Preventing Manipulation of Competitions

World Baseball Softball Confederation
Agenda

• What is competition manipulation?
• How it can happen?
• Risks & possible sanctions
• Meet your Athlete Ambassadors
• Code of Conduct – the 4 Key rules
• Q&A
Competition Manipulation is the same as match-fixing.

True.

Competition Manipulation only affects some sports, depending on their nature.

False.

Competition Manipulation is impossible to detect. It can only be prevented through awareness raising.

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What is Competition Manipulation?
CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO
What is competition manipulation?

→ When athletes cheat by losing on purpose or by not doing their best in a competition.

→ When officials or coaches deliberately make wrong decisions, affecting the competition or its outcome.

→ This is competition manipulation!
How it can happen?
Who can manipulate a competition?

**Internal People**
- Athletes
- Coaches
- Judges
- Referees

**External People**
- Agents
- Managers
- Friends & family
- Retired athletes
- Club owners
- Sponsors
- Criminals
How a fixer can approach you

Direct approach
(gift, money, sexual favours)

Indirect approach
(family, friend, team)

Become friends
Create a bond, grooming

Identify weaknesses
Age / Income / Gambling

Creates a feeling of obligation

First manipulation
Often small and a first step towards more serious offences

Threats
When the target wants to quit or does not cooperate

YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS CYCLE
YOU are an ideal target for corruptors because...

YOU are on the field of play!

YOU have direct influence on the competition!

Bets are placed on every sport.

YOUR SPORT MAY BE AT RISK OF COMPETITION MANIPULATION!
Risks & Possible Sanctions
### Possible Sanctions

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<td>You may get a life ban from your sport for manipulating a competition.</td>
<td>Competition manipulation is considered a criminal offence in a growing number of countries.</td>
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#### Loss of Credibility

- Loss of sponsors and fans.
- Ruining of your personal credibility and reputation worldwide.
Cases at the Olympic Games

Olympic chiefs probe betting scandal claims

INTERNATIONAL Olympics chiefs are now investigating the allegations of a betting scandal in the Irish squad.

AUSTRALIAN speed skater Daniel Greig may have created an international incident by revealing behind-the-scenes betting on the Sochi Olympic 500m speed skating event.

IOC reprimands British and Irish boxers for betting on Rio Olympics bouts

Three fighters wagered on contests they were not involved in. Olympic associations under fire for not educating competitors.
Risk of getting involved during the pandemic

Financial challenges
Unfamiliar situations
Psychological impact
MEET YOUR AMBASSADORS AGAINST COMPETITION MANIPULATION

# MAKETHERIGHTDECISION

Giovanni Pantaleoni, Baseball, Italy
Ayako Rokkaku, Baseball, Japan
Randolph Oduber, Baseball, Aruba
Ashley Stephenson, Baseball, Canada
YOU SHOULD STRIVE TO PERFORM TO YOUR BEST AND IT WILL BRING OUT THE BEST IN YOU.

Mweetwa Nchimunya
Zambia / Norway, Football
"YOU ARE AN OLYMPIAN NOW, RESPECT YOURSELF, YOUR OPPONENTS, YOUR SPORT AND SPARE NO EFFORT, THAT’S WHAT OLYMPIANS DO."

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Code of Conduct: The 4 Key Rules
CODE OF CONDUCT

DON’T FIX your competition and always do your best.

DON’T BET on your own sport or the Olympic Games.

DON’T SHARE inside information. Non-public information about your sport stays private.

ALWAYS REPORT an approach to manipulate or anything suspicious:
www.olympic.org/integrityhotline
RULE #1

DON'T FIX
RULE #2
DON’T BET
If you are a baseball player from Europe, can you bet on baseball competitions in the Americas?

No. Athletes & officials must not bet on their own sport, even if it is in a different region.

If you were competing in softball at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, were you allowed to bet on the Tokyo 2020 volleyball events?

No. Accredited athletes and officials must not bet on any event of the Olympic Games.

If you are competing in baseball at the Asian Games, can you bet on the football events at the Asian Games?

No. Athletes & officials must not bet on any sport in a multi-sport competition that they themselves are competing in.
# MakeTheRightDecision

Rule #3

Don’t Share
Fi.Inculd Great start, competition day, I’ve not slept a wink. Can’t breathe through my nose, full of cold. Wish me luck, I’m going to need it! 🙁
I CANNOT WAIT FOR TOMORROW! Let the games begin!
#Rio2016
Today didn't go our way, but we will be back tomorrow. Like coach said, let's DEFEND!
SPEAK UP!

If you witness or suspect competition manipulation, you must report it.

ioc.integrityline.org
Speak Up!

If something doesn’t look right, it probably isn’t!

It is **YOUR** duty to report any suspect behaviour to:
- Your club or national federation
- WBSC – your International Federation

**OR THE**

[INTEGRITY AND COMPLIANCE HOTLINE](ioc.integrityline.org)

100% secured and confidential
IOC Integrity and Compliance Hotline

IOC Integrity Hotline is:

• Available for anyone who would like to report suspicious activities related to competition manipulation or any breach of the OM Code PMC

• Secure and confidential platform which ensures confidentiality and anonymity

• All athletes, coaches, entourage, officials, etc. are encouraged to report any incident as early as possible

https://ioc.integrityline.org
Reporting channels may include, in particular:

- The WBSC Integrity unit: integrity@wbsc.org
- Dedicated e-mail: whistleblowingreport@wbsc.org
- Dedicated physical address for anonymous reports; Avenue Général-Guisan 45, Pully, Switzerland
Further information:

More information is available at: athlete365.org/maketherightdecision

Got more questions?

Don’t hesitate to contact us at omunitpmc@olympic.org or integrity@wbsc.org