



Fundamental Rules for the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) Championship

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I. General provisions

§ 1 Definition / scope of application

- (1) The Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (*Erste Bank Eishockey Liga*, or EBEL) is a non-profit association which brings together ice hockey clubs for the purpose of organizing, planning and carrying out league play. The rights and obligations of the members of the EBEL Association are governed by the EBEL statutes.

The EBEL has concluded a cooperation agreement with the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (*Österreichischer Eishockeyverband*, or ÖEHV) which governs the rights and obligations of both contracting parties.

- (2) The EBEL Championship is a competition in which teams from Austria, Slovenia, Hungary and Croatia (referred to below as "EBEL clubs") compete for the EBEL Championship title and in which the Austrian EBEL clubs compete to win the Austrian National Championship title in Austria's highest ice hockey division each season.

§ 2 Legal basis of league play

The following documents govern the conduct of league play:

- (1) The cooperation agreement between the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) and the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (ÖEHV);
- (2) The statutes of the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) Association;
- (3) The Procedure Regulations for the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) for each season; these regulations are issued by the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation and the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL);
- (4) The agreement between the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) and its title sponsor (currently Erste Bank);
- (5) The agreement between the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) and its television host broadcaster (currently SKY), including the catalogue of requirements for production operations;

- (6) The statutes and by-laws of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) as well as the provisions of the current version of the IIHF Official Rule Book, including remarks, explanations and illustrative examples;
- (7) The ÖEHV's Reporting Regulations and Disciplinary Code;
- (8) The ÖEHV's Schedule of Fees (at present blanket compensation), excepting international transfer fees (IIHF fees).

§ 3 Terms of participation / Participants

- (1) The deadline for registering to participate in the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) Championship is 12:00 midnight on May 15 prior to the season in question. The official registration for participation in the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) Championship must be submitted in writing (using the Registration Form enclosed) to the ÖEHV and the EBEL Administrative Office. The originals of any bank guarantees required by the EBEL (for foreign EBEL clubs) must also be submitted to the EBEL Administrative Office by that day.
- (2) EBEL clubs are only eligible to participate if they fulfill the requirements of Article 3 Paragraph (1) and send a written confirmation of the relevant season's Procedure Regulations for the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) Championship to the ÖEHV and EBEL by midnight on July 1 (for the 2009/2010 season: by midnight on August 15; see the "Confirmation of Procedure Regulations" enclosed).
- (3) The written Registration Form and Confirmation of Procedure Regulations mentioned in Article 3 Paragraphs (1) and (2) must be signed by an authorized officer of the club and sent by fax to the EBEL Administrative Office and to the ÖEHV Administrative Office by the deadlines indicated.

ÖEHV Administrative Office fax number:

+43 (0) 1 20 200 20-50

EBEL Administrative Office fax number:

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- (4) Each club is to nominate its strongest team for each game. The failure of a team to appear for a game will lead to a penalty and require the compensation of any costs incurred as well as a lump-sum compensation payment to the opposing club in accordance with the EBEL Penalty Catalog.
- (5) Rosters must be composed in accordance with the roster regulations issued by the EBEL and ÖEHV for the current season (EBEL Procedure Regulations, Part C).

§ 4 Conduct of EBEL Championship games

- (1) The organizer of ice hockey games in the EBEL is generally the home EBEL club. The home club is also liable for its auxiliaries and agents in the course of league play.
- (2) The event organizer is required to ensure that games are carried out properly and with due attention to applicable legal and contractual requirements. In particular, such requirements include the provision of a proper game venue, including an ice surface and locker rooms, as well as compliance with the applicable security and safety regulations.
- (3) The organizer is required to ensure that medical care and the appropriate first aid personnel are available at the events. The event organizer must ensure that injured players, officials or spectators are transported to a physician or hospital.

The event organizer must also ensure the availability of sufficient usher personnel as well as the undisturbed entrance and departure of the teams, referees and officials (to and from the dressing rooms and transportation vehicles).

- (4) In general, the costs of the event are to be borne by the organizer.

§ 5 Game venues

- (1) Game venues can only be approved for league play if they comply with the requirements of IIHF Rules 100 et seq. as well as the guidelines issued by the ÖEHV and EBEL.

The approval of a game venue represents the acceptance of that venue in terms of playing requirements, but not in terms of security requirements. This approval of a game venue for league play does not establish any liability on the part of the EBEL or ÖEHV vis-à-vis the event organizer or third parties.

