



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Sport Club Csíkszereda

Nicholas Ritchie

040/2025/2026

12 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 60:00, EL 150, Gyergyói Hoki Klub - Sport Club Csíkszereda playoff match 2

Player Involved: Sport Club Csíkszereda #21 Nicholas Ritchie

Call on the Ice: Nicholas Ritchie was assessed a game misconduct for Abuse of Officials at the conclusion of the match.

IIHF RULE 39 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

39.1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A Player, Coach or team personnel shall not challenge or dispute the rulings of an Official before, during or after a game, on or off the ice and any location while in the arena and its connected premises.

A Player, Coach or team personnel shall not display "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" including, but not limited to, obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures, comments of a personal nature intended to degrade an Official or persist in disputing a ruling after being told to stop or after being penalized for such behavior.

Review of Incident:

During the last three minutes the officials indicated on their report Nicholas Ritchie kept shouting obscenities at the referees. They did not penalize him at this time for his actions. At the conclusion of the game Nicholas Ritchie continued his disrespectful actions, then the referees penalized the player for 20 minutes for ABUSE. He also sarcastically commented in the bleachers that it was a good game.

The Committee Ruling:

- According to the members opinion, this is Careless category (0-3).

The Committee ruled the play under the Careless 0-3 game suspension category. As a result, the **automatic one game suspension will be applied** for receiving a game misconduct at the end of the game (Erste Liga Competition Rules 70.§) According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on the Sport Club Csíkszereda. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 150.



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

If a player or players of a team are serving a suspension imposed automatically by the Erste Liga or the MJSZ Disciplinary Committee, the maximum number of foreign players of the team who can be called up for a game during the period of the suspension is reduced by the number of the suspended player or players and only reaches the maximum entry for a match in the competition regulations after the suspension or suspensions have expired.

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