



Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee

no.2023-24/052 decree

The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 248 (Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC - Sport Club Csíkszereda) case where in the 5th minutes Asuchak Spencer (Sport Club Csíkszereda) 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:

In the 4th minute of the game, Asuchak Spencer collided with his opponent after a faceoff. During the collision, the direct contact points were Asuchak Spencer's shoulder and his opponent's head. The Budapest Jégkorong Akadémia HC player was hit by the collision in a position where he couldn't defend himself. The player performing the collision is responsible for assessing the body position of his opponent and is responsible for his collision.

The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Asuchak Spencer, player of the Sport Club Csíkszereda for 1 game due to illegal check to the head.

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

According the Erste Liga Competition Rules 72/B. § (1) the prohibition imposed an automatic fine on the Sport Club Csíkszereda. The organization must pay a fine of EUR 150 according the 72/B. § (2).

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