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Dear officials of PZHL and PHL,

The Alliance of European Hockey Clubs (E.H.C.) has been contacted by the officials of Comarch Cracovia with regards to the incidents in the PHL playoff game between GKS Katowice and Cracovia on March 11, 2018. Cracovia is a member of the E.H.C. Alliance and has as such the right to ask the E.H.C. for advice, assistance, etc. The Alliance is very proud to have such accomplished club as Cracovia as member.

It must be noted the E.H.C. is first and foremost an organization which looks after the interests of its member clubs internationally, and that we do not have any jurisdiction in national matters. This being said, we encourage our clubs to inform us about national matters as well. Our objective is to assist leagues and clubs in emerging hockey countries to develop their domestic game in all aspects. Poland as hockey nation, in particular with its Wild Card in the CHL, is of great importance to European hockey.

Looking at the above mentioned incident on March 11 in Katowice, we have an understanding for the frustration expressed by Cracovia. Taking into consideration what developed on ice, it seems that the supplemental discipline imposed on Cracovia player Petr Kalus was disproportionate to his violation and also disproportionate if related to the violation of GKS player Patryk Wronka.

As the E.H.C. sees Polish clubs and the Polish league as important future partners in the development of European professional hockey, we noted two further incidents in connection to the above, where PZHL and PHL should do everything within their power to prevent in the future.

1. That a fan can reach over the glass and physically attack a player on the field of play (ice).
2. That, when the on-ice officials where escorting the penalized Cracovia player for him to leave the ice for the locker room, the arena maintenance workers were slow in opening the board, which invited to an escalation to the already heated situation.

This letter is sent in good faith and we hope that it is received like that by the PZHL and PHL. We wish you a successful playoffs and we are truly enthusiastic about the equal level displayed in the quarterfinal and semifinals.

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