



## ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

### Decision

#### **DVTK Jegesmedvék**

Jason Clarke Pineo

046/2025/2026

28 March 2026 Budapest

**Time of Incident:** 56:54, EL 176, Gyergyói Hoki Klub - DVTK Jegesmedvék semi-final game 2

**Players Involved:** #21 DVTK Jason Clarke Pineo  
#27 GYHK Imre Patrik

**Call on the Ice:** DVTK #21 Jason Clarke Pineo was assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for Boarding.

The records have not shown an injury resulted from the hit and Imre continued to play in the game.

#### **IIHF RULE 41.1. BOARDING**

A boarding penalty shall be imposed on any Player who checks or pushes a defenseless opponent in such a manner that causes the opponent to hit or impact the boards violently or dangerously. The severity of the penalty, based upon the impact with the boards, shall be at the discretion of the Referee.

There is a considerable amount of judgment involved in the application of this rule by the Referees. The responsibility is on the Player applying the check to ensure their opponent is not in a defenseless position and if so, they must avoid or minimize contact. However, in determining whether such contact could have been avoided, the circumstances of the check, including whether the opponent put themselves in a vulnerable position immediately prior to or simultaneously with the check or whether the check was unavoidable can be considered. This balance must be considered by the Referees when applying this rule.

#### **41.2. MINOR PENALTY**

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

#### **41.3. MAJOR PENALTY**

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major penalty to a Player guilty of "boarding" an opponent, and who recklessly endangers the fouled Player in a way that at the discretion of the Referee such Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a minor penalty.

#### **41.4. MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY**

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a major and a game misconduct penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by "boarding" and the Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a major 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:**

GYHK #27 Imre Patrik is handling the puck near the right-wing hash marks in his defensive zone. He turns and faces the boards, about one meter away, while still playing the puck. DVTK #21 Jason Clarke Pineo spots him and quickly skates toward him with his stick in the air delivering a hard body check propelling Imre Patrik forcefully into the boards.

The video shows Jason Clarke Pineo accelerates before making contact. The impact sends Imre Patrik hard into the boards. Fortunately, Imre is able to stay upright and keep his head up and absorbs the contact primarily with his chest.

#### **The Committee Ruling:**

- Jason Clarke Pineo must realize his opponent's position from the boards and as Imre's turn was not sudden, Pineo had time to adjust and simply try to play the puck and as his stick was up in the air, it was his intent to deliver a forceful check.
- The Committee ruled the major penalty and game misconduct was warranted for the hit under the Boarding rule.

As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) and Jason Clarke Pineo **will be suspended for the 1 game automatic suspension for receiving a game misconduct penalty in the last 5 minutes of a game** but no additional games would be added.

According to the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on DVTK Jegesmedvék. The organization must pay a fine of 150 EUR

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.

*Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee*