



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/016 decree

The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the Chief of Referee, investigated the Erste Liga game EL 54 (Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC - DVTK Jegesmedvék) case where in the 43th minutes Gergely Tóth (Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC) collided with his opponent. The referees did not impose a penalty.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

Gergely Tóth collided with his opponent. The DVTK Jegesmedvék player no longer possessed the puck. During the situation, the Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC player collided an opponent irregularly, hindered his movement, the impact point was the opponent's lower body.

The attacking player must be aware of his opponent's body position and do everything possible to avoid an injury-risk situation.

According to the standpoint of the Disciplinary Committee, the referees should have detected the incident and sanctioned it with a major penalty based on Rule 56 of the IIHF.

The Disciplinary Committee, considering the gravity of the case, the force of the collision, the circumstances and the consequences doesn't consider apply of a sanction to be justified.

IIHF RULE 56 INTERFERENCE

A Player who obstructs or prevents an opponent "without possession of the puck" from skating, receiving a pass, or moving about the ice freely is considered as "interference".

A "late-hit" constitutes reckless endangerment of a Player who "no longer has control or possession of the puck". Any Player who is in the process of "abandoning" or "losing control or possession of the puck" is subject to a bodycheck so long as the aggressor is in the immediate vicinity of the Skater with the puck.

Pick:

A "pick" is the action of a Player who checks an opponent who is not in "possession" of the puck and is unaware of the impending check/hit.

A Player who is aware of an impending hit, not deemed to be a legal "battle for the puck," may not be interfered with by a Player delivering a "pick." A Player delivering a "pick" is one who moves into an opponent's path without initially having "body position", thereby taking them "out of the play". When this is done, an "interference" penalty shall be assessed.

56.8. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

1. November 2023, Budapest

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