

Official Statement

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As a matter of principle, the FLBB does not comment publicly in detail on ongoing court proceedings or on the individual situation of specific players.

The sentence in question is not final; the appeal period of 40 days is still pending, and the presumption of innocence applies until a final decision is reached. The FLBB cannot and will not disregard the fundamental principle of the presumption of innocence.

Furthermore, the underlying allegations do not concern the individual's sporting activity, but rather his professional field; the criminal law related questions, and the related employment and disciplinary questions, are to be decided by the competent authorities, not by the federation.

A call-up for the upcoming international matches was, independently of the proceedings referred to above, not under consideration, as the player – as is publicly known – is currently unable to play following surgery.

Without prejudice to the ongoing proceedings, and to the presumption of innocence that applies until a final decision is rendered, the FLBB holds the view, as a matter of principle and independent of any current events, that any final conviction for intentional bodily harm would be incompatible with the values for which the federation and its national teams stand.

In the event of such a final conviction, the federation would draw the appropriate conclusions within its own area of competence.

The FLBB attaches great importance to exemplary conduct on the part of its national team players and to the values of sport, and is following developments closely.

The board of directors of the FLBB