



Wednesday, May 30th, 2018

Technical Delegate's Decision Breach of FIH Code of Conduct

Match: M02 Brazil vs Peru
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 11:00 am
Player: #31 – Rodrigo FAUSTINO BRAZIL
Decision: Presented Videos were not sufficient evidence to find #31 Rodrigo Faustino, Brazil in breach of 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.

Rodrigo FAUSTINO, in the presence of his Manager, Cosme Buzzachera, coach and interpreter Claudio Rocha, and technical officials, Sacha-Rae Teixeira acting as secretary and Javier Perez Zanini witness; after showing the video evidence demonstrating Rodrigo hitting an opposing player over the head with his stick, expressed that as part of his practice as a goalie, he usually bangs his stick into his left hand protector. He was not aware that a player was behind him and the opposing player cut in front of him in the moment that he moved his stick. He denies that his actions were a Level 1 breach of the Code of Conduct by hitting or having any intention to hit the player.

In his defence a video evidence was also provided of the incident by Brazil, setting the incident into its context.

Although he further mentioned that during his international career of fourteen years, he has not received a card or suspension from play and he is not the type of player who would intentionally hit a player, it is unknown for me of this player being involved in any similar infractions.

After careful consideration of all both video evidences, my decision is as follows:

There is not sufficient evidence to find Rodrigo Faustino, Brasil player #31 in breach of the FIH Code of Conduct. As a result, no further action will be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

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Technical Delegate