- (2) Any and all behavior which endangers the safety or security of the persons involved in the event or of the spectators is prohibited.
- (3) In general, it is the event organizer's responsibility to ensure the security of all persons involved. Agreements with the owner or operator of the game venue will remain unaffected by these provisions.
- (4) In coordination with the ÖEHV, the EBEL may conduct inspections of the game venues approved for league play and impose requirements.

§ 6 Sponsoring

Advertising activities in the course of EBEL league play are governed by the Procedure Regulations for each season. Existing or future EBEL sponsorship agreements are to be considered an integral part of the Procedure Regulations. Non-compliance / violations of these league-wide obligations to sponsors will be penalized in accordance with the EBEL Penalty Catalog (Procedure Regulations, Part I).

§ 7 Television and broadcasting

- (1) EBEL clubs are required to take all measures and/or to fulfill all requirements necessary in order to enable the performance of agreements with television broadcasters and other agreements on the exploitation of rights. Compliance will be monitored and enforced by the EBEL Administrative Office. Existing or future EBEL television and broadcasting agreements are to be considered an integral part of the Procedure Regulations for each season.
- (2) The obligations of EBEL clubs include the following:
 - a) to enable changes in the game schedule and the relevant opening face-off times;
 - b) to enable the broadcasting of games as well as access to the technical facilities required for this purpose;

- c) to provide the necessary spaces and locations, and to equip them appropriately for broadcasting productions.

§ 8 Legal commitment of third parties

- (1) Each EBEL club is responsible for ensuring that the persons deployed by the club in league play have acknowledged the binding nature of the EBEL Fundamental Rules and Procedure Regulations.
- (2) Persons employed or assigned duties by EBEL clubs must be allowed to inspect the Fundamental Rules and Procedure Regulations issued by the EBEL and ÖEHV at any time. These documents are available in the download area for EBEL clubs on the EBEL web site (www.erstebankliga.at).

II. League play

§ 9 Procedure regulations for league play

For the conduct of league play, the ÖEHV will, in coordination with the EBEL, publish the Procedure Regulations each year as a complement or amendment to the EBEL Fundamental Rules. The Procedure Regulations will be sent to EBEL clubs for confirmation by June 15th (in the 2009/2010 season: by August 6th) prior to each season.

§10 EBEL Championship title

- (1) The EBEL club which wins the EBEL Championship carried out each year will be awarded the title: "Erste Bank Ice Hockey League Champion for the year ...". (*Meister/Champion der Erste Bank Eishockey Liga des Jahres ...*).
- (2) The winning club will also be awarded the EBEL's championship cup, which is passed on to the winning team each year.

§ 11 Austrian National Championship title

- (1) The Austrian club which places best in the standings for the EBEL Championship playoffs to be carried out each year will be awarded the title

"Austrian National Champion for the year...." (*Österreichischer Staatsmeister des Jahres*).

- (2) The winning club will also be awarded the ÖEHV's championship cup, which is passed on to the winning team each year.

§ 12 IIHF club competitions

- (1) Each EBEL club will be authorized to take part in IIHF club competitions by its respective national federation; the selection criteria for this purpose are described in the EBEL Procedure Regulations.

§ 13 Game points for league standings

- (1) Each game must produce a winner.
- (2) The team which wins a game after regulation time will receive two points in the league standings, while the losing team will receive no points.
- (3) If the game is undecided at the end of regulation time, each team will be awarded a point in the league standings; after a two-minute break without ice resurfacing, the teams will then play five minutes of sudden victory overtime in which each team may only play four skaters. However, each team must play at least three skaters. Should the sudden victory overtime still fail to produce a winner, the game will be decided by a penalty shootout in accordance with ÖEHV rules. The procedure followed in penalty shootouts is described in the EBEL Procedure Regulations for each season. The winner (after sudden victory overtime or the penalty shootout) will be awarded another point in the league standings.
- (4) League standings will be calculated in accordance with IIHF Rule 611. In cases where two teams have the same number of points at the end of the regular season, IIHF Rule 611 will be applied.
- (5) If a playoff game is undecided at the end of regulation time, the ice is to be resurfaced and the teams will play 20 minutes of sudden victory overtime until sudden death. Should the game still be undecided after the first overtime period, then the teams will continue to play 20-minute periods of sudden victory overtime until the deciding goal is scored. Each team may

only use four skaters; however, at least three skaters must be used. The ice is to be resurfaced at the end of regulation time and after each additional 20-minute period of sudden victory overtime.

- (6) Points in league standings are awarded by the ÖEHV's Head of Registration, Regulation and Certification according to the outcome indicated in the official game sheet; in cases of dispute (e.g. infractions under Paragraph [7], protests, etc.), these points will be awarded by the ÖEHV Certification Commission, the decisions of which are incontestable (but must be justified appropriately).

- (7) A championship game will be considered lost in the following cases (other consequences notwithstanding):
 - a) Appearance of a team (at opening face-off) with an insufficient number of players (at least 10 skaters and 1 goalkeeper), regardless of negligence or fault;
 - b) Non-appearance at the opening face-off or appearance delayed by more than 90 minutes due to negligence on the part of one team;
 - c) Non-appearance at the opening face-off or appearance delayed by more than 90 minutes due to negligence on the part of both teams (counted against both EBEL clubs);
 - d) Deployment of a player who is not properly registered;
 - e) Deployment of a suspended player or coach;
 - f) Deployment of too many players according to Article 20 Paragraph (2);
 - g) Violation of the roster regulations set forth in the EBEL Procedure Regulations valid for the current season (Procedure Regulations, Part C).
 - h) Abandonment of a game caused by one team;
 - i) Abandonment of a game caused by both teams (counted against both EBEL clubs according to Paragraph 8);
 - j) Use of a prohibited game venue;
 - k) Cancellation or abandonment of a game due to technical problems arising on the day of the game if the game is not made up in

accordance with Article 14 Paragraph (4) (counted against the home club regardless of negligence or fault).

- (8) In cases pursuant to Paragraph (7), the game will be counted as a 0:5 loss with zero points in the league standings for the losing team, and as a 5:0 victory with two game points in the league standings for the opponent. If the result was more favorable or equally favorable for the opponent, that result will be counted.
- (9) The assertion of damage claims, especially in accordance with Article 14 Paragraph (4), and the determination of contractual penalties will remain unaffected by game points allocated ex post.
- (10) Where a case under Paragraph (7) lit. h) arises in a playoff game, that game will be counted as a loss. The opponent will then be considered the winner of the abandoned game.

§ 14 Delay, interruption, or abandonment of games

- (1) EBEL clubs must report cases in which the ice surface is unusable for play and any other obstructions to conducting games to the ÖEHV Game Operations department, to the referees assigned to the game, and to the opponent without delay.
- (2) In cases where the referees determine that a game can not be carried out properly due to force majeure or technical problems (e.g., a defective ice surface or poor lighting), opening or continuing a championship game is not permitted.
- (3) In cases where the referees are forced to interrupt a previously commenced game for the reasons indicated in Paragraph (2), the game can not be abandoned fully until a 45-minute waiting period has elapsed.
- (4) In cases where a game can not be started due to the delayed arrival of a team resulting from force majeure, the visiting club is required to report this by telephone. After a maximum waiting period of 90 minutes, the game is to be cancelled by the referee. Games which are not started due to technical problems must be made up in coordination with the ÖEHV's Game Operations department.

- (5) In cases where a game is abandoned prior to the end of the second period (excepting abandonment of a game caused by team), a new game has to be played. An abandoned game equals a completed game in terms of penalties imposed.
- (6) In cases where two full periods have been played and the game is abandoned prior to the start of the third period, a continuation game must be ordered. In such a continuation game, the third period must be played, starting with the score at the time when the original game was abandoned.
- (7) In cases where a game is abandoned during the third period, a continuation game must be ordered as well. In such a continuation game, the remaining playing time must be played starting with the score at the time when the original game was abandoned.
- (8) In a continuation game only those players who appeared on the official game sheet on the day of the incomplete game will be eligible to play.
- (9) When a game is replayed (Paragraph 5) all players who appeared on the official game sheet at the start of the incomplete game will be considered eligible for the replay game.
- (10) In cases where a game is abandoned only a few minutes before the end of the third period and the team leading the game at that point can no longer lose its lead (based on human judgment), the game may be certified with the outcome as of the time of abandonment.
- (11) In cases where it is not possible to continue a game due to threatening conduct or attacks on the part of the players or spectators, the referee must interrupt the game. The game should only be abandoned if the required security (which may even require closing the game to the public) can not be ensured if the game is continued.
- (12) In cases where a game is made up or continued, the home club will remain the organizer of the event. The visiting club is to be reimbursed for the additionally incurred usual travel costs for up to 28 persons.

