



POLICY ON COMPETITION MANIPULATION AND MATCH FIXING

1. INTRODUCTION

Football Canada recognizes the threat that competition manipulation and match fixing pose to the integrity of sport, including all forms of football. We are aligned with IFAF policy on this issue. This policy outlines our commitment to preserving the integrity of football by combating any form of competition manipulation.

2. DEFINITIONS

- a. Competition Manipulation:** Any intentional act or omission aimed at improperly altering the result or course of a sports competition to gain undue benefit.
- b. Match Fixing:** The action or practice of dishonestly determining the outcome of a match before it is played.
- c. Sports Betting:** The activity of predicting sports results and placing a wager on the outcome.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all participants within the Football Canada ecosystem, including athletes, coaches, referees, officials, and any other stakeholders.

4. PROHIBITIONS

Engaging in any form of competition manipulation or match fixing is strictly prohibited. Participants must not bet on any football matches or competitions in which they are involved or have direct influence. Receiving benefits related to the manipulation of a football competition is forbidden.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

Participants must perform to the best of their ability in every match and refrain from any behaviors that could harm the integrity of the game. They should report any approach or suspicion of competition manipulation to the designated Football Canada authority.

6. MONITORING AND INTELLIGENCE

Football Canada will actively monitor Team Canada in international competitions for signs of irregularities and will collaborate with betting monitoring services to detect suspicious betting patterns. A whistle-blower system will be implemented for reporting suspicious activities anonymously.



7. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to suspension, lifetime bans, and legal action. Football Canada will conduct thorough investigations into any allegations of competition manipulation.

8. EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Football Canada will establish educational curriculum for national team members to prevent competition manipulation. Partnerships with sports betting regulators will be sought to promote a well-regulated betting environment.

9. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Football Canada will collaborate with law enforcement, other sports organizations, and betting entities to combat competition manipulation. Sharing of information and joint efforts will be pursued to maintain the integrity of the sport.

10. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed as necessary to respond to new threats or legal changes. Amendments will be made in consultation with stakeholders to ensure the policy remains effective and relevant.

CONCLUSION

Football Canada is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity and will vigorously combat competition manipulation and match fixing in football. All participants must adhere to this policy, and any violations will be dealt with severely to protect the sport's integrity and public confidence.

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