



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

DVTK Jegesmedvék

Jason Pineo

Gyergyói Hoki Klub

Imre Patrik

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31 March 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 00:00, EL 180, DVTK Jegesmedvék - Gyergyói Hoki Klub - semi-final game 4

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

Call on the Ice: There was no call. The infractions occurred at the end of pregame warmups.

RULE 46 FIGHTING

"Fighting" is not part of international ice hockey's DNA.

Players who willingly participate in a "brawl / fight", so-called "willing combatants", shall be penalized accordingly by the Referee(s) and may be ejected from the game. Further Supplementary Discipline may be imposed.

A "fight" shall be deemed to have occurred when at least one (1) Player punches or attempts to punch an opponent repeatedly or when two (2) Players wrestle in such a manner as to make it difficult for the Linespersons to intervene and separate the combatants.

46.9. FIGHTING OTHER THAN DURING THE PERIODS OF THE GAME

Any teams whose Players become involved in an altercation, other than during the periods of the game, will be investigated by Proper Authorities and supplementary discipline can be applied in addition to any other appropriate penalties that may be imposed upon the participating Players by Supplementary Discipline or otherwise.

Review of Incident:

At the conclusion of warmups, GYHK #27 Imre Patrik and DVTK player #21 Jason Pineo remained on the ice in the neutral zone. Imre Patrik was near the center ice faceoff circle with his back to Jason Pineo who was positioned behind him near the blue line.

Imre is batting a puck upwards with his stick and during this time he crosses the center red line. Pineo sees him and shoots a puck at Imre, striking him in the pants. Pineo then skated past him, at which point



Imre circled and shot a puck back towards Pineo, who reached up to stop it. Neither shot appeared to be intended to injure, but rather to send a message.

The players then skated toward each other, and upon meeting, Pineo delivered a cross-check to Imre. For approximately 25 seconds, they remained shoulder-to-shoulder while moving into the end zone.

At this point, an individual wearing shoes came onto the ice from the penalty box and attempted to intervene. He initially appeared to separate the players; however, as they moved apart, again engage.

The ice resurfer then entered the ice surface while the players were still engaged, and a second individual in shoes appears on the ice. GYHK had four additional players nearby as the situation escalated into a full altercation involving punches by both players. One GYHK player #45 tries to attempt to intervene, and shortly after, four additional individuals in shoes came onto the ice and successfully broke up the fight.

The Committee Ruling:

- As outlined in the rules, fighting is not considered part of the principles of international ice hockey.
- This situation is particularly concerning as it occurred prior to the start of the game.
- Both players were observed to have multiple opportunities to disengage from the situation but chose not to do so, ultimately escalated it resulting in a violent pre-game altercation.

As a result, the fight was categorized Deliberate - Sudden Arousal (2-5) and both players. **Jason Pineo, and Imre Patrik is a repeat offender they will be suspended for 2-2 games for their part in the incident and fight, and an additional 2-2 games for they second offense (Applied for the specified of offence is: 2 multiplier) for a total of 4-4 games.**

According to the Erste Liga Competition Rules 73. § (1) the sanction imposed an automatic fine on the DVTK Jegesmedvék, and Gyergyói Hoki Klub. The organizations must pay a fine of EUR 800-800.

The players 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.

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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