



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Corona Brasov

Andrei Filip

050/2025/2026

31 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 59:37, EL 179, Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC - Corona Brasov - semi-final game 4

Players Involved: BRA #20 Andrei Filip
BJA #68 Zimányi Dániel Zsolt

A BJA representative requested an investigation into the incident that occurred at 59:37 EL 179 Budapest Ice Hockey Academy HC - Corona Brasov match played on March 30, 2026.

It was later reported that the player suffered bruises on his head and chest.

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:

At 59:37, a BJA player # 68 Zimányi Dániel Zsolt received a pass near the center red line along the right-side boards. He gained possession and control of the puck and carried it into the BRA defensive zone.

As he approached a BRA defender near the top of the faceoff circle, he cut toward the middle of the ice, approximately 2 meters from the boards. At that moment, he noticed BRA #20 Andrei Filip approaching. BRA #20 Andrei Filip then delivered a shoulder-to-shoulder body check, which caused the BJA Zimányi Dániel Zsolt to be propelled backward towards the boards. Zimányi Dániel Zsolt immediately got back up and continued participating in the play until the puck moved behind the net, at which point he exited the ice surface.

The Committee Ruling:

- As the rule notes:
 - o There is a considerable amount of judgment involved in the application of this rule.
 - o The key phrase to application of the rule is; their opponent is not in a defenseless position and if so, they must avoid or minimize contact.
- The Committee ruled that #68 Zimányi Dániel Zsolt saw Andrei Filip coming as he had turned towards him before the hit.
 - o Although it was unfortunate Zimányi Dániel Zsolt suffered bruises from the hit, he was not in a defenseless position when checked and as a result the hit was deemed a legal body check and the officials applied the proper application of the rule and did not penalize the play.

As a result, there will be no discipline will be assessed to Andrei Filip for the body check.

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