



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Gyergyói Hoki Klub

Konsta Mesikammen

049/2025/2026

30 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 24:40, EL 178, DVTK Jegesmedvék - Gyergyói Hoki Klub - semi-final game 3

Players Involved: GYHK #62 Konsta Mesikammen
DVTK #77 Kinloch Varga Noah Xu-Bin

Call on the Ice: A minor penalty for Illegal Check to the Head or Neck

The RIC requested an investigation for the play. The records have not shown an 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.

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.



Review of Incident:

At 24:44 DVTK #77 Kinloch Varga Noah Xu-Bin was passed the puck near center ice. He is looking to his left side as the puck is passed from the left side of the ice near the blueline. He does not gain possession of the puck as it is deflected down the ice in GYHK's defending zone. GYHK #62 Konsta Mesikammen approaches Kinloch Varga Noah Xu-Bin from his right side. As he prepares to make a body check he is in a crouched position and just as he makes contact he elevates making contact with his forearm/ elbow area to Kinloch Varga Noah Xu-Bin's head knocking him to the ice.

The Committee Ruling:

The Committee ruled this play should have been a major penalty and game misconduct for an Illegal Check to the Head or Neck due GYHK player Konsta Mesikammen recklessly endangering Kinloch Varga Noah Xu-Bin based on the approach angle, the severity of the contact, and the degree of violence.

Although Konsta Mesikammen has the right to defend, he must simply cut his opponent off and make no contact to head and no significant contact in any manner during this sequence of play.

As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) and **Konsta Mesikammen** that will be **suspended for two games** for the infraction and according the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on Gyergyói Hoki Klub. The organization must pay a fine of 400 EUR

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

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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