



## RISKS & DANGERS OF MATCH-FIXING



### WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE?

The **manipulation of sports competitions**, be it in relation to sports strategy or for financial gain, is one of the **biggest threats to sport** at all.

**Credibility** is the greatest asset in sport. If there is a loss of trust in the credibility of an athlete's performance or in the results of a competitions or how these come about suffers, the sport will inevitably lose the interest of spectators, the media and sponsors and in turn its (also financial) basis.

Not only do match-fixing and betting fraud represent a risk for the sport itself, but they also **jeopardize the careers** and thus the livelihoods of those involved. The consequences of misconduct are complex and manifold, ranging from **disciplinary action** (fines, suspensions, etc.) and/or **criminal consequences** (fines, imprisonment, etc.) in cases of betting fraud, to economic impact and no less serious social consequences.



### WHAT IS BETTING FRAUD?

**Betting fraud** is the manipulation of a sports competition with the purpose of placing "safe" sports bets on that competition and making a betting profit to the detriment of a bookmaker.

In Austria, as in nearly all countries and jurisdictions globally, such behavior is prosecuted by the **police and the public prosecutor's office** and is usually **punished with fines or imprisonment**.



### WHAT DOES THE PLAY FAIR CODE DO?

The **Play Fair Code** (Association for Protecting the Integrity in Sport) is an initiative of the Austrian **Ministry of Sport** (BMKÖS), the **Austrian Football Association** (ÖFB) and the **Austrian Football League** (ÖFBL) that was founded and institutionalized in 2012. In the meantime, the federations and professional leagues for **handball, ice hockey, basketball, volleyball, tennis, skiing and table tennis** as well as the **Austrian NOC, Sport Austria** and various betting providers joined the organization.

The Play Fair Code is aimed at guaranteeing **clean and manipulation-free competitions** in coordination with its member and partner network, the athletes, coaches and club and association officials.

## MATCH-FIXING - GUIDE CLUBS / OFFICIALS

### ONGOING



- ✔ **Understand the problem of** match-fixing and betting fraud.
- ✔ Know and follow the relevant **rules**.
- ✔ Take advantage of the **training** and information offered by the Play Fair Code.
- ✔ Create an internal understanding and **awareness of the problem**. (Association's goals, mission statement, charter, integrity agreements, etc.)

### IN CASE OF OCCURRENCE (PERCEPTION, SUSPICION)



- ✔ Observe the obligation to **report** approaches, offers and perceptions immediately.

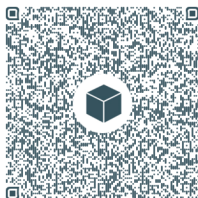
The Play Fair Code offers support in filing a rule-compliant report and distributes the information properly and discreetly!

### IN A SITUATION OF CRISIS (INVESTIGATIONS, MEASURES)



- ✔ **Get in touch with the Play Fair Code** immediately. (Current situation)
- ✔ Document your "defensive arguments" or activities in coordination with the Play Fair Code.
- ✔ Seek legal advice.
- ✔ For press inquiries, coordinate with federation and Play Fair Code.
- ✔ Stay in **constant exchange** with the Play Fair Code.

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