



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/013 decree

The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the Chief of Referee, investigated the Erste Liga EL 49 (DVTK Jegesmedvék - FEHA19) where in the 18th minute of the game Verveda Travis (DVTK Jegesmedvék) collided with his opponent. The referees did not remark the incident, and no penalty was called in connection with it.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

In the 18th minute of the game, Verveda Travis collided with his opponent. During the collision, he collided irregularly and directly with the head of his opponent. The referees should have penalized the incident based on 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.

A penalty for "Illegal check to the head or neck" will be assessed if one of the following occurs when a player checks an opponent:

- (I) A Player who directs a hit of any sort, with any part of their body or equipment, to the head or neck of an opposing Player or drives or forces the head of an opposing Player into the protective glass or boards using any part of their upper body.
- (II) A Player who extends and directs any part of their upper body to contact the head or neck of an opponent.
- (III) A Player who extends their body upward or outward in order to reach their opponent or uses any part of the upper body to contact an opponent's head or neck.
- (IV) A Player who jumps (leaves their skates) to deliver a blow to the head or neck of an opponent.

In determining whether contact with an opponent's head was avoidable, the circumstances of the hit including the following shall be considered:

- (V) Whether the Player attempted to hit squarely through the opponent's body and the head was not "picked" as a result of poor timing, poor angle of approach, or unnecessary extension of the body upward or outward. If the primary force of a blow is initially to the body area and then contact slides up to the head or neck.

- (VI) (VI) Whether the opponent put themselves in a vulnerable position by assuming a posture that made head contact on an otherwise full body check unavoidable.
- (VII) (VII) Whether the opponent materially changed the position of their body or head immediately prior to or simultaneously with the hit in a way that significantly contributed to the head contact.

IIHF RULE 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).

During the collision, the DVTK Jegesmedvék player attacked his opponent, who was not possessed the puck. During the collision, rising from the ice, he delivered a direct hit to the head of his opponent with his elbow.

The FEHA19 player did not suddenly change his direction, his movement was steady. Travis Verveda's visible goal is solely to spot an irregular collision on his opponent's head.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Verveda Travis, player of the DVTK Jegesmedvék, for 2 games due to an attack on the head with risk of injury.

The player will spend down his sentence at the next Erste Liga, and Hungarian Cup games.

According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the DVTK Jegesmedvék. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 250 according the 72/B. § (2).

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