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Pre conference workshop 1 - Match Fixing Workshop

What is wrong in match-fixing prevention narratives?



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Central ideas of the official preventive discourse

a - Organized crime as the phenomenon driver

b - Dehumanization of the alleged criminal

c - Fear as a preventive factor



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How to Prevent Match-fixing from Destroying your Career

It is a short programme, but it may be the most important time you spend to guard your career. By viewing this programme you will gain information to keep you safe and protect your sport from corruption.

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Organized crime as the phenomenon driver

- Match fixers are individuals from the world of Organized Crime (the Mafia, Asian triads and Crime syndicates) and financial reward is their only interest. The money they use is dirty money; it comes from drug deals; weapons' sale; theft and prostitution. Match-fixers "are dangerous people" and the phenomenon "is a form of money laundering." (Graham Peaker, UEFA)
- Match-fixers are mainly members of organized crime. Match-fixing works when "criminals bribe people inside sport - a player, a referee or a club official" (Interpol; EPFL, TI and DPF)
- Match-fixing is often connected to illegal betting and money laundering through Organized Crime. (This conference)

Dehumanization of the alleged criminal

"Never forget we are dealing with people who have no respect for human life"
(Graham Paeker, from UEFA)

"Fixers might try to get you addicted to drugs or gambling."

"Fixers will exploit your vulnerabilities or secrets, and use blackmail. Addictions, debts and extra-marital affairs are often used to blackmail players."

"Beware of fixers trying to access you and form a false relationship with you."

"Beware of people trying to get you to share inside or sensitive information."

"Beware of offers of gifts, money or 'honey traps'."

"Debts or addictions put you at risk from fixers."

"The fixers may try to drug you or threaten you."

"Once you're caught you are their slave."

(INTERPOL & FIFA)

Michael Franzese



Fear as a preventive factor

"If I am an athlete, and I have any connection or any approach by a mafia guy, I'll be very concerned"

(Joe Pistone, ex CIA agent)

(INTERPOL, FIFA & SportAccord).

Franzese claims that he knows cases of athletes that end in a hospital or were handicapped "in a way that they couldn't play again".

"If you have to use the threat of violence or violence itself then you do it".

"Once referees/players accept the match-fixer's offer or become involved with the match-fixer, they will be defenceless and under their complete control" ... so "once you give in, you are under their control" (Interpol & FIFA, Prevention module)

FIFA vs. INTERPOL

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How Interpol got into bed with FIFA

A €20 million deal with the world's embattled soccer federation raises questions about the law enforcement organization's independence.

Other news:

- **Matchfixing fight in doubt after Interpol freezes FIFA partnership over corruption scandal** (La Nacion)
- **Interpol Cuts Ties With FIFA** (Wall Street Journal)
- **Interpol puts 6 FIFA officials on most wanted list** (New York Post)
- **Interpol suspends \$22M FIFA partnership during corruption crisis** (FOX Sport)



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