for 2 Erste Liga games 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 Titánok. The club must pay a fine of EUR 150 according the 72/B. § (2).

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