§ 15 Referees

- (1) The obligations of referees are governed by the ÖEHV.
- (2) The referee team for each EBEL season is to be nominated by the EBEL Referees' Commission prior to the start of the season.
- (3) Referees are to be nominated by the ÖEHV's Head of Referees.
- (4) The rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) shall apply in this context.
- (5) Referees are required to submit all reports and notifications by fax or e-mail to the ÖEHV Administrative Office, the EBEL Administrative Office and the clubs involved in those notifications by 12:00 noon on the day following the game. Those notified by the referee have the right to submit their comment by telefax or email. This comment must arrive at the ÖEHV Administrative Office by 15:00 noon on the day following the game.
- (6) The referees assigned to a game must be provided with a secured parking space in the vicinity of the respective ice arena.
- (7) Assigned referees are required to arrive at the ice arena at least one hour prior to the opening face-off.
- (8) Assigned referees can not be rejected.
- (9) For referee assignments, the regional embargo applies to referees and linesmen from the Austrian federal provinces of the clubs involved in the game. In this context, Slovenia, Hungary and Croatia are treated in the same way as Austrian federal provinces, and the regional embargo is applied analogously. For decisive games, the ÖEHV Referees' Department will make every effort to deploy referee teams which are also independent in terms of nationality.
- (10) The home club must provide the referees with the following food and beverages before and during the game: For each referee, a sufficient quantity of mineral water, fruit juices and fruit must be provided.

§ 16 Disqualification from league play

- (1) Should an EBEL club fail to appear properly at championship games twice within one season due to its own negligence, or if the club causes a game to

be abandoned twice, that EBEL club will be disqualified from the current championship, unless otherwise decided by the EBEL General Assembly.

- (2) If an EBEL club is disqualified from the current championship, all of that EBEL club's games in the current season will be removed from the league standings. This rule does not apply in cases where a team is not disqualified until the playoffs. In such cases, the current round at the time of the EBEL club's disqualification will be recorded as a loss for the disqualified EBEL club. In cases where an EBEL club is disqualified during a placement round as required by the mode of play in the relevant season, or during the qualifying round, all of the club's games will be removed from the league standings for that part of the championship, but not for the regular season.

§ 17 EBEL Championship supervision

- (1) The ÖEHV and EBEL may place championship games under special supervision at any time.
- (2) Requests from EBEL clubs for special supervision are to be fulfilled as long as such requests are received by the EBEL Administrative Office at least 48 hours prior to the opening face-off. The costs of such supervision are to be borne by the EBEL club which submitted the request.
- (3) Using the form provided by the ÖEHV, the game supervisor is required to submit a written report on the game placed under special supervision to the EBEL and ÖEHV immediately after the end of the game.
- (4) The clubs and referees involved are to be informed by the EBEL that the game in question has been placed under special supervision.

§ 18 Game dates/times

- (1) Game dates/times will be set by the EBEL Administrative Office in coordination with the ÖEHV Game Operations department before the start of league play.
- (2) Later changes in game dates/times are only permissible if ordered by EBEL or if requested by an EBEL club with the consent of the opposing team and the ÖEHV Game Operations department.

§ 19 Approval requirements for other games

EBEL club games outside of EBEL league play must be reported to the respective national federation and may only be carried out once the national federation has given its approval.

§ 20 Official game sheet

- (1) For all games in the EBEL, it is necessary to prepare official game sheets using the ÖEHV's official statistics program; the home club is required to maintain the official game sheet in the ÖEHV's Live Scoring System. Only persons who possess a valid identification card from the competent national federation may sit at the home club's officials' table. In this context, it is important to note that all official game sheets, forms and reports should be filled out using a typewriter or computer wherever possible. Clubs are required to allow the referees to send all messages pertaining to the EBEL using the club's fax machines or e-mail accounts.
- (2) For each team, a maximum of 20 skaters and 2 goalkeepers may be entered on the official game sheet.
- (3) The entry of a player on the official game sheet will be regarded as participation in the game in question, even in cases where the player is not deployed. Once the game has begun, it is no longer possible to enter players unless they are listed in the lineups.
- (4) The team managers authorized by each EBEL club are required to provide the home club's scorekeeper with a team roster using the ÖEHV lineup form at least 75 minutes prior to the start of each game. The roster must be filled out completely and accurately, and it must be signed by the team manager and dated.

The referees are required to enclose the team rosters with the original of the official game sheet and to send these documents to the ÖEHV Game Operations department and the EBEL Head of Statistics. In this context, it is also necessary to refer to IIHF Rule 204, Sentence 1. Should the team manager fail to submit the team roster, the EBEL club will not be able to claim that the entries on the official game sheet are inaccurate or incomplete.

