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## INVESTIGATIONS

### India

#### UP: 9 arrested for IPL match-fixing, Rs 4 lakh seized

Uttar Pradesh police on Tuesday busted a cricket betting syndicate with the arrest of nine persons in Prayagraj. The group was involved in online match-fixing in Indian Premier League matches. Around Rs 4 lakh have been seized from them, said police. "Nine persons from a cricket betting syndicate have been arrested. Rs 3,86,000, 20 mobiles, one laptop and two bikes have been seized from them," Allahabad Senior Superintendent of Police Atul Sharma told media persons. The accused have been identified as Ankit Jaiswal, Nitin Sahu, Mohan Sahu, Vivek Sahu, Navneet Rai, Sintu Kesarvani, Sachin Agreri, Kasar Soni and Ankur Gupta. An FIR has been registered. Further investigation is underway.

Source: 10 April 2019, Business Standard

Cricket

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/up-9-arrested-for-ipl-match-fixing-rs-4-lakh-seized-119041000245\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/up-9-arrested-for-ipl-match-fixing-rs-4-lakh-seized-119041000245_1.html)

### Indonesia

#### FIFA delegates to visit Jakarta for talks on PSSI problems

JAKARTA, April 9 (Xinhua) -- Representatives from football's international governing body FIFA will come to Jakarta this week to help address problems within the country's PSSI football association. A letter from FIFA to Indonesia's youth and sport ministry revealed that a joint delegation from FIFA and Asian governing body AFC "will visit Jakarta on April 10 and 11 to help settle scores of problems." Indonesian football has had to deal with several issues lately, including the resignation of PSSI chairman Edy Rahmayadi and a match-fixing scandal that has seen acting PSSI chairman Joko Driyono detained by police, and 15 other officials implicated in the scandal affair. In its letter, FIFA offered to have meetings with top officials from the PSSI and the country's government. Previously, Secretary of Indonesian Youth and Sport Ministry Gatot S. Dewa Broto said that Indonesia would welcome the visit of FIFA representatives and their involvement in seeking to address the problems faced by the PSSI. "We are glad that FIFA is to send delegates for talks with the Indonesian government about the PSSI which is facing difficulties at present," said Gatot.

Source: Li Xia, 9 April 2019, Xinhua

Football

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/09/c\\_137963265.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/09/c_137963265.htm)



## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Australia

#### Australian Football Players Receive Bans for Illegal Betting

- Five VFL players have received bans of up to three games for gambling breaches
- There have been many instances of cheating in Australian football in recent years
- Australians lose more money gambling per capita than any other country in the world
- Numerous initiatives are in place to try and combat these issues

Five players in the Victorian Football League (VFL), as well as a single official have drawn the wrath of the Australian football authorities. The six had breached the betting rules during the league's 2008 season. They have received bans of as many as three games for 2019. There is no indication as to how many of the five players were given three-match bans. None of the banned players had previously played in the Australian Football League (AFL). Four of them had used a third-party corporation to use their personal details to operate an online gambling account in their name. This was in violation of the AFL regulations. In a statement, the VFL said: "While they did not personally place any bets, they handed over their personal details and these accounts placed bets on VFL/AFL matches. "All VFL players and officials receive regular gambling education and any player or official who is found to be in breach of VFL rules will be sanctioned accordingly."

Both officials and players in the sport are bound by strict rules and regulations involving gambling. Players are not able to place any bets on the league they are part of. But that hasn't stopped some from violating the rules. The AFL punished four AFL players with sanctions in 2007 for breaking gambling rules. In 2010, six figures from the AFL were found to be in breach of league rules. Among the six were an assistant coach and a goal umpire. In a 2011 betting scandal, one player was fined and another handed an eight-match ban. Also in 2011, an assistant coach for Essendon was banned for 14 matches after he made three bets on games in the AFL, including one game involving his own team. Former AFL player Jake Melksham was fined \$10,000 for giving misleading info to investigators who were looking into his betting account's activity.

Australians per capita gamble far more than any other nationality in the world. Their losses per adult in the country equate to about US\$1,000 annually. Singapore is a distant second in the world rankings for average losses per capita of US\$650. In total, Australians make more than \$24bn worth of bets each year. Approximately a third of all Australians gamble online. There is also a substantial illegal gambling market worth about \$1.4bn annually. As a result of these high levels of gambling, a number of measures are being taken to decrease gambling dependency. For example, a sports betting integrity unit has been created to try and stamp out match-fixing and other forms of cheating. A lot of high-ranking officials in Australian sports have concerns about the extent of corruption and potential instances of match-fixing.

