



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/049 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 221 (FTC-Telekom – DEAC) where in the 38th minute Krollis Niks (DEAC) penalized 2+20 minutes for physical abuse of officials.

IIHF RULE 40 PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official, where such actions were likely to cause injury to the latter, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an Official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an Official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a Game Misconduct Penalty.

IIHF 40.2. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY I

Any Player who deliberately strikes an Official and could cause an injury or who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official with intent to injure, or who in any manner attempts to injure an Official. For the purpose of the rule, “could cause an injury” shall mean any physical force which a player knew or should have known could reasonably be expected to cause injury.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

In the 38th minute of the game, Krollis Niks drove the puck into the opponent's attacking zone. He had an unfortunate collision with the linesman and lost the puck. The Commission did not assess this move as intentional. After that, he deliberately bumped into the referee.

The referees are not players. Any intentional physical contact with them is dangerous and harmful. The protection of the referees participating in the game is of utmost importance, it is necessary to avoid any kind of physical contact with them.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Krollis Niks, player of the DEAC, for 2 Erste Liga games due to the physical abuse of officials.

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

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