



Technical Delegate's Decision

Breach of FIH Code of Conduct

Match #19 Argentina vs. Paraguay

Date March 16th 2018

Player # 8 Federico Ruetalo

Decision

Player # 8 Federico Ruetalo is found to have violated the following Rules and Directives of the FIH Code of Conduct:

1. Participants shall at all times conduct themselves fairly and properly on the field of play and any part of the hockey venue/accommodation. No person may conduct himself in a manner or commit any act or omission which may prejudice the interest of hockey or which may bring the game of hockey into disrepute.
2. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be regarded as conduct which is improper, unfair, and unacceptable:
 - (c) Charging or advancing towards an Umpire or Technical Official in an aggressive manner during an International Event.

At the end of the game, the player #8 Federico Ruetalo pushed the umpire Donovan Simmon in the back while the teams and umpires were shaking hands. For this reason, a red card was issued after the game to the above mentioned player by the umpire.

During the hearing process, the player alleged that he did not push the umpire, but actually fell off while he was approaching the umpire to shake his hand after the game. Video footage from Paraguay was presented to support his version of the facts.

After reviewing the video footage presented by Paraguay as well as the official streaming of the match, I found that the player's version of the facts do not match the videos, because the player changes his initial movement towards the bench to go towards the umpire; also there was enough space for him to not move so close to the umpire and therefore after the incident the

player never actually shook the umpire's hand which was his alleged initial intention to approach the umpire.

It is my opinion that this is a Level 1 offence, because there was an advance towards the umpire that lead into a deliberate push in the back.

Due to all the facts and findings my decision is as follows:

1. Federico Ruetalo # 8 of the Paraguayan Team is suspended for one match.
2. The suspension will take place on match #23 Paraguay x Canada on March 17th 2018.

Date: March 16th 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thiago de Mattos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thiago de Mattos
Technical Delegate