



**COMITÉ OLÍMPICO
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SPORTS BETTING INTEGRITY ACTION PLAN

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VULNERABILITIES

- **Financial and economic difficulties**
- **Unpaid and overdue salaries**
- **Addiction (drugs, alcohol, sex, gambling)**
- **Living beyond personal income and high personal debt**
- **Bad sports results and lack of recognition and reward**
- **Pressure and opportunity (family, friends and sponsors)**
- **Unfulfilled ambition, greed and ingenuity**
- **“Fluid moral values”, desire for personal progression and propensity to challenge the "system"**

INTEGRITY AND MANIPULATION OF SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Background



WHY criminals are interested in sport?

- **High profit and low risk**
- **Anonymity**
- **Ineffective supervision and regulation of gambling and sports betting**
- **Cross-border criminality (becomes transnational)**
- **Limited law enforcement and sports betting regulators experience with this kind of criminality (lack of means, powers and expertise)**
- **Internet with no borders (jurisdiction and investigation cooperation problems)**
- **Shortcomings in sports' good governance (integrity, transparency, inclusivity, accountability)**
- **Easy targets**
- **Lack of consistent domestic legislation and sport regulation, efficiently enforceable**

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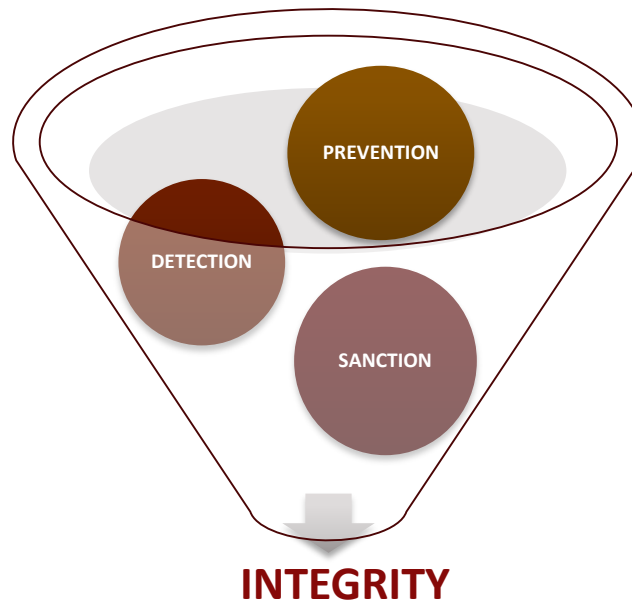
Background



“Recent cases reveal the magnitude of the problem and indicate the dire need to address it through appropriate investigative and law enforcement tools.

...sporting manipulation is not a "simple" breach of sporting rules, but also an offence against the public in a broader sense”

UNODC-IOC Report, July 2013 – Criminalization approaches to combat match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting: a global perspectives



INTEGRITY AND MANIPULATION OF SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Action Plan



Sports
Regulation
Legislation

- **Code of Conduct on Sports Betting integrity**
- Support ratification, legal transposition and effective implementation:
 - ICSS – Sorbonne Guiding Principles & SIGA Principles and Standards on Sports Betting Integrity
 - CoE Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions
 - UN Conventions against Corruption and against Transnational Organized Crime

Raising
awareness an
capacity

Monitoring and
information
exchange

ASPIRATION

- **Collaborative partnership aimed to implement a robust and comprehensive set of tools to prevent match-fixing:**
- **From local to national and international level.**
- **From grassroots to elite sport**

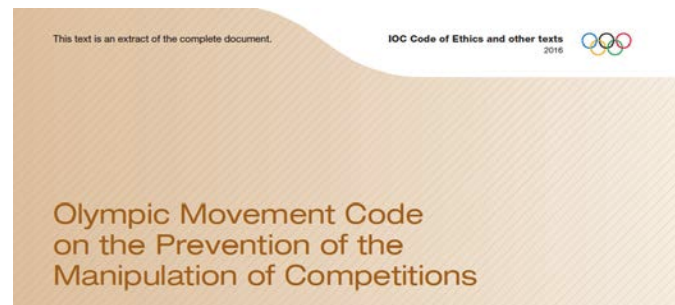
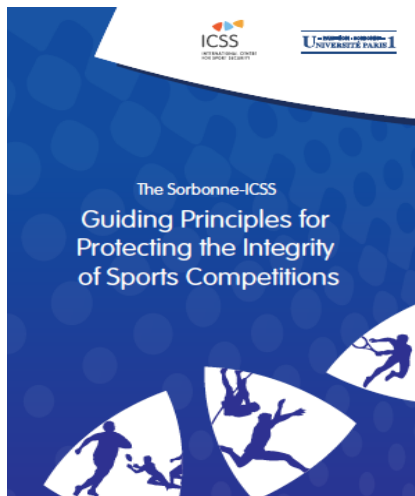
CODE OF CONDUCT ON SPORTS BETTING INTEGRITY

Aim



ENSURE that sport is protected from breaches to its integrity based on provisions laying down **MINIMUM STANDARDS** on:

- **Betting prohibition to the participant's sport (athlete, athlete support personnel and officials)**
- **Offences**
- **Disciplinary procedures**
- **Sanctions**
- **Harmonize definitions and concepts**



WHO should use the Code ?

- **Organizations members of the NOC who have signed the declaration of commitment and its affiliates**

HOW should the adherent entities implement the Code?

1. **Incorporate the Code by reference, aproved by the competent statutory body**
2. **Implementing specific regulations consistente with the Code**
3. **Implementing regulations more stringent than the Code**

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General GOALS for the implementation of the Code ?

- To ensure that members and affiliates enforce and comply with the Code
- Duty of report, for all members and affiliates in a timely manner, full details of any approach to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of the Code
- Cooperate with investigations carried out by competent authorities
- Actively pursuing any alleged commission of offence to the regulations on manipulation of sports competitions in the framework of its jurisdiction
- Undertake educational measures to athletes, officials, referees and staff

➤ **Indicate the DESIGNATED PERSON**
(responsible of integrity, single point of contact, director of integrity)

- **Effective and robust regulatory framework**
 - **Code of Conduct**
 - **CoE Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions**
 - **Include in standard athletes and staff a contract a clause explicitly forbidding to engage in match-fixing**
 - **Preventive provisions laid down in athlete competition participation forms (Olympics)**
- **Effective educational and capacity building programmes**
- **Monitoring and information exchange mechanisms**
- **Reporting mechanisms**
- **Criminal investigation and fact-finding skills**

ACTION PLAN ON SPORTS BETTING INTEGRITY PREVENTION STRATEGY



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Awareness
Capacity building

- **Educational Programme**
- **Awareness campaign**
- **Capacity building and training on integrity**

Monitoring
Investigation and
Information Exchange

- **Develop fact-finding and investigative processes to conduct disciplinary and criminal related with manipulation of competitions**
- **Integrity Unit– Responsible of Integrity – Single Point of Contact**
- **National Platform**

- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME**

Recognize – Resist - Report

- **What is the manipulation of sports competitions**
- **How it works**
- **How it can affect sport participants**
- **How you may be approached**
- **What consequences**
- **Obligation to report – How and to whom**

- **Training the trainers**

- **Workshops complemented with com distance learning (e-learning and online contents)**

- **Develop collaborative partnerships towards a coordinated national approach to safeguard integrity**

- **Centralisation of the collection of intelligence, and further analysis and exchange with competent authorities is ESSENTIAL to protect betting integrity**
 - **Sports betting monitoring reports**
 - **Early Warning Alerts (IFs, IOC, regulators, law enforcement)**
 - **Physical surveillance at competition venues for suspicious behaviours**
 - **Sports betting information exchange systems**
 - **Hotlines and other reporting mechanisms**

WHY?

- **Detailed analysis of everything that happened in betting market about a specific competition who triggered an alert**
- **Support manipulation suspicions**
- **Evidence in sport disciplinary proceedings**
- **Experts and staff from sports betting monitoring companies may become expert witnesses**

ACTION PLAN ON SPORTS BETTING INTEGRITY MONITORING, INVESTIGATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE



- **SGBs do not have jurisdiction over non-participants (i.e. organized crime)**
- **Few powers to obtain evidence**
- **Limited powers to protect whistle-blowers**
- **Lack of expertise and means to investigate organized crime engaged in match-fixing**

QUESTIONS & FOLLOW UP



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