

EuroHockey Indoor Club Trophy (Men) 2017
HC Minsk (BLR) v HK Zelina (CRO)
10 February 2017

Report of Hearing

Attending

Yurii Kovtun (Team Manager)
Siarhei Drazdou (Team Coach)
Vitali Novik (Interpreter)
Stephen Catton (TD)
Klaus Saijonkivi (Match TO)

The Hearing

The hearing was held as a result of two field of play incursions by the HC Minsk Team Manager and Team Coach during the HC Minsk v HK Zelina match held on 10 February 2017 at the EuroHockey Indoor Club Trophy (Men) in Ivan Sveti Zelina (CRO).

During a stoppage of play in the second half of the match, the Team Manager (Yurii Kovtun) stepped onto the pitch and approached both umpires and demonstrated hostility and verbal abuse towards them. He was removed from the pitch by the TO (Klaus Saijonkivi) before the match could re-start.

After HC Minsk fifth goal, the Team Coach (Siarhei Drazdou) ran onto the pitch to celebrate his team's goal before being removed by the TO.

The TD explained that this behaviour was unacceptable on both occasions and was deemed a level 1 offence under the EHF Code of Conduct (April 2016).

The Team Manager apologised for his unacceptable behaviour and accepts that he let himself and his team down by his actions. The Team Coach also apologised for his behaviour and explained that the final goal was very important in the match and that he could not help himself but celebrate with his players.

The attitude of the Team Manager and the Team Coach was very apologetic and they both expressed regret at their behaviour. They assured the TD that this type of behaviour would not be repeated.

Outcome

An official reprimand was given to both team officials. Both accepted this.

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