

## **Integrity in sports betting: a 10-point plan**

The following code of practice, in the form of a 10-point plan focusing specifically on betting, is intended for sports authorities<sup>1</sup> to use in order to protect the integrity of their sport. The 10 action points are intended to be sufficiently broad so as to be applicable to all sports authorities. However, where necessary, it is envisaged that sports authorities will wish to use the plan as a starting point to develop more detailed policies and rules of their own.

### **Section A**

#### **Aims and objectives**

The general principles underpinning the plan:

- To protect the integrity of betting on sport;
- To safeguard participants and consumers; and
- To develop relationships (with sporting regulators, betting operators, statutory organisations<sup>2</sup> and Government Departments<sup>3</sup>).

### **Section B**

#### **The 10-point plan**

1: The sports authority will seek to embody the principles underpinning this plan.

2: The sports authority will include provisions in their rules and regulations governing the behaviour of their participants in relation to betting.

3: In the context of betting, sports authorities will expect their participants to avoid any situation that may involve a conflict of interest with the sport and/or which may undermine the confidence of the public. Participants will not misuse privileged information.

4: The sports authority will not avoid taking necessary action when they suspect, or are aware of betting activity which threatens the integrity of sport and objectives of this code of practice.

5: The sports authority will co-operate with and, if appropriate, enter into information sharing agreements with the relevant statutory authorities in the context of sports betting (e.g. police / Customs / National Criminal Intelligence Service / and the Gambling Commission).<sup>4</sup>

6: Further to the commitment to share intelligence under point 5 above, the sports authority will take responsibility for proactively passing appropriate information or knowledge of corrupt practices (a race / match-fixing scam, for example) to the relevant authorities (e.g. police / Customs and Excise).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>In this document "sports authority" refers to the signatory of this 10-point plan. A sports authority in this context refers to an association such as The FA or a regulatory body such as the Jockey Club.

<sup>2</sup> For example, the police or Customs and Excise.

<sup>3</sup> For example, the Home Office Internet Task Force and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

<sup>4</sup> This code of practice does not override a sports authority's duty or ability to comply with existing legal requirements (e.g. the Data Protection Act 1998 or the Human Rights Act 1998).

7: Where bookmakers or betting operators seek to enter into information sharing agreements, the sports authority will endeavour to work with them.

8: The sports authority will share best practice in maintaining integrity in sports betting with other sporting authorities.

9: The sports authority will seek to ensure that their participants co-operate fully with any investigation conducted by them and will expect them to provide full disclosure of information in relation to any such investigation.

10: The sports authority will nominate a person / department with special responsibility for betting issues.

It is intended that sports authorities will communicate this 10-point plan to all their participants in relevant media.