Saturday, June 2nd, 2018.

Technical Delegate Decision FIH Code of Conduct Infringement

Match: W06 Uruguay vs Chile Date: June 1st, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Coach: Nicolas Tixe (Uruguay)

Decision: Nicolás Tixe (Uruguay's Coach) violation of level two according to the FIH

Code of Conduct Clause 2.3

"Intimidate a referee or third person either vocally or conduct (including gestures) during an international match"

Note: includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening way

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

Coach Nicolas Tixe attends the meeting with the team leader Anna Karina Perrione and Danae Andrada as representative of the Uruguayan Hockey Delegation. Likewise, Viviane Cora-Xavier, the technical officer in charge of the party who reports the incident, and the acting officers of the technical panel who witnesses what happened. We describe the Level 3 offenses according to the FIH Code of Conduct and the infraction that has been made. The technical officer is asked to describe the facts and the witnesses are asked if they saw the same thing, giving an affirmative answer. The coach, on the other hand, accepts that there was physical contact but that at no time it was with an attacking intension to the technical officer. With only one minute and a half and in a very close match, he wanted to make it clear to the official that he would take charge of her indication and he needed the space to concentrate to address his players . In addition, it shows that in Uruguay, it is common to have contact even in a loving way to say hello. Offer a sincere apology if your action could be misinterpreted with humble attitude.

Speaking in favor of the coach, Danae Andrada comments that coach Tixe has no prior bad behavior in Uruguayan hockey, it is unknown to me if the coach has been involved in any similar situation.

The meeting ended at 10:47 am.

After carefully considering his testimony, my decision is as follows: Even when the situations expressed by the coach can justify their reaction, the behavior of coach Nicolas Tixe is considered intimidating and inappropriate since, despite the fact that the aggressive charge perceived by the technical officer is attenuated with the explanation of a cultural difference between two countries, it is not permissible for them to conduct themselves with physical contact in an international scenario, much less towards an official. Therefore, it is determined that the coach commits a level 2 infraction. As a result, a two-game suspension is imposed on him - next group match against Paraguay on June 3 at 3:00 p.m. and the qualifying match on June 5, whichever resulted according to their position in the group.

It is mentioned that, according to the FIH General Tournaments Regulations, clause 15.4, he will not be able to enter the playing field or the technical areas of the facility until the suspension matches are completed.

Likewise, you are informed that you have the right to appeal this decision according to the procedure described in Clause 18 of the FIH General Tournaments Regulations .