Other moves to combat problem gambling include changes in advertising. A lot of gambling companies have been pushing the boundaries with their advertising campaigns, and have received numerous hefty fines. However, often times the reward of running these campaigns outweighs the size of the ban. Gambling companies are now banned from advertising during live televised sporting events in Australia before a certain hour. However, there have also been calls for a blanket ban on gambling advertising, similar to what is happening in Italy. There is a new policy in place for problem gamblers that allows them to go on a self-exclusion list with financial institutions. This prevents them from depositing funds with any gambling-related platforms. At the moment, while a problem gambler can excuse themselves from a particular online gambling platform, there is nothing to stop them going to a different company to get their gambling fix. The new block on processing payments cuts out the problem on a more fundamental level.

Source: Andrew O'Malley, 8 April 2019, Vegas Slots Online

<https://www.vegasslotsonline.com/news/2019/04/08/australian-football-players-receive-bans-illegal-betting/>

## Australia

### Queensland registered player sanctioned by FFA for betting

Football Federation Australia (FFA) has sanctioned a Queensland registered player for betting on football matches, in breach of the FFA National Code of Conduct. The breaches included betting on matches involving his own club, as well as other Football Brisbane Premier League, National Premier League, FFA Cup and A-League matches. FFA has issued a sanction of a \$500 fine payable now and an immediate two (2) match suspension. The sanction also includes a further suspended two (2) match suspension, to be triggered immediately in the event of another breach of the Code of Conduct.

In determining the sanction, FFA took into account the participant's immediate cooperation with FFA's investigation.

FFA CEO David Gallop said that this incident served as a timely reminder that all registered football participants are prohibited from betting on football matches.

"Protecting the integrity of football is paramount to the reputation of our game. The FIFA Code of Ethics prohibits registered players, coaches, referees and club officials from betting on football matches anywhere in the world," Gallop said.

"The FFA National Code of Conduct serves to protect the integrity of football in Australia and reflects the principles in FIFA's regulations. While the regulations do not differentiate between placing bets on your own local club or an overseas professional team the integrity risk is much higher when bets are placed on matches that are directly connected to the participant."

The participant has a right of appeal under the Code of Conduct to FFA's independent Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

The FFA National Code of Conduct contains the following prohibition:

#### BETTING, MATCH-FIXING AND CORRUPTION

4.1 A Member must not engage, directly or indirectly, in:

- (a) any bet, wager, gamble or any other form of financial speculation where the relevant person stands to win or gain from the win, draw or loss of any Club competing in a Match;
- (b) the throwing or fixing of a Match; or
- (c) any conduct or behaviour intended to unfairly affect the result of a Match, including accepting or agreeing to accept any Benefit connected with or relating to the ability of a Member to exercise control over or influence the outcome of a Match so as to bring about a result other than that which would be achieved in a fair contest between the competing teams.

The full National Code of Conduct can be viewed at: <https://www.ffa.com.au/governance/statutes-and-regulations>

Source: 2 April 2019, Mirage News

<https://www.miragenews.com/queensland-registered-player-sanctioned-by-ffa-for-betting/>

## Cyprus

### Cyprus FA suspends second division fixtures after match fixing claims

NICOSIA (Reuters) - The Cyprus Football Association (CFA) has postponed this weekend's second division fixtures following warnings from UEFA regarding suspected match-fixing. The CFA board of directors will meet next Tuesday to examine rule changes to stamp out any perceived corruption, including a points deduction, relegation or removal of a team found to be guilty of match-fixing. It is also considering halving the number of teams in the division from 16 to eight for the 2019-20 season. The CFA received a number of warning letters from the European game's ruling body concerning second division fixtures. Four of those matches are being investigated by the police, the Cyprus Mail newspaper reported.

Source: Reuters - (Reporting By Peter Stevenson; Editing by Keith Weir), 11 April 2019, Euronews

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/04/11/cyprus-fa-suspends-second-division-fixtures-after-match-fixing-claims>

## Sri Lanka

### Sri Lanka's Dilhara Lokuhettige Faces More Charges of Match-Fixing

Former Sri Lanka player Dilhara Lokuhettige was on Thursday, 4 April, provisionally suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) after being charged with fixing and failure to disclose corrupt approaches in an ongoing probe. Lokuhettige, a former medium pacer who played nine ODIs and two Twenty20 Internationals for Sri Lanka, has been charged with three counts of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code and given 14 days to respond. These new allegations are in addition to similar charges brought against him on behalf of the Emirates Cricket Board last year during his stint with a T10 league in the UAE.

"That provisional suspension remains in full force and effect and he has additionally been provisionally suspended under the ICC Code pending the determination of these new charges," the ICC said in a statement.

Lokuhettige's suspension continued ICC's anti-corruption drive in Sri Lanka Cricket in which has even embroiled 1996 World Cup-winning batting legend Sanath Jayasuriya, who was banned for two years after admitting to destruction of evidence during the ongoing investigations. The 38-year-old Lokuhettige has been charged with the following three offences under the Code:

- Article 2.1.1 – Fixing, contriving or otherwise influencing improperly, or being a party to any agreement or effort to fix or contrive or otherwise influence improperly, the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any International Match.
- Article 2.1.4 – Directly or indirectly soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging or intentionally facilitating any Participant to breach Code Article 2.1.
- Article 2.4.4 – Failing to disclose to the ACU full details of any approaches or invitations received by him to engage in corrupt conduct under the Code.

