



## ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

### Decision

**DVTK Jegesmedvék**

Tóth Gergő

051/2025/2026

31 March 2026 Budapest

**Time of Incident:** 20:52, EL 180, DVTK Jegesmedvék - Gyergyói Hoki Klub - semi-final game 4

**Players Involved:** DVTK #66 Tóth Gergő  
GYHK #12 Dallas Gerads

**Call on the Ice:** A major penalty and game misconduct for an Illegal Check to the Head and Neck

The head of the Erste Liga Referee Working Group initiated disciplinary proceedings based on paragraph (1) of Annex 4 of the Erste Liga Sports Disciplinary Regulations due to the foul called at According to the report.

#### **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:**

Prior to the stoppage of play at 20:52, GYHK #12 Dallas Gerads tracked a puck that was rimmed along the boards from below the goal line up to approximately the hash marks on the right side of the zone.

At that moment, Dallas Gerads reached the puck about one meter from the boards and turned to make a play. As he did so, Tóth Gergő approached and delivered a body check, making shoulder contact directly to the back of Dallas Gerads. This contact propelled the player dangerously into the boards.

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

Tóth Gergő must realize his opponent’s position from the boards and as Gerads turn was not sudden, Tóth Gergő had time to adjust and simply try to play the puck or avoid making forceful contact. The Committee ruled the hit to be from a dangerous distance from the boards and a major penalty and game misconduct was warranted for the hit.

As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) and **Tóth Gergő is a repeat offender he will be suspended for 1 game for the hit and an additional 1 game for his second offense (Applied for the specified of offence is: 2 multiplier) for a total of 2 games.**

According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on DVTK Jegesmedvék. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 400.

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

If there are no more matches in the given competition season in Erste Liga, the suspension shall be applied to the following season in the league or league level to which the player was registered.

*Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee*