



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/032 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 167 (FTC-Telekom - FEHA19) case where in the 31th minutes Turcotte Yanick (FTC-Telekom) penalized 5+20 minutes game misconduct penalty for illegal check to the head or neck.

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.

When a Player is skating with their head up, whether they are in possession of the puck and may reasonably be expecting impending contact, an opponent does not have the right to hit them on the head or 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) (II) A Player who extends and directs any part of their upper body to contact the head or neck of an opponent.
- (III) (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) (IV) A Player who jumps (leaves their skates) to deliver a blow to the head or neck of an opponent.

IIHF 48.4. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

At the 31th minutes of the game, Yanick Turcotte hit to the opponent head during a collision. The Committee assessed as an aggravating circumstance that the player of the FEHA19 team had already shot the puck, and he wasn't no longer possessed the a puck. Yanick Turcotte's apparent intention was solely to attack his opponent's head. The FEHA19 player was hit by the collision in a position where he couldn't defend himself, he was injured during the incident and he couldn't continue the game.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Turcotte Yanick, player of the FTC-Telekom for 4 games due to illegal check to the head.

The player will spend down his sentence at the next Erste Liga, and Hungarian Cup games.

According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the FTC-Telekom. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 400 according the 72/B. § (2).

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