



## ERSTE LIGA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

### Decision

#### UTE

Ian Thomas McNulty

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The Disciplinary Committee of the Erste Liga for the request of the DEAC pursuant according the Section 4 of the Erste League Disciplinary Rules investigated the Erste Liga EL 33 (UTE - DEAC) where in the 60th minutes Ian Thomas McNulty (UTE) collided with his opponent. The referees penalized the player with a 2-minute penalty for interference.

#### IIHF RULE 56 INTERFERENCE

A Player who obstructs or prevents an opponent “without possession of the puck” from skating, receiving a pass, or moving about the ice freely is considered as “interference”.

A “late-hit” constitutes reckless endangerment of a Player who “no longer has control or possession of the puck”. Any Player who is in the process of “abandoning” or “losing control or possession of the puck” is subject to a bodycheck so long as the aggressor is in the immediate vicinity of the Skater with the puck.

#### Pick:

A “pick” is the action of a Player who checks an opponent who is not in “possession” of the puck and is unaware of the impending check/hit. A Player who is aware of an impending hit, not deemed to be a legal “battle for the puck,” may not be interfered with by a Player delivering a “pick.” A Player delivering a “pick” is one who moves into an opponent’s path without initially having “body position”, thereby taking them “out of the play”. When this is done, an “interference” penalty shall be assessed.

#### IIHF 56.8. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

The Committee made the following conclusions:

The UTE player collided with an opponent who was no longer in possession of the puck. The DEAC player was hit from behind by the collision, in a body position where he could not defend himself. During the collision, Ian Thomas McNulty jumped up from the ice with both feet, adding extra force to the illegal collision.

**The Disciplinary Committee prohibits Ian Thomas McNulty, the player of UTE from 1 Erste Liga game due to an illegal pick from behind.**

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

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

**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*