

## Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2023-24/045 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 207 (FTC-Telekom - DEAC) where in the 54th minutes Turcotte Yanick (FTC-Telekom) penalized 5+20 minutes for fighting.

## **IIHF 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.

Any Player who persists in continuing or attempting to continue a "fight or altercation" after they have been ordered by the Referee to stop, or who resists a Linesperson in the discharge of their duties shall, at the discretion of the Referee, incur at least a Major Penalty ("Fighting") plus an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty (5'+GMP) in addition to any additional penalties imposed.

## **IIHF 46.4. AGGRESSOR**

The "Aggressor" in an altercation shall be the Player who continues to throw punches in an attempt to inflict punishment on their opponent who is in a defenseless position or who is an "unwilling combatant". A Player must be deemed the "Aggressor" when they have clearly won the "fight", but they continue throwing and landing punches in a further attempt to inflict punishment and/or injury on their opponent who is no longer in a position to defend themself

## **IIHF RULE 28 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 54th minutes of the game, Turcotte Yanick pushed his opponent with his stick in a situation near a net, then threw away his gloves and his stick, and initiated a fight with the opponent. In this case, he acted as the initiator, as an attacker and aggressor against his passive opponent.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Turcotte Yanick, player of the FTC-Telekom for 2 Erste Liga for initiating the fight and his aggressive behavior.

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 FTC-Telekom. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 250 according the 72/B. § (2).

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29. February 2024, Budapest

Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee