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## INVESTIGATIONS

### Brazil

#### Brazilian prosecutors charge 16 in football match-fixing probe

In Brazil, an investigation into match-fixing in the top-level football division developed into a dramatic series of events resulting in 16 charges.

Source: 27 September 2023, Freshsociety

Football

<https://freshsociety.info/2023/09/27/brazilian-prosecutors-charge-16-in-football-match-fixing-probe/>

### Spain

#### Barcelona under investigation for suspected bribery in refereeing case

In Spain, a top-tier football club is under investigation for 'active bribery' following years of alleged ongoing corruption in the refereeing committee.

Source: 29 September 2023, Reuters

Football

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/soccer/barcelona-under-investigation-suspected-bribery-refereeing-case-court-2023-09-28/>

### Sri Lanka

#### Sachithra Senanayake's bail application successful in sports corruption investigation

In Sri Lanka, a former cricketer who is being investigated by the Sports Corruption Investigation Unit for allegations of match-fixing, has been released on bail.

Source: 25 September 2023, The Times of India

Cricket

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/cricket/news/sachithra-senanayakes-bail-application-successful-in-sports-corruption-investigation/articleshow/103929059.cms?from=mdr>

### United States

#### 4 more Iowa athletes plead guilty to underage gambling. Cases go on for six athletes with ISU ties

As part of an investigation into illegal sports betting in the US, four former student athletes pleaded guilty to underage gambling.

Source: 19 September 2023, Newsday

<https://www.newsday.com/sports/4-more-iowa-athletes-plead-guilty-to-underage-gambling-cases-go-on-for-six-athletes-with-isu-ties-fkr8gjqy>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### France

#### French tennis player provisionally suspended

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) temporarily suspended a French tennis player under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). The sanction went into effect in June 2023 and was later appealed but eventually dismissed on 5 September 2023.

Source: 22 September 2023, International Tennis Integrity Agency

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/maxence-broville-provisionally-suspended/>



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### Slovenia

#### Slovenian tennis official provisionally suspended

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has provisionally suspended a tennis umpire from Slovenia, pending the full consideration and investigation of the charges.

Source: 29 September 2023, ITIA

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/ducman-provisional-suspension/>

### Sweden

#### ESIC suspends CS:GO player for match-fixing

A Swedish esports player has been suspended by the Esports Integrity Commission (ESIC) for violating their Anti-Corruption Code. The accusations made against him allege that he placed bets on his own matches.

Source: 20 September 2023, iGaming Business

<https://igamingbusiness.com/social-responsibility/sports-integrity/holmlund-csgo-esic/>

### Sweden

#### Swedish tennis player provisionally suspended

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has announced that a player from Sweden has been suspended under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). Their appeal was dismissed by the Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer on 22 September 2023.

Source: 27 September 2023, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

<https://itia.tennis/news/sanctions/swedish-tennis-player-dragos-nicolae-madaras-provisionally-suspended/>

## United Arab Emirates

### Eight charged under the Emirates Cricket Board Anti-Corruption Code

In the United Arab Emirates, eight cricketers and officials from the T10 League have been charged by the International Cricket Council (ICC), for violating the Emirates Cricket Board Anti-Corruption Code for Participants. Initially disputed, the charges relate to attempts to corrupt matches.

Source: 19 September 2023, International Cricket Council

Cricket

<https://www.icc-cricket.com/media-releases/3690344>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### Cyprus

#### Football referees in Cyprus go on strike after latest car bomb attack

Referees in Cyprus have gone on strike, and top-flight games have been suspended, after an arson attack on a car belonging to the mother of an official. It is the latest in

Source: 19 September 2023, The Guardian

Football

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2023/sep/19/referees-in-cyprus-go-on-strike-after-latest-car-bomb-attack>

## MATCH FIXING

### Bolivia

#### Bolivian Football Championships to Resume Amid Match-Fixing Allegations

Following a suspension due to allegations of match manipulation, the Bolivian football championship is due to restart this week. It follows agreements on strengthened monitoring and independent investigations into the allegations.

Source: 2 October 2023, BNN Network

Football

<https://bnn.network/sports/football/bolivian-football-championships-to-resume-amid-match-fixing-allegations/>

### Chile

#### “Only in the mafia do they punish those who report”: Carlos Gajardo questions the punishment of a player who reported alleged match-fixing

In Chile, questions were raised regarding the motivation to sanction a football player who reported match manipulation during a game.

Source: 26 September 2023, Nation World News

Football

<https://nationworldnews.com/only-in-the-mafia-do-they-punish-those-who-report-carlos-gajardo-questions-the-punishment-of-a-player-who-reported-alleged-match-fixing/>



## CORRUPTION

### Sweden

#### Ny rapport om kriminell påverkan på idrotten

In a new public report, the Swedish police reports how organised crime is increasing its grip on sports in the country. The police are establishing a new working group to address the issue, gather information and intelligence, investigate and initiate prosecution.

Source: 25 September 2023, Polisen

<https://polisen.se/aktuellt/nyheter/2023/september/den-organiserade-brottsligheten-fortsatter-att-ta-mark-och-utgor-ett-vaxande-problem/>