



Friday, June 1st, 2018

**Technical Delegate's Decision
Breach of FIH Code of Conduct**

Match: M08 – Venezuela vs Argentina
Date: Thursday, May 31 2018
Player: #1 – Nelson Alvarez (Venezuela)
Decision: Player #1 Nelson Alvarez (Venezuela) is found to have breached Clause 2.2 F of the FIH Code of Conduct.

“Inappropriate or reckless physical contact between players in the course of play.

Note: Without limitation, Participants will breach this article if they deliberately push, walk or run into another participant.”

The process was conducted in accordance with Appendix 13 of the FIH General Tournament Regulations.

Mr. Nelson Alvarez was informed that during the match as he moved for the ball he hit an opposing player on the back with his stick, this was reported by the tournament officer in charge of the game and confirmed by the reserve umpire. A video was solicited to a third team and analyzed. It was shown to Mr. Alvarez, in the presence of his team manager, Zuleika Seijas, frame by frame and in slow motion.

Mr. Nelson Alvarez, accepted the facts and the Level 1 breach of the FIH Code of Conduct. He apologized for this and explained that it was caused by the adrenaline of the game itself. He, as well as his team manager committed to avoid this actions. The meeting finished at 15:20 Hrs.

It is unknown to me if this player has been involved in any similar infractions in the past.

After careful consideration of his testimony, my decision is as follows:

There was definitely a physical contact, which could have had larger consequences. Although It is true that all of this was because of a very tight play and adrenaline, it is our duty as officials to watch after the athletes' wellbeing, therefore an official reprimand is issued to player #1 Nelson Alvarez.

Respectfully submitted,

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