



Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting

Competition manipulation, sometimes referred to as match-fixing, is when someone deliberately and dishonestly influences a sporting event to gain a benefit. It's commonly linked to betting, but can also include non-betting related behaviours like tanking, which is deliberately underperforming.

Competition manipulation:

- **is unfair, and illegal in some cases**
- **damages trust in sport and can harm the reputation of those involved**
- **can create dangerous situations like threats or blackmail**
- **can happen in any sport, at any level.**

Everyone in sport – including athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers – should know the risks and banned behaviours (Prohibited Conduct). These are outlined in full detail in your sport's

Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting Policy.

Banned behaviours – a summary

- **Match or spot-fixing:** manipulating a moment or the result of a sporting event to gain a benefit e.g. arranging a result before the contest, including to profit from betting.
- **Tanking:** deliberately underperforming to gain an advantage e.g. intentionally losing to get a favourable draw.
- **Misusing inside information:** sharing private information that influences betting e.g. revealing non-public team selections to inform betting.
- **Betting on your sport:** betting restrictions vary by sport. You must follow your sport's rules, which may prohibit betting on your sport entirely, or prohibit betting on events you're connected to.
- **False identification:** deliberately providing wrong information to gain an advantage e.g. lying about your age to compete in a different category.
- **Unfair modifications:** interfering with equipment or playing surfaces, outside the rules, to gain an advantage e.g. ball tampering.



- **Failing to report:** you must never accept, assist or cover-up any approach to manipulate a sporting event. You must report any suspicious approach, request for inside information, or knowledge of possible competition manipulation as soon as you can.

Important: Be alert. Suspicious approaches may come from social media, sponsorship offers, in person, or from people you know trying to exploit you.

Reporting and support information

Report all allegations of competition manipulation to your sport.

Report to
your sport



Check your sport's national website for the full *Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting Policy*.

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