



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Corona Brasov

Gajdó Balázs

FEHA19

Salamon Zoltán

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The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga reviewed the incident that occurred at the 47:47 mark of the Erste Liga game EL 145 (Corona Brasov – FEHA19), where Gajdó Balázs (Corona Brasov) received a 5-minute major + Game Misconduct penalty for fighting, and Salamon Zoltán (FAHA19) received a 2-minute minor penalty for illegal check to the head or neck, and 5-minute major + Game Misconduct penalty for fighting.

The Discipline Committee reviewed the play and ruled on the fight and the Illegal Check to the Head.

Injury: There was no recorded injury.

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.

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 48.3. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major penalty and an automatic game misconduct penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by an "illegal check to the head or neck". Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

IIHF RULE 59 CROSS-CHECKING

The act of using the shaft of the stick between the two hands to forcefully check an opponent.

MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major penalty and an automatic game misconduct penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by a “cross-checking” and the Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a minor penalty. Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

Review of Incident:

At 47:47 of the match FEHA 19 player #57 Keceli-Mészáros Mátyás was in possession and control of the puck moving from behind his net. BRA player #98 Gajdó Balázs skates toward him and just when Keceli-Mészáros Mátyás gets past his net but still behind the goal line, he is body checked by Gajdo with a legal body shoulder to shoulder check knocking him to the ice which separates him from the puck that goes into the corner. After the hit Keceli-Mészáros Mátyás gets up to resume play and does not engage with Gajdó but focuses on the where the puck is as does Gajdó Balázs. At this time, FEHA19 player #45 Salamon Zoltán changes his direction and skates towards Gajdó, raises his hands and stick up and delivers an aggressive cross check blow to the neck of Gajdó. Salamon Zoltán stick is still in the neck area connecting the two players and the players then engage in a fight.

The Committee Ruling:

- The cross check was a forceful, direct blow to the neck/head area.
- They noted the puck was no longer in the vicinity and as a result there could be no legal contact with Gajdó Balázs.
- The play was ruled careless based on the severity of the contact. The cross-check recklessly endangered the opponent and made contact with the neck/head area, meeting the criteria for a major penalty and game misconduct.
- Although there was not an injury on the play, the blow had a high risk for injury.
- They ruled the fight as a careless.

As a result, the Committee ruled categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) They ruled the cross check was retribution to the body check to his teammate. As a result, **Salamon Zoltán will be suspended for 2 games for the infraction** and according the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine ont he team FEHA19. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 400.

The player will spend down his suspension at the next Erste Liga games.

There will be no further discipline to either player for the fighting major penalties assessed to them.