



ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Decision

CSM Corona Brasov

Jared Van Wormer

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The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the Erste Liga Chief of Referee, investigated the Erste Liga EL 192 (FTC-Telekom - CSM Corona Brasov) where in the 52th minutes Jared Van Wormer (CSM Corona Brasov) collided with his opponent. The referees did not impose a penalty.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

A player from CSM Corona Brasov collided with a player from FTC-Telekom, who was injured. Immediately before the collision, the FTC-Telekom player leaned forward, his upper body was lower than when the CSM Corona Brasov player started the collision. Jared Van Wormer did not rise before the contact, did not apply undue force to the collision, and no movement capable of causing intentional injury can be detected in the collision.

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 Player who delivers a bodycheck to an opponent who is skating with the puck with their head down in the direction of the Player and does not use an upward motion or drive their body up into the opponent, shall not be penalized for an "illegal check to the head".

In determining whether contact with an opponent's head was avoidable, the circumstances of the hit including the following shall be considered:

- Whether the Player attempted to hit squarely through the opponent's body and the head was not "picked" as a result of poor timing, poor angle of approach, or unnecessary extension of the body upward or outward. If the primary force of a blow is initially to the body area and then contact slides up to the head or neck.
- Whether the opponent put themselves in a vulnerable position by assuming a posture that made head contact on an otherwise full body check unavoidable.

- Whether the opponent materially changed the position of their body or head immediately prior to or simultaneously with the hit in a way that significantly contributed to the head contact.

The Disciplinary Committee, considering all the circumstances of the case, does not consider it necessary to impose a sanction on the player.

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