



MOL LEAGUE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Committee no.2016-17/004 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the MOL League game MOL 20 (DVTK Jegesmedvek – Debreceni HK) where Alexey KOSOUROV, player of Debreceni HK was being penalized 2 + 10 minutes for checking the head and neck area (CHE-H, MISC), and 20 minutes for unsportmanlike behavior (GA-MI). The Committee made the following conclusions:

After 25 minutes the player of Debreceni HK, hit his opponent in the head during a collision.

IIHF RULE 124 – CHECKING TO THE HEAD OR NECK

DEFINITION: A player who directs a hit of any sort, with any part of his 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. This rule supersedes all similar actions regarding hits to the head and neck except those related to fighting.

There is no such thing as a clean hit to the head. Whether accidental or intentional, every direct hit to the head or neck of an opponent will be penalized.

A player who directs a check to the head or neck of an opponent will be assessed one of: (1) a minor penalty and misconduct penalty; (2) a major penalty and automatic game-misconduct penalty; (3) a match penalty.

According to the Disciplinary Committee's opinion, the player hit the opponent player's head with his hand and elbow, rising from the ice, without intention of playing the puck. The offending player had no chance to prepare to the collision.

According to IIHF rules and guidelines, the attack of the head and neck area is one of the most serious irregularities.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibited Alexey KOSOUROV, the Debreceni HK player for 3 MOL League matches.

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