



## ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

### Decision

#### **FTC-Telekom**

Lauri Karmeniemi

003/2024/2025

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The Disciplinary Committee investigated the Erste Liga game EL 18 (FTC-Telekom - UTE) where in the 57th minutes Lauri Karmeniemi (FTC-Telekom) penalized 5+20 minutes game misconduct penalty 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 41.5. 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 57th minute of the game, Lauri Karmeniemi pushed his opponent against the boards with great force. The FTC-Telekom player jumped up, lifted up from the ice with both feet, using extra force in the collision. Raising both hands, he pushed his opponent from behind against the boards.

**The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Lauri Karmeniemi, the player of FTC-Telekom from 1 Erste Liga game.**

*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 150 according the 72/B. § (2).*

**Lauri Karmeniemi receives an automatic suspension for 1 more game, according the Erste Liga Competition Rules 71/a. §.**

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

The player will spend down his imposed, and automatic suspension at the next 2 Erste Liga games.

**During the suspension, the maximum total points value of the team's players eligible for the match will be reduced by the points value of the suspended player or players. Only after the suspension or suspensions have expired will it reach the maximum set in the competition schedule again.**

*Erste Liga Disciplinary Committee*