



## Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

### no.2023-24/056 decree

The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the Chief of Referee, investigated the Erste Liga EL 264 (FTC-Telekom - Corona Brasov) where in the 17th minute of the game Dániel Kóger (Corona Brasov) collided with his opponent. The referees did not impose a penalty.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

**In the 17th minute of the game, Dániel Kóger collided with his opponent. The collision occurred at low speed without a puck. The Corona Brasov player rised up from the ice and collided with his opponent's head with his elbow. 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.

When a Player is skating with their head up, whether they are in possession of the puck and may reasonably be expecting impending contact, an opponent does not have the right to hit them on the head or 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.

#### **IIHF 48.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

**The Disciplinary Committee, considering the circumstances of the movement, not consider it necessary to impose sanction against the player.**

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