



## Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

### no.2023-24/038 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 155 (Corona Brasov - FEHA19) where in the 9th minute Krisztián Szabó Pál (Corona Brasov) penalized 2 minutes for boarding.

#### **IIHF RULE 41 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 duty 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.

#### **IIHF 28.1. SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE**

The Proper Authorities may, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game played under the jurisdiction of the IIHF, including any championship, pre-championship, practice or exhibition games and league games.

The Proper Authorities may assess additional Disciplinary Measures for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a Player, Coach, or team personnel or Team executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee(s).

The Committee made the following conclusions:

**In the 9th minutes of the game, Krisztián Szabó Pál collided his opponent from behind. The FEHA19 player was hit by the collision in a position where he could not detect it, prepare for it, or defend himself. During the collision, the FEHA19 player hit his head with great force to the board, he was injured, and could not continue the game.**

**The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Krisztián Szabó Pál, the player of Corona Brasov for 2 Erste Liga games due to the irregularity that caused the injury.**

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

*According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the Corona Brasov. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 250 according the 72/B. § (2).*

20. January 2024, Budapest

*Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee*