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Nuggets coach George Karl calls the NBA's \$25,000 fine given to Kenyon Martin "way out of line and crazy."

Martin was penalized Monday, a day after knocking Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki to the court in Denver's second-round series-opening win.

"I'm going to repeat. I think it's wrong and Kenyon didn't deserve a \$25,000 fine," Karl said after his team's Tuesday night shootaround.

Karl said he watched replay of the foul 10 times Monday night, coming away even more perplexed by the fine.

"I saw some hits in Chicago, Boston, some hits in Atlanta, Miami — this is not on top of the list, from my observation," he said. "It's amazing to me."

The league declined to comment on Karl's remarks. Martin is known for physical play, and Karl would not say if that worked against the forward.

"As a coach, when you're confused and your players are confused it's tough," he said. "My job is to help. At this moment I'm as confused as Kenyon is."

Rex Chapman, the Nuggets vice president of player personnel, had a chance to give his opinion Monday to Stu Jackson, the NBA executive vice president of basketball operations.

"We will accept their decision and move forward," Chapman wrote in an e-mail.

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Deurwaarder still
in contention for
third place in event
at Green Meadows

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The second day of the United States Tennis Association men's 90-and-older indoor tennis championships did not go the way John Deurwaarder planned.

The 94-year-old Vancouver man lost both of his matches and left Club Green Meadows with a sore right arm.

Still, he was happy for the opportunity to get another shot at a national tournament.

"It's great to be able to meet all these guys," Deurwaarder said, noting that men come from around the nation for the tournament.

The tournament, which runs through Thursday, includes 42 players 80 and older from around the United States and Canada. They compete in singles and doubles in three age divisions.

Deurwaarder, who still plays tennis twice a week at Club Green Meadows, is the only local entry.

After winning a first-round singles match on Monday, second-seeded Tudor Aprados from Green Valley, Ariz., beat Deurwaarder in the semifinals on Tuesday morning.

A couple of hours later, he and doubles partner Robert Folk from Seattle lost the second of their tournament matches.

"Age is against me," Deurwaarder said, noting that four years is a significant difference at his age.

"Some of these guys have just turned 90, and there are always new guys every year that are 90 years old," Deurwaarder said. And, he noted, the same can't be said at the 95 age division.

Deurwaarder turned 94 last week and is one of only two players that old in this tournament. On Tuesday, he experienced pain near his right elbow.

"I've never felt that before," he said.

If that pain goes away, Deurwaarder will be back at 10:30 this morning to play for third place in singles. His last doubles match in the tournament is scheduled for 2 p.m. today.