

Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2023-24/044 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 206 (Sport Club Csíkszereda - Gyergyói Hoki Klub) where in the 25th minutes Péter Vincze (Gyergyói Hoki Klub) penalized 5+20 minutes for fighting.

IIHF RULE 46 FIGHTING

"Fighting" is not part of international ice hockey's DNA.

Players who willingly participate in a "brawl / fight", so-called "willing combatants", shall be penalized accordingly by the Referee(s) and may be ejected from the game. Further Supplementary Discipline may be imposed.

A "fight" shall be deemed to have occurred when at least one (1) Player punches or attempts to punch an opponent repeatedly or when two (2) Players wrestle in such a manner as to make it difficult for the Linespersons to intervene and separate the combatants.

Any Player who persists in continuing or attempting to continue a "fight or altercation" after they have been ordered by the Referee to stop, or who resists a Linesperson in the discharge of their duties shall, at the discretion of the Referee, incur at least a Major Penalty ("Fighting") plus an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty (5'+GMP) in addition to any additional penalties imposed.

IIHF 46.4. AGGRESSOR

The "Aggressor" in an altercation shall be the Player who continues to throw punches in an attempt to inflict punishment on their opponent who is in a defenseless position or who is an "unwilling combatant". A Player must be deemed the "Aggressor" when they have clearly won the "fight", but they continue throwing and landing punches in a further attempt to inflict punishment and/or injury on their opponent who is no longer in a position to defend themself

IIHF RULE 28 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 25th minute of the match, Péter Vincze avenged a foul on a teammate. Throwing away his stick and gloves, he initiated a fight with his opponent. In the incident, he acted as an unexpected attacker and aggressor.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Péter Vincze, player of the Gyergyói Hoki Klub for 2 Erste Liga for initiating the fight and his aggressive behavior.

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).

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29. February 2024, Budapest

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