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LAUSANNE HOCKEY CLUB INTENDS TO PROTECT THE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OF THE PLAYERS AND PROTESTS AGAINST THE LACK OF REACTION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Lausanne Hockey Club has taken note with astonishment of the decision by the Player Safety Officer (PSO) of the National League not to open a procedure following the incorrect charge suffered at the beginning of the game of Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in Zug by the defenseman Andrea Glauser. Lausanne Hockey Club cannot accept this inaction.

While he was some two meters from the back of the ice field, our player was thrown head first against the boards by EV Zug's Carl Klingberg, player number 48. Without a life-saving reflex and a lot of luck, Andrea Glauser could have been seriously injured. Under these circumstances, it is completely incomprehensible that this action, which could have had catastrophic consequences, was not the subject of a procedure and does not result in any suspension for its author.

The National League and all of its member clubs hire and pay for specialized personnel to enforce the rules of our sport and to protect the integrity of the players. Whether or not a dangerous foul results in an injury should not be a criterion for consideration or punishment.

Lausanne Hockey Club has seen, this season, some of its players being the object of procedures and suspensions. It has accepted the principles and the measures. However, it is astonished to see that gestures of the same nature are not subject to the same treatment. The public, the clubs and above all the players are entitled to expect the coherence necessary for a good understanding of the game and its rules, and indispensable for the protection of the players against dangerous gestures.

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