



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

Corona Brasov

Jared Van Wormer

055/2025/2026

2 April 2026 Budapest

Time of Incident: 19:42, EL 181, Corona Brasov - Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC - SF game 5

Players Involved: BRA #50 Jared Van Wormer
BJA #6 Szivák Gergő

Call on the Ice: There was no call on the play.

A BJA representative requested an investigation into the incident.

There was no recorded injury and BJA #6 Szivák Gergő continued to play in the game.

IIHF RULE 61 SLASHING

Slashing is the act of a Player swinging their stick at an opponent, whether contact is made or not. "Non-aggressive" stick contact to the pant or front of the shin pads, should not be penalized as slashing.

Any forceful or powerful chop with the stick on an opponent's body, the opponent's stick, or on or near the opponent's hands that, in the judgment of the Referee, is not an attempt to play the puck, shall be penalized as slashing.

61.2. MINOR PENALTY

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

61.3. 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 "slashing" and the Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a minor 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 19:34 the puck is in the corner in BJA's defending zone. The puck is pinned on the boards by two players when BRA #50 Jared Van Wormer and BJA #6 Szivák Gergő approach. They come together and BRA #50 Jared Van Wormer has his stick parallel to the ice and pushed BJA #6 Szivák Gergő. When he braces for



the push, his stick comes up between the legs. From the video provided it looks to contact just above the knee pad on the inner thigh of Szivák Gergő causing him to go down.

The Committee Ruling:

- Players do occasionally place their sticks between their opponents' legs; however, they always risk a possible penalty for this play by tripping or slashing an opponent based on what happens after.
- The committee ruled there was not much force with the stick on this play but still a player must pay attention to this so that there is no contact a player in that area of the body.
- They ruled this play only met the standard for a minor penalty for slashing and did not meet the assessment of reckless endangerment, severity of the contact, or the degree of violence that would be needed for a major penalty and game misconduct like some fouls this season that were sanctioned for slashes to this part of the body.

As a result, the Committee categorized the incident as Careless (0-3) and **Jared Van Wormer should have received a minor penalty for slashing, but he will not be assessed any further discipline for the foul.**

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