



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/033 decree

The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the Chief of Referee, investigated the Erste Liga EL 167 (FTC-Telekom - FEHA19) where in the 51th minutes of the game Hrabal Jozef (FTC-Telekom) penalized 2 minutes for tripping.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

During a collision, Hrabal Jozef extended his lower body, pushed his knees forward, and collided with his opponent at high speed. The FTC-Telekom player didn't attempt to get the puck. It is the responsibility of the colliding player to control the position, speed, force of his colliding, and to avoid similar dangerous colliding.

Irregularities like this, are extremely dangerous and can mean the end of a player's career. The referees should have sanctioned the incident under IIHF Rule 50.

IIHF RULE 50 KNEEING

Kneeing is the act of a Player leading with their knee and in some cases extending their leg outwards to make contact with their opponent.

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).

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Hrabal Jozef, player of the FTC-Telekom, for 4 games due to the particularly dangerous movement.

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 FTC-Telekom. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 400 according the 72/B. § (2).

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