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INVESTIGATIONS

Australia

Police raid stables of famous Australian horse trainer Darren Weir

The racing world has been rocked by the revelation police have arrested Australia's most successful trainer Darren Weir after raiding his stables.

The Herald Sun reported on Wednesday detectives working for Victoria Police's sports integrity unit arrived at Weir's stables following an investigation that has been going on for several months.

Racing Victoria (RV) issued a statement about the matter on Wednesday morning.

"Racing Victoria's Integrity Services team has been conducting an investigation into the activities of licensed persons in the Warrnambool and Ballarat areas," RV Executive General Manager of Integrity Jamie Stier said.

"During the course of our investigation we sought the support of Victoria Police's Sporting Integrity Intelligence Unit on the matter, instigating their investigation.

"The Sporting Integrity Intelligence Unit this morning executed warrants at properties in Warrnambool and Ballarat where they arrested three licensed persons for questioning. Members of the Racing Victoria Integrity Services team attended licensed stables to assist Victoria Police and to investigate potential offences against the Rules of Racing.

"As the matters are the subject of ongoing investigations by Victoria Police and Racing Victoria we are not at liberty at this time to disclose the identities of the persons arrested nor the details of the investigations.

"Racing Victoria is committed to maintaining the highest integrity standards in our sport and, where appropriate, we will continue to work with Victoria Police on those investigations."

Journalist Leo Schlink reported the news and said on radio Weir was present at one of the properties that were swooped on by police, but claimed the legendary trainer was not surprised by the action.

"I don't think they were taken by surprise in any sense. I think they were well aware something was afoot and it will now go through the processes and see where we land," Schlink told SEN Breakfast.

Schlink said speculation around Weir had "really intensified" recently but added: "People close to him are adamant he has nothing to answer for."

A statement from Victoria Police said officers executed warrants just before 6am and a firearm was seized.

"Three people have been arrested including a 48-year-old Miners Rest man, a 38-year-old Yangery man and a 26-year-old Warrnambool man," the statement said.

"They will now be interviewed in relation to sporting integrity matters including obtaining financial advantage by deception, engaging in conduct that corrupts or would corrupt a betting outcome of event or event contingency, use of corrupt conduct information for betting purposes, and attempt to commit indictable offence namely obtain financial advantage by deception.

"A number of items including a firearm and what is believed to be a conducted energy device were also seized from the properties."

A spokesman for Victoria Police said at a press conference this afternoon the investigation has been going since August last year.

The spokesman also said conducted energy devices — which can be used on horses to improve performance — were seized.

Weir is the most successful trainer in Australia. According to the Herald Sun, last season he "prepared a Commonwealth record of 491 winners with combined prizemoney earnings of more than \$31 million".

He trained 2015 Melbourne Cup winner Prince of Penzance and has won the past five Victorian metropolitan premierships.

Source: 30 January 2019, News.com.au

Horse Racing

<https://www.news.com.au/sport/sports-life/police-raid-stables-of-famous-australian-horse-trainer-darren-weir/news-story/e1cf7bc1affcd339dcca146ff48154a4>

Belgium

Belgian police seek access to whistleblower Pinto's docs for match-fixing probe

Belgian authorities are seeking access to documents relating to alleged corruption acquired by Portuguese hacker Rui Pinto who is under arrest in Hungary.

Late last year Belgian football was rocked by a wide-ranging investigation into financial fraud and match-fixing and according to Belgium's media it was the findings of the Football Leaks' website, for whom Pinto has been operating, which led to a series of searches centred on Royal Excel Mouscron.

The Football Leaks files, published by a consortium of European media, have revealed tax evasion, suspected fraud and corruption involving various players, entrepreneurs and club leaders.

Pinto was detained on January 16 under an arrest warrant issued by Portuguese authorities.

Belgian media said Pini Zahavi, the so-called super agent who brokered the transfer Neymar to Paris St Germain, is a particular target of Belgian justice. Zahavi is reportedly suspected of illegally controlling Mouscron.

Containing millions of documents, the 'Football Leaks' revelations were posted in two tranches, the first at the end of 2016 and the second in November 2018 causing widespread consternation throughout the game.

Source: 30 January 2019, Inside World Football

Football

<http://www.insideworldfootball.com/2019/01/30/belgian-police-seek-access-whistleblower-pintos-docs-match-fixing-probe/>

Bulgaria

Two Bulgarian players charged with match-fixing

SOFIA (Reuters) - Bulgarian prosecutors have charged two second division players with match-fixing as part of an investigation into alleged corruption in Bulgarian football, the domestic football association (BFU) said.

The BFU said prosecutors had charged players Lubomir Vitanov and Ivan Topuzov from Bulgarian club BANSKO with establishing a criminal organisation, aiming to commit crimes against sport.

Prosecutors said the players allegedly manipulated unspecified BANSKO games in Bulgaria's second division during the 2016-2017 season.

Neither BANSKO nor the players, who were suspended indefinitely by the BFU, were immediately available for comment when contacted by Reuters.

Soon after the announcement, Bulgarian authorities, including the BFU, were criticised by fans on social media and websites for punishing only smaller clubs.

There have been media reports of widespread match-fixing and corruption in the Balkan country for years, but nobody has been brought to trial and the European Commission has criticised the authorities for doing little to fight the problem.

The first documented manipulated game in the country took place in 1949 when Levski Sofia and city neighbours Akademik drew 1-1 in order to guarantee that CSKA, Levski's bitter rivals, would be relegated to the second division.

Source: Reporting by Angel Krasimirov; Editing by Toby Davis, 25 January 2019, Reuters

Football

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-soccer-bulgaria-matchfixing/two-bulgarian-players-charged-with-match-fixing-idUKKCN1PJ1D4>



Kenya

Kenyan club accuses Ugandan coach of match-fixing

A Kenyan club owner on Thursday accused a Ugandan football coach and players of conspiring to lose games they had bet on.

Cleophas Shimanyula, who owns the Home Boyz football club in western Kakamega, accused former Uganda Cranes midfielder Paul Nkata and his assistant of receiving cash to influence the outcome of two matches in the SportPesa sponsored premier league.

After the team performed poorly, an investigation showed that Nkata, 58, who led Kenya's Tusker club to Premiership victory in 2016, and a number of players had been placing bets and manipulating results.

"We thought the poor run was just a normal one but we ... found out that our coach has been placing bets on games. He has been paying some of our players between 50,000-200,000 shillings (\$500-\$2,000) to lose games," Shimanyula told reporters.

"We understand that Nkata travelled to Uganda on Monday after somebody tipped him that he was being investigated and he was to be arrested by the police." Shimanyula told AFP.

Police said they had launched investigations into the scandal.

Source: AFP, 31 January 2019, *The East African*

Football

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/sports/Kenyan-club-accuses-Ugandan-coach-of-match-fixing/4494642-4960456-tjihivz/index.html>

Thailand

Famous Thai kick boxer arrested for alleged fight fixing

A muay thai boxer renowned for his fights at Bangkok's Rajadamnern Stadium has been charged with alleged fixing of the outcome of a bout in December, when he was beaten on points by a little-known fighter. Ekkarak Chumthong, 20, was charged Sunday when he turned himself in to Metropolitan Police Bureau officers following a complaint by the owner of his own camp, Sing Mawin in Songkhla.

Camp owner Thatchanon Kachasuwan filed a complaint with police alleging that Ekkarak, known as "Roi Choeng Sing Mawin", had refused to fight to his full capability, causing him to lose the December 20 bout on points. He claimed Ekkarak had refused to attack his opponent during the fourth and fifth rounds. He said he had studied footage of the fight on, from which it was clear that although he was more capable than his little-known opponent, he had stopped attacking him from the start of the fourth round.



Pol Colonel Thirachai Chamnarntong, deputy investigative inspector of the Metropolitan Police Bureau, said the boxer had been arrested under a court warrant on a match-fixing charge. Ekkarak was allegedly paid Bt30,000 before the fight to try to lose it, and he was promised and given a similar amount after doing so, Thirachai said. Police will later arrest a muay thai gambler who allegedly paid Ekkarak to lose the fight, he added. Thirachai withheld the suspect's name prior to his arrest.

Source: 28 January 2019, *The Nation*

Kickboxing

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/national/30363076>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Niger

Former referee Chaibou given life ban for bribery

ZURICH (Reuters) - Former international referee Ibrahim Chaibou has been banned for life after being found guilty of taking bribes, global football body FIFA said on Thursday. The official from Niger was also fined 200,000 Swiss francs (£154,104) and is banned from "all football-related activities", including administrative ones, FIFA said in a statement. FIFA did not give further details except that Chaibou was told of the ban on Tuesday.

Source: Writing by Brian Homewood; Editing by Toby Davis, 24 January 2019, *Reuters*

Football

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-soccer-fifa-matchfixing/former-referee-chaibou-given-life-ban-for-bribery-idUKKCN1PI2OY>

LEGISLATION

Australia

Macolin Convention Signing a Major Step to Combat Corruption in Sport

In a further demonstration of the Liberal Nationals Government's absolute commitment to clean, safe and fair sport, the Minister for Sport, Senator Bridget McKenzie, has today signed the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions – the Macolin Convention.

"The Macolin Convention is the only multilateral treaty specifically aimed at combating match-fixing and other related corruption in sport," Minister McKenzie said.

"This signing is another major step to protect the safety, fairness and integrity of the sporting competitions we all enjoy so much.

"Australia was a key contributor to the drafting of the Macolin Convention and we are the first country outside of Europe to sign up.

"I have had strong representations at home and internationally for Australia to join the Macolin Convention.

"By engaging formally with the parties to the Macolin Convention, Australia is now empowered to create a fully effective national platform to enhance detection of, and nationally coordinate responses to, match-fixing and related corruption of Australian sport and sports competitions."

Membership of the 'Macolin Community' will enable Australia to obtain formal ongoing access to international counterparts and meetings to work together and drive the measures to combat corruption in global sport.

"By becoming a Party to the Macolin Convention, we can now begin work to pass national match-fixing criminal legislation and support an effective global response to international sport integrity matters," Minister McKenzie said.

"Australians love their sport and the criminal element is on notice and will be eradicated.

"Australia is a world leader in the sports integrity field, and has an international reputation as a strong advocate for effective integrity protections."

Source: MINISTER MCKENZIE MEDIA, 1 February 2019, [Health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2019-mckenzie010.htm>



United States

US lawmakers move to criminalize global doping fraud

US lawmakers introduced the Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act on Tuesday with rare bi-partisan support to criminalize international doping fraud conspiracies, a week after the World Anti-Doping Agency decided against suspending Russia.

The proposed law aims to ensure that fraud against American competitors wouldn't go unpunished, with penalties up to a \$1 million fine and 10 years in prison.

"Now is the time to create stiff penalties for Russia's cheating and send a signal that Russia and other sponsors of state-directed fraud can't use corruption as a tool of foreign policy," US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse said.

WADA decided against re-imposing a ban on Russia for missing a deadline to provide data from drug tests in the wake of the 2016 report from Richard McLaren detailing Russian state-backed doping from 2011 to 2015 involving more than 1,000 athletes across more than 30 sports.

"We know from experience we must meet the bad behavior of Russia's corrupt government with strength," Whitehouse said.

"Anything less they take as encouragement. That's why the responses of WADA and the International Olympic Committee to the Russian doping scandal fall woefully short."

While WADA eventually received the data, US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) chief Travis Tygart criticised WADA.

"Change is needed for a global system that holds athletes strictly accountable but allows states to corrupt the Olympic Games and perpetuate massive fraud on athletes and the public," Tygart said.

Rodchenkov's lawyer Jim Walden also said the legislation was a needed step "since WADA and the IOC have proven themselves completely ineffective to deter doping fraud".

The American lawmakers, one from each party introducing the bill in both the US Senate and House of Representatives, named their proposed law for Grigory Rodchenkov, the former Russian anti-doping laboratory chief who served as a whistleblower for the cheating and is now in hiding in the United States for his safety.

"Without Dr Rodchenkov's courage, we would still be in the dark about the extent of Russia's doping fraud," said US Senator Roger Wicker.

"He's now in hiding, fearing that Russian thugs may one day come for him... Dr Rodchenkov and those other brave individuals who reveal the crimes of authoritarian regimes deserve better."

- Current framework 'ineffective' -

The bill would create punishments for a scheme to influence a global sporting event through banned substances or methods, bring restitution to victims from conspirators, aid whistleblowers through current witness and informant protection laws, and mandate sharing information with USADA.

"WADA's most recent decision to give Russia a free pass clearly conveys that leaders of international sport governance refuse to uphold the integrity of sport," US Representative Michael Burgess said.

"The current framework has proven ineffective and fundamentally unfit to defend clean athletes and prevent doping fraud."

Lawmakers said that by swapping out tainted doping test samples for clean ones, Russian officials at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics cheated US athletes out of not only Olympic glory but also the opportunity for lucrative sponsorships -- and they did so with bribes and secret payments sometimes from US institutions.

"Never again should Russia or any other authoritarian state believe that there will be no legal consequences for committing doping fraud conspiracies," US Representative Sheila Jackson Lee said.

Source: 30 January 2019, AFP

<https://www.afp.com/en/news/824/us-lawmakers-move-criminalize-global-doping-fraud-doc-1ct6ge3>

BETTING

Turkey

Turkey seeks 394 people over illegal online betting: Hurriyet daily

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Turkish police launched an operation to detain 394 people over links to an illegal online sports betting organization, Hurriyet daily said on Friday. Cyber crime fighting units determined the group set up more than 70 shell companies in food, cosmetics, and logistics sectors to facilitate online betting and other gambling games, it said. Police confiscated more than 43 million lira (\$8.3 million) and digital material in the early morning raids in Istanbul and 39 other provinces, the daily said.

Source: Writing by Ezgi Erkoyun; Editing by Dominic Evans, 1 February 2019, Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-security-gambling/turkey-seeks-394-people-over-illegal-online-betting-hurriyet-daily-idUSKCN1PQ3XG>

United States

How a longtime bookie built a successful sports gambling empire

One veteran sports bookie brings in eight figures — at least \$10 million — a year since getting into the illegal sports betting business in the 1990s. One bettor owed him \$1.3 million once. A bettor owes him \$350,000 right now.

The anonymous bookie, asked to be identified as KC, is one of the most successful underground bookies in America and agreed to sit down with Yahoo Sports to discuss the industry, including how one might throw a game and if legalizing sports betting will impact his business.

The interview also covers:

- How he got his start
- How he deals with people who don't pay
- Violence involved in betting
- Advice for sports bettors looking to get in

Source: Cassandra Negley, 25 January 2019, Yahoo! Sports

<https://sports.yahoo.com/longtime-bookie-built-successful-sports-gambling-empire-172531839.html?guccounter=1>

DOPING

Kenya

Doping: Kenyan marathon star gets two-year ban

Kenya's Milano Marathon champion Lucy Kabuu has been banned for two years after testing positive to banned performance enhancing substances.

The IAAF Athletes Integrity Unit indicated that the ban takes effect from August 1, 2018, meaning the athlete will be eligible to compete after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

It should be a reprieve for Kabuu, who has avoided the maximum of four years ban.

Kabuu was suspended after her samples tested positive for narcotic morphine, during the Milano City Marathon on April 8, 2018.

It was her major victory upon return from injury, coming two months after having just finished sixth at Hong Kong Marathon in 2:31:21.

Kabuu, who won 10,000m gold and 5,000m bronze at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, has the 12th fastest time in women's marathon history of 2:19.34 from 2012 Dubai.

Last year, Kabuu became the third high profile Kenyan to test positive to banned substances within two months after three times World 1500m champion Asbel Kiprop and African Games 400m silver medallist Boniface Mweresa.

Another Kenyan, the 2017 World 800m bronze medallist Kipyegon Bett would also test positive to the banned blood boosting Erythropoietin (EPO) in an out-of-competition test conducted on July 31 last year.

Bett has already been handed a four-year ban and will be eligible to compete again in August 2022.

Bett, 20, refused to allow a urine sample to be taken in February and then in July, when a sample was taken, he tested positive for the prohibited EPO.

Kiprop and Mweresa's cases are still pending but the verdicts are due before the end of this month.

Source: 22 January 2019, Daily Nation

<https://www.nation.co.ke/sports/athletics/Kenyan-marathon-Lucy-Kabuu-gets-two-year-ban/1100-4945832-fsq3p/index.html>

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Russia

Athletics Integrity Unit welcomes CAS decision to sanction 12 Russian athletes based on the evidence underlying the McLaren reports

01 February 2019, Monaco: The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has welcomed the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to sanction 12 Russian athletes in connection with the findings of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-commissioned reports by Professor Richard H. McLaren and the related Evidentiary Disclosure Package (EDP).

The CAS has found that the violations established using that McLaren evidence were committed as part of a centralised doping scheme.

These rulings confirm an earlier CAS decision in the case of another Russian athlete, Anna Pyatykh, which was also brought forward by the AIU based on McLaren evidence in 2017 (CAS 2017/O/5039).

Brett Clothier, Head of the AIU, said: "Today's CAS rulings confirm that the evidence underlying the McLaren Reports is reliable and is capable of establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs). It needs to be noted that some of these cases were fought solely on the basis of the McLaren evidence, while others were combined with analytical evidence gathered through retesting. It is very encouraging for us and gives us the possibility to pursue more cases in the future."

The AIU is also awaiting access to the data from the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and the underlying analytical data generated by the Moscow Laboratory that WADA is currently in the process of authenticating.

"The AIU is in contact with WADA and is keeping a close eye on developments. We will wait for more information concerning the practical aspects of the sharing of the athletics specific data from WADA and decide on the need for any further re-analysis or investigation that may be required in order to pursue more cases," he added.

The data is crucial to build strong cases against cheats and exonerate other athletes suspected of having participated in widespread doping in Russia. [...]

Source: 1 February 2019, Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU)

<https://www.athleticsintegrity.org/knowledge-centre/news-archive>

GOOD PRACTICES

Spain

GLMS and RFEF join forces to safeguard the integrity of Spanish Football

The Global Lottery Monitoring system (GLMS) and the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) concluded today an agreement with the objective to share information regarding irregular betting patterns in relation to Spanish football. The two organisations will be also making their best efforts to collaborate with reference to projects/initiatives regarding the general fight against manipulations of sport competitions.

GLMS President, Ludovico Calvi has stated: "Through this new partnership, GLMS will further enhance its commitment to safeguard the integrity of Spanish football, which has always inspired and led children and young people across the world to get active in football and sport in general. We strongly believe that protecting Sport Ethics means safeguarding the passion and integrity of our children and therefore the future of our society. It is this inspirational value that we – as GLMS – wish to serve and safeguard. Thanks to our "glocal" dimension and intelligence, we are confident that we can support RFEF – in addition to La Liga with which we already cooperate – to keep Spanish football clean and values-driven.

RFEF Integrity and Security Director, Alfredo Lorenzo, has added: "Sports integrity is of the utmost importance for us at RFEF. We are well aware of the high-quality work of GLMS in the field of sports integrity. GLMS intelligence, network and expertise will no doubt have a significant contribution to our efforts to keep Spanish football credible and inspirational and we look forward to working with GLMS towards this direction".

Source: 28 January 2019, Global Lottery Monitoring system (GLMS)

Football

<http://glms-sport.org/news/glms-and-rfef-join-forces-to-safeguard-the-integrity-of-spanish-football/>

ODDS AND ENDS

International Boxing Association (AIBA)

AIBA: Progress to Keep Boxing in 2020 Olympics

The International Boxing Association (AIBA), amateur boxing's governing body, says that it is cooperating and taking steps to ensure it will be a part of next year's Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

The AIBA is being investigated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who is studying the "governance, ethics and financial management" of the AIBA closely. Back in November, AIBA elected Gafur Rakhimov, a controversial Uzbek businessman the US Treasury Department claims is linked to organized crime, as president. Rakhimov denies the accusations.

The IOC froze preparations for boxing in the 2020 Olympic Games, warning AIBA could be stripped of its right to oversee the competition.

The two sides have yet to meet face-to-face.

"There is no meeting planned with the IOC up to now," AIBA executive director Tom Virgets said. "AIBA is preparing documents to present that will address the additional advances that we have made on every question and area that the IOC has asked us to report on. AIBA is transparent, and wants to be an open book. We have nothing to hide!

