



MOL LEAGUE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Committee no.2016-17/001 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the case of MOL League MOL 10 (Ferencvarosi TC – ASC Corona Brasov) match where in 5th minute of the match the Ferencvarosi TC player, Tamas ERDELYI remained on the ice after a collision near the board. The referees didn't penalize the situation.

The Disciplinary Committee made the following conclusion:

The Ferencvarosi TC player slammed into the boards with his body during a collision. He could continue the match. The subsequent medical diagnosis said that he has suffered a concussion.

According to the findings of the Disciplinary Committee, the Ferencvarosi TC player twisted his body immediately before the collision, while he was protecting the puck. During the impact, the player was in an unfortunate position, and he fell into the boards. The opponent player pushed him from behind. The blast apparently was not powerful and was not caused by the stick. The referees made the right decision when they didn't penalize the situation (neither hit to the stick nor checking from behind). If the player who received the collision turns out with his body before the contact, according to the rules, it's not a checking from behind situation.

IIHF rule book RULE 123 – CHECKING FROM BEHIND

DEFINITION: A player who delivers a check to a vulnerable player who is not aware of the impending hit or who is unable to protect or defend himself from such a hit. The point of contact is the back of the body.

IV. If the skater being checked turns his back towards an opponent and puts himself in a vulnerable position immediately before a check to create a checking from behind situation, no penalty for checking from behind will be assessed (although other penalties might still be assessed).

The Disciplinary Committee do not use any sanctions.

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