



# I n t e r n a t i o n a l I n l i n e S k a t e r H o c k e y F e d e r a t i o n

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## IISHF Disciplinary Committee: Summary and Report 2016:

IISHF Reference	Player	Team	Tournament	Incident	Total Fine	Ban
2016-01	David Schuller	IHC Tigers Stegersbach	Cup Winners Cup 2016, Essen	Cross checking a player from behind and hitting an opposing player in the face	300	Until May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019

There have been problems with the procedure of allowing evidence:

- 1) The validity of the official statement of the club was questioned due to the form of the writing (no header on the letter, no signature). From my personal point of view, any document, submitted by the club/NMA, should be treated as an official document. There was a mixed opinion on this topic.
- 2) The victim was listed on the official match report of 2 additional games following the incident. For clarification purposes a statement from an IISHF official was taken into consideration. Two things were stated, namely that the player suffered a severe concussion and could not participate in any game for two more weeks. This information contradicts a German game report from the first German league from three days after the event.
- 3) It was not clear, whether video material, which was available for this incident, is allowed to be used during the disciplinary proceedings.

In general, I am of the personal opinion that the discussion of any incident should focus on the details of the incident. Therefore, the referee report one important perspective of the incident, but all available evidence should be taken into consideration.

In addition, my personal impression of the discussion culture was unsatisfying, the disciplinary committee would benefit from a more lively debate, rather than only a vote.  
Considering this I won't be available for this position in 2017.

On behalf of the IISHF Disciplinary Committee  
Signed by Laurin Rauter