"We anticipate that the IOC's concerns will centre on how AIBA is progressing in all of the areas they focused upon in the past, and I am confident that we will be able to show continued improvements in all areas."

A spokeswoman from the IOC says "once all the documents and responses we have from AIBA have been studied," the organization will meet with AIBA.

Relations between the two parties were damaged after the 2016 Olympics in Rio, where 36 officials and referees were suspended for allegations of match fixing. The IOC stated it still wanted to hold boxing at the games, but warned AIBA of possible "withdrawal of (its) recognition."

The IOC assured it would make "all efforts to protect the athletes and ensure that a boxing tournament can take place at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 regardless of these measures."

Source: 28 January 2019, *Fight Sports*

Boxing

<http://www.fightsports.tv/aiba-progress-to-keep-boxing-in-2020-olympics/>



INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

Global Lottery Monitoring System (GLMS)

GLMS, Olympic & sports movement and stakeholders discuss how sports and Lotteries can further work together in disseminating a culture of integrity

Lausanne, 30 January 2019, On 28-29 January 2019 GLMS held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne a training-educational workshop with the objective to train its members to use the GLMS monitoring platform, as well as to raise awareness on good practices of Lotteries closely working with the sports movement at national level, disseminating a culture of integrity.

On the occasion, the workshop was organised by GLMS in close coordination with the IOC, highlighting the close relation between Lotteries and the world of Sport at its highest level. Lotteries and national sports organisations were encouraged to take advantage of their close relation at a national level and create further educational programs in the highest interest of Sports Ethics. GLMS Members had also the opportunity to receive a training on ad-hoc education / prevention tools exclusively created by our Integrity Association for its Members.

GLMS President, Ludovico Calvi stated: "I am very pleased with the organisation and the success of this educational training event here at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. Thanks to this event, our members not only had the chance to further familiarise themselves with our intelligence and monitoring activities, but also were inspired to get more active in education and prevention initiatives, as also recommended by the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulations of Sport Competitions. I was also pleased to see many of our partners, IOC, FIFA, UEFA, INTERPOL and EUROPOL, actively involved in supporting GLMS in the pursue of one of our key strategic objectives – education and prevention – and highlighting how GLMS adds value to their integrity activities".

Head of OM PCM Unit, Friedrich Martens added: "The Olympic Movement relies heavily on the support of the Lotteries and when it comes to the prevention of competition manipulation, Lotteries through GLMS have been a significant partner of ours. We were pleased to welcome Lotteries across the world at the Olympic Museum and discuss – together with various International Federations and stakeholders - how Lotteries and sport could further join forces in order to mutually cooperate more effectively in the fight against competition manipulation. We look forward to strengthening our cooperation with GLMS towards this direction".

Source: 30 January 2019, Global Lottery Monitoring System (GLMS)



Qatar

Integrity in Sport: INTERPOL and IOC collaboration in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar – INTERPOL and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) have conducted a joint workshop in Qatar to help develop a coordinated national approach on the integrity of sport.

With Qatar due to host major sport events including the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the two-day workshop (21 and 22 January) was held in close partnership with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy of Qatar.

It brought together more than 100 representatives from Qatari law enforcement, government, sports bodies and the Olympic movement.

International experts from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Council of Europe, FIFA and the Athletics Integrity Unit reviewed and highlighted existing legislation, international instruments and best practices to protect the major sport events from competition manipulation and other breaches of sport integrity.

“Such initiatives aim at providing a safe environment for the management of safety and security operations in general and in major sporting events in particular. These workshops form part of a global capacity-building and training programme to help countries meet the new criminal challenges posed by competition manipulation, corruption and other threats to the safety of sport,” said Brigadier Ibrahim Khalil Al-Mohannadi, Head of Consultancy Office, Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy.

The event also provided an opportunity for INTERPOL to link up with potential new investigators for its Match-Fixing Task Force for the sharing of information, intelligence and best practices.

José de Gracia, INTERPOL Assistant Director, Criminal Networks Sub-Directorate said: “In recent years, the manipulation of sports competitions has become a mechanism for profit of organized crime structures. One of the key learnings of this training is that cooperation and information sharing is crucial. This is why stakeholders in law enforcement, government and sports have come together to discuss how we can build a global network to tackle competition manipulation.”