- (5) Each player who is not listed on the official game sheet will be considered ineligible to play, with the consequence of a game points allocation pursuant to Article 13 Paragraph (7) lit. d).
- (6) After the game, the official game sheet must be checked in order to verify that the period results and final result are filled in, as well as the addition of goals and penalty minutes and the number of spectators indicated. The referees are required to delete absent players from the official game sheet.
- (7) Objections to the accuracy of entries in the official game sheet can only be raised by the team managers and must be communicated to the referee within 30 minutes of the end of the game.
- (8) The referees are required to accept any additional reports or objections from team managers up to 30 minutes after the end of the game and to forward such reports and objections to the ÖEHV.
- (9) Immediately after the end of the game, the event organizer must fax the official game sheet to the ÖEHV Administrative Office (Fax No. +43 (0)1 / 20 200 20 50), to the Head of Statistics (Martin Kogler, +43 (0)316 687321) and the EBEL Administrative Office (+43 (0)1 / 960 58 58).

III. Doping

§ 21 Doping provisions

- (1) The anti-doping provisions of the Austrian Anti-Doping Federal Act are binding and must be acknowledged and implemented in their entirety (see Article 18a of the ÖEHV statutes). This also applies to all non-Austrian clubs taking part in the EBEL Championship.

IV. Player eligibility and player's licenses

§ 22 Player eligibility

All players who are registered properly with the national federations superordinate to the EBEL clubs are eligible to play. For Austria, this refers to the Austrian Ice Hockey Federation (ÖEHV); for Slovenia it is the Slovenian Ice Hockey Federation; for Hungary it is the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation and for Croatia it is the Croatian Ice Hockey Association.

§ 23 Participation of players without player's licenses

The participation of a player who is eligible to play *per se* but does not have a player's license will not lead to a loss of points for the team in question, but will be subject to punishment in accordance with the ÖEHV Disciplinary Code if the identity of the player is confirmed by an authorized club official on the back of the official game sheet.

§ 24 Procedure for match penalties

A player who is assessed a match penalty during a game will not lose his player's license. However, the player will remain suspended until a decision is made by the EBEL Disciplinary Commission (see ÖEHV Disciplinary Code).

§ 25 ÖEHV farm team regulation

Each EBEL club may enter into a farm team cooperation agreement with club from a lower league. Detailed provisions in this regard are set forth in the EBEL Procedure Regulations for each season.

§ 26 Regulation regarding second teams

In cases where a second team within an EBEL club takes part in a championship, the provisions regarding second teams (as set forth in the EBEL Procedure Regulations for each season) will apply.

§ 27 Registration and deregistration / exchanges / player loan agreements

(1) The registration and deregistration of players with domestic citizenship, of transfer card players with foreign citizenship, exchanges of players with domestic citizenship who play abroad and require a transfer card (even if they are registered with a national EBEL club) as well as the conclusion of player loan agreements will be permitted until January 31st of each season.

§ 28 Number of exchanges

The number of exchanges is laid down in the Procedure Regulations of the respective season.

§ 29 Changes of transfer card players

Transfer card players with foreign citizenship may not change EBEL clubs within the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) during the entire EBEL Championship (including the playoffs).

§ 30 Call-up of U18 and U20 national team

The EBEL Championship will not be interrupted for the U18 and U20 World Championships or their preparations. The EBEL clubs will make the players in question available. In cases where a call-up is disregarded, the player will be considered suspended until the return of the junior national teams. The same regulation applies to players who cancel due to illness or other reasons preventing their participation.

§ 31 Changes of national players

Until January 31st of each season, national players may change from one domestic club to another within the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League (EBEL) if the transferring club confirms its consent to the change in writing or if there are valid grounds for a justified departure under the regulations of national labor law.

V. Disciplinary measures

§ 32 Automatic suspensions

- (1) Should a player or official be penalized with a match penalty or a second game misconduct penalty in a championship game, that player or official will be suspended automatically for the ensuing championship game.
- (2) Should a player receive a second game misconduct penalty, that player will be suspended automatically for the ensuing championship game. The same applies to the fourth, sixth, etc. game misconduct penalties.

If a player is assessed a game misconduct penalty because he received a second misconduct penalty in the same game, then only the game misconduct penalty will count in the calculation under (1).

Once the season has been completed, all game misconduct penalties still in effect are erased.

§ 33 Additional disciplinary measures

- (1) After the completion of a game, it is at the obligatory discretion of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission to examine each incident which arose in the course of the game, to conduct the relevant investigations, and to impose additional penalties on EBEL clubs and players.
- (2) Complaints of a club are only possible where an offence has not been penalized by the referees.
- (3) As of the start of the semi final play-offs requests from side of EBEL Clubs for supplementary penalties according to rule 510 of the IIHF rule book are nor longer possible. Every semi final and final game will be observed by EBEL Disciplinary commission via TV.
- (4) The appropriate investigation procedures must be initiated immediately after the time limit for complaints, with the aim to conclude this procedure including pronouncement of judgment by 24.00 prior to the day of the next game, latest however by 10.00 on the day of the game.
- (5) The penalty limits for supplementary suspensions and fines are based on the EBEL Penalty Catalog.

- (6) In cases where a player or coach changes to a foreign club, the unenforced remainder of the penalty will be suspended and must be served before the player or coach can resume activities with a domestic club.

§ 34 Responsibility of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission for disciplinary measures

- (1) In all cases where the EBEL Fundamental Rules, the EBEL Procedure Regulations and in particular the provisions of the IIHF Official Rule Book and the accompanying contractual agreements (see Article 2) are violated, the EBEL Disciplinary Commission is responsible for taking resolutions to define the penalties imposed on EBEL clubs.
- (2) The payment of fines imposed by the EBEL Disciplinary Commission and the corresponding receipt of payment will be reported to the EBEL Disciplinary Commission once the payment deadline has passed.

§ 35 Investigation procedures

- (1) The EBEL Disciplinary Commission may conduct investigations in all cases in which a violation of the EBEL Fundamental Rules, the EBEL procedure Regulations and in particular the provisions of the IIHF Official Rule Book and the accompanying contractual agreements (see Article 2) comes to the attention of the Commission.
- (2) A complaint of a club is permissible by 12.00 noon on the day following the game provided that at the same time an appropriate video recording is submitted by email and also proof of payment of the application fee of € 500,- (e-banking voucher).
- (3) The EBEL Disciplinary Commission will inform the party concerned of the circumstances underlying the case by telephone or in writing by fax or e-mail and request that the party submit a statement regarding the complaint within an emergency period, latest by 18.00 of the same day.
- (4) Complaints about public riots or failure of the security service may be filed by the referees or a game supervisor of the ÖEHV or EBEL only.

(5) All complaints must be sent to the following email addresses or fax numbers:

strafsenat@eishockey.at or 01/2020020-50

strafsenat@erstebankliga.at or 01/96058-58

§ 36 Decisions by the EBEL Disciplinary Commission

(1) The EBEL Disciplinary Commission generally determines penalties by way of resolution on the basis of the evidence presented; if necessary, the Commission reserves the right to conduct a hearing.

a) Television and video recordings are generally admissible as evidence. The EBEL Disciplinary Commission will decide at its own obligatory discretion whether such recordings are suitable in each individual case to be examined.

b) A brief justification of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission's resolution is to be provided; this justification should mention the circumstances underlying the case, the legal norms applied, as well as the reasons for imposing the penalty. In addition, it is necessary to indicate whether (and if so, which) evidence was used for the purpose of the decision. A form-based justification will be considered sufficient. The resolution must also include a decision regarding costs.

c) Appeals or legal remedies against the resolutions of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission will not be permitted.

(2) Should the initial suspicion not be confirmed or the Commission decide not to impose a penalty, the Commission is to discontinue the procedure by means of a resolution. The Commission's resolution can not be contested.

§ 37 Composition and appointment of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission

(1) The EBEL Disciplinary Commission is to decide exclusively on incidents in connection with the EBEL; one chairperson and two other members are to be elected to the Commission.

- (2) The chairperson and other members of the EBEL Disciplinary Commission are to be elected by the EBEL General Assembly for a term of three seasons. Members of the Commission may also be re-elected.
- (3) Should an elected member of the Commission resign from his/her post prior to the end of his/her term of office, an alternate member is to be appointed for the remainder of that member's term of office by means of a circular resolution taken by the EBEL clubs; this alternate member is to be confirmed as a substitute by the EBEL General Assembly on the next possible occasion.

§ 38 Location of meetings

The EBEL Disciplinary Commission will generally convene its meetings in Vienna, unless the Chairperson defines another location for objective reasons. Parties shall have no legal right to determine a different location for Commission meetings.

Vienna, August 6, 2009

The German version is binding.