



## Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

### no.2023-24/022 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 78 (UTE - Gyergyói Hoki Klub) where in the 40th minute Di Diomete Devin (Gyergyói Hoki Klub) penalized 5+20 minutes for checking from behind.

#### **IIHF RULE 43 CHECKING FROM BEHIND**

A check from behind is a check delivered to a vulnerable Player who is not aware of the impending hit, therefore unable to protect or defend themselves from such a hit and contact is made on the back part of the body.

A Player who hits an opponent from behind into the Boards, the Goal Net, or on open ice in any manner (i.e., high-sticking, cross checking, etc.) shall be penalized according to this rule.

The Referee, at their discretion, shall assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty to a Player guilty of "checking from behind" an opponent, and who recklessly endangers the fouled Player.

#### **IIHF 28.1. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE**

The Proper Authorities may, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game played under the jurisdiction of the IIHF, including any championship, pre-championship, practice or exhibition games and league games.

The Proper Authorities may assess additional Disciplinary Measures for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a Player, Coach, or team personnel or Team executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee(s).

The Committee made the following conclusions:

**In the 40th minutes of the game, Di Diomete Devin collided his opponent from behind. The UTE player was hit by the collision in a position where he could not detect it, prepare for it, or defend himself. During the collision, the UTE player hit his head with great force on the glass, he was injured, and could not continue the game.**

**The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Di Diomete Devin, the player of Gyergyói Hoki Klub for 2 Erste Liga games due to the irregularity that caused the injury.**

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 organization must pay a fine of EUR 250 according the 72/B. § (2).*

24. November 2023, Budapest

*Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee*