



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/037 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Hungarian Cup game MK 24 (UTE - FTC-Telekom) where in the 22th minute Nándor Banga (FTC-Telekom) 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, crosschecking, 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 22th minutes of the game, Nándor Banga collided his opponent from behind. The UTE player was hit by the collision in a body position where he could not detect it. The FTC-Telekom player carelessly endangered the physical integrity of his fellow player with the collision.

The Disciplinary Committee, considering the circumstances of the collision, confirm the penalty imposed by the referees on the game, and not consider it necessary to impose additional sanctions against the player.

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