INTERPOL and the IOC recently expanded their joint global capacity-building and training programme until 2021 to protect the integrity of sports.

H.E. Jassim Rashid Al-Buenain, Secretary-General of Qatar’s Olympic Committee said: “The IOC and INTERPOL are amongst the top entities we cooperate with to form the umbrella that helps shape honest and fair competition where hard work does not go unrewarded and wrongdoing does not go unpunished. Integrity entails credibility, and the credibility of competition and sports organization is one of the key pillars of Olympic Agenda 2020.”

Established by INTERPOL and funded by Qatar, Project Stadia also facilitated and participated at the event. Project Stadia aims to create a centre of excellence and good practice platform to help INTERPOL member countries plan and undertake security and cybersecurity preparations for major sporting events.

Source: 25 January 2019, INTERPOL

<https://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2019/N2019-008>

POLICY

Australia

Powerful new regime to tackle match-fixing, cheating in Australian sport

The nation’s top sporting codes, including the AFL and NRL, will be subject to a sweeping new anti-corruption regime overseen by a national watchdog to tackle match-fixing and cheating in Australian sport.

The shake-up, set to be announced by the federal government, aims to address growing risks to sporting integrity caused by the expansion of online and unregulated betting markets.

The catalyst for the new body is an inquiry by former police corruption royal commissioner James Wood, along with concerns held by senior state and federal police that information about corruption and organised crime infiltration of sport was not being acted upon.

A new national sports integrity commission, which is due to begin operating by July 2020, will aim to gather and act on intelligence about match-fixing and corruption.

It’s understood the regime may lead to the national anti-doping regulator, ASADA, being given increased powers to investigate doping.

Source: 31 January 2019, The Age

<https://www.theage.com.au/politics/federal/powerful-new-regime-to-tackle-match-fixing-cheating-in-australian-sport-20190130-p50umv.html>

United States

Nascar unveils Sports Betting Policy

NASCAR's new Sports Betting Policy prohibits team owners, drivers, crew members and series officials from gambling on NASCAR and lists minimum penalties that could include indefinite suspension or termination and/or a fine of \$150,000-\$200,000.

NASCAR unveiled the policy Monday. The policy was put together with Sportrader Integrity Services. NASCAR has had to react, along with other sports leagues, after the Supreme Court in May allowed states to decide if they will allow sports betting. In October, Dover International Speedway became the first track that hosts NASCAR to introduce at-track betting.

The Sports Betting Policy notes that "All NASCAR members have an obligation to protect the integrity of the sport. Gambling on NASCAR Events by Members can pose a serious threat to the integrity of NASCAR, its stakeholders, and the industry as a whole. The integrity of NASCAR Competition remains our greatest asset."

NASCAR's Sports Betting Policy also prohibits team owners, drivers, crew members and series officials from disclosing confidential information for the purposes of enabling or facilitating gambling activity related in any way to NASCAR events or off-track actions.

The policy also states that NASCAR members are to report "without undue delay" any attempted, requested witnessed or observed legal or illegal gambling activity non-compliant involvement relating to an event which NASCAR is involved or "that in the judgment of NASCAR could represent the potential for a conflict of interest, unsportsmanlike conduct, or other action(s) detrimental to stock car auto racing or NASCAR."

NASCAR's policy states that NASCAR members are permitted to take part in fantasy games relating to any event in which NASCAR is involved but shall not accept prizes with a value in excess of \$250 in any such fantasy games.

If someone is found to violated the Sports Betting Policy, they will receive a letter detailing the terms for consideration of reinstatement. A designated program administrator will facilitate an evaluation and coordinate it with the appropriate professional to create a reinstatement plan. When a NASCAR member has completed the requirements set forth in that, they are eligible for reconsideration of reinstatement of a NASCAR license.

Below is the section for the NASCAR Rule Book that details betting on a NASCAR event.

Source: 29 January 2019, Yahoo Sports

Car racing

<https://sports.yahoo.com/nascar-unveils-sports-betting-policy-222237631.html>

