



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

DVTK Jegesmedvék

Tóth Gergő

041/2025/2026

12 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 49:58, EL 152, DEAC - DVTK Jegesmedvék playoff match 2

Players Involved: DVTK #66 Tóth Gergő
DEAC #6 Haranghy Bence Mátyás

Call on the Ice: The infraction was not noticed by the officials and therefore no call was made during the game

A DEAC representative requested an investigation into the incident that occurred at 49:58 of the DEAC-DVTK Jegesmedvék match.

Injury: There was no recorded injury

IIHF RULE 61 SLASHING

Slashing is the act of a Player swinging their stick at an opponent, whether contact is made or not. "Non-aggressive" stick contact to the pant or front of the shin pads, should not be penalized as slashing. Any forceful or powerful chop with the stick on an opponent's body, the opponent's stick, or on or near the opponent's hands that, in the judgment of the Referee, is not an attempt to play the puck, shall be penalized as slashing.

61.2. MINOR PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a minor penalty, based on the degree of force and violence, to a Player guilty of "slashing" an opponent.

61.3. 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 "slashing" 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 49:58 Tóth Gergő and #6 Haranghy Bence Mátyás were in front of the DEAC goal. Haranghy Bence Mátyás legally was checking his Toth and lifted his stick off the ice. At this time Tóth placed his stick



between the legs of Haranghy Bence Mátyás and brought it up with force into his groin area causing him to fall to the ice in discomfort. He grabbed onto Tóth's stick and held it while Toth tried to pull it away. At this time play stopped due to DVTK scoring a goal.

The Committee Ruling:

- Players do occasionally place their sticks between their opponents' legs; however, they always risk a possible penalty for this play by tripping or slashing an opponent based on what happens after.
- This was not a puck battle but rather a reckless play that carelessly endangered Haranghy Bence Mátyás by Gergő Tóth placing his stick between the legs forcefully lifting it upward into his groin area.
- The Committee noted a player is responsible for his stick, and must not use it in a way to inflict punishment on his opponent in the groin area and this action is not an acceptable hockey play and meets the criteria for a slashing major penalty and a game misconduct.

The Committee ruled the play under the Careless 0-3 game suspension category. As a result, **Tóth Gergő will be suspended for one game for the infraction** and according the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on the DVTK Jegesmedvék. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 150.

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

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