

## Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee no.2023-24/047 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga EL 210 (Sport Club Csíkszereda - FTC-Telekom) where in the 60th minutes Tihamér Becze (Sport Club Csíkszereda) penalized 2 minutes for roughing, and 5+20 minutes for fighting. Crespi Jacob (FTC-Telekom) penalized 2 minutes for cross checking, and 5+20 minutes for fighting.

## **IIHF RULE 51 ROUGHING**

Roughing is a punching or slamming motion with or without the glove on the hand, normally directed at the head or face of an opponent, or if a Player intentionally removes an opponent's helmet during play.

## **IIHF RULE 59 CROSS-CHECKING**

The act of using the shaft of the stick between the two hands to forcefully check an opponent

## **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

The Committee made the following conclusions:

In the last minute of the game, Tihamér Becze pushed his opponent into the board with unreasonable force. The contact points were Tihamér Becze's upper body and his opponent's back. The FTC-Telekom player hit the board with great force. After that, Crespi Jacob hit Becze Tihamér from behind, holding his stick high, at neck height. The two players got into a fight, which was not stopped despite the physical intervention of the referees.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Tihamér Becze, player of the Sport Club Csíkszereda, for 2 Erste Liga games due to for a high risk of injury collision and a fight.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Crespi Jacob, player of the FTC-Telekom, for 2 Erste Liga games due to for a high risk of injury cross checking and a fight.

The Players, who investigated in this decision, and who received a Game Misconduct penalty during the game, will receive 1 game automatic suspension, according the Erste Liga Competition Regulations 71/a. §.

Erste Liga Competition Regulations 71/a. § - If a player receives a Game Misconduct Penalty within the last 5 minutes of the regular playing time of the given game, or at any time during the extra time, he will automatically be suspend for one game.

Tihamér Becze and Crespi Jacob will serve their suspended and automatic suspensions in the next 3 Erste Liga games.

According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the Sport Club Csíkszereda and the FTC-Telemkom. The organizations must pay a fine of EUR 250 according the 72/B. § (2).

2. March 2024, Budapest

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