Lokuhettige has 14 days starting the Wednesday, 3 April, gone by to respond to the new charges. "The ICC will not make any further comment in respect of these charges at this stage," the world body said. On Wednesday, the ICC said it would be working in close cooperation with the Interpol to widen the scope of its fight against corruptors in the sport all across the world.

Source: 4 April 2019, *The Quint*

*Cricket*

<https://www.thequint.com/sports/cricket/icc-suspends-sri-lanka-dilhara-lokuhettige-match-fixing-corruption>

## LEGISLATION

### Italy

#### Italian Chamber of Deputies approves the Macolin Convention ratification bill

With 405 positive votes, the Italian Chamber of Deputies approved the bill to authorise the ratification and execution of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sport Competitions which was already approved by the Italian Senate. The text identifies AAMS as the National Platform for the regulation of sport betting – in line with article 13 of the Convention.

GLMS President, Ludovico Calvi, states: "GLMS is delighted by the process of ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sport competitions by Italy, which will bring the number of countries which have ratified to 5. This will eventually trigger the entry into force of the Convention (the ratification will be official as soon as the Secretary general of the CoE receives the ratification instrument through the diplomatic channels), which in our opinion, is by far the most complete international legal instrument available against all types of manipulations of sports competitions. It is truly a complete set of provisions covering all key matters: education & prevention, sharing of information, criminal provisions, conflict of interest provisions, sports betting regulation (including measures against illegal sports betting), money laundering, fraud, corruption, cross-border judicial co-operation, data protection and human rights"

The ratification will be official as soon as the Secretary general of the CoE receives the ratification instrument through the diplomatic channels.

GLMS – together with its collective members EL and WLA – are also partners of the Keep Crime out of Sport – KCOOS+ project which seeks to support states with the implementation of the major provisions of the Macolin Convention.

Source: 11 April 2019, *GLMS Sport*

<https://glms-sport.org/news/italian-chamber-of-deputies-approves-the-macolin-convention-ratification-bill/>

## Sri Lanka

### Fixing the fixer

As the International Cricket Council (ICC) edges closer to completing their corruption investigations here, Sri Lanka is just a step away from bringing tough laws to make all sports-related corruption a criminal offence.

The proposed bill is a major breakthrough in terms of tackling sports-related corruption. It comes in the wake of a full-blown inquiry by the ICC into what they termed as “serious allegations of corruption” in the country.

Sri Lanka are hoping that, by introducing laws and making match-fixing and corruption in sports criminal offences, they can increase powers of investigation while prison sentences and hefty fines will deter potential criminals.

The bill was first drafted under Mahindananda Aluthgamage’s tenure as Sports Minister but did not see the light of day until authorities recently redrafted it with support from the Attorney General’s Department.

“This will be major break through in our fight against sports corruption,” said Panduka Keerthinanda—legal adviser to the ministry of sports. “The initial process was started in 2013 but for some reason, it got delayed. I am happy that we have now come up with the final draft. The current Minister of Sports is very keen to implement this”.

A final draft, a copy of which the Sunday Times has, is with the Ministry of Sports for Cabinet approval before going to Parliament. If implemented, Sri Lanka will be the first country in the South Asian region to pass match fixing laws, a major breakthrough in the fight against corruption.

Called the Bill on the Prevention of Corruption and Match Fixing in Sports, it has recommended severe punishments for those indulging in match-fixing and other sports-related corruption. These offences can be tried at the High Court of Sri Lanka.

The sanctions include a jail term of up to 10 years, a fine not exceeding Rs 100mn, or both fine and an imprisonment for the offence of match-fixing which includes spot fixing and pitch fixing, offence of corruption in sports, offence of unlawful betting and aiding, abetting and conspiring in a commission of any offence.

The new law will cover a wide range of corruption-related activities. They include engaging in betting, gambling, match-fixing, providing inside information for benefits, financial or otherwise, and any action that brings the sport into disrepute.

According to the Bill, concealing information becomes a criminal offence and carries a penalty of up to two years in jail or a fine of Rs. 200,000 or both. Failure to cooperate in relation to any corruption-related investigation—for which Sanath Jayasuriya was recently charged with by the ICC—has also been made a criminal offence and those found guilty will receive up to one year in jail or a fine not exceeding Rs. 100,000 or both.

A failure to maintain confidentiality by a service provider and making false allegations against anyone are also criminal offences under the new bill which carry a fine, a jail term or both.

The investigations will be carried out by a Sports Investigation Unit (SIU) to be set up by the Minister of Sports, consisting of senior police officers above the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) to investigate and take legal action. These criminals will be charged before the High Court of Sri Lanka. It has made provisions relating to extradition arrangements

After a preliminary inquiry conducted by the Director General of Sports upon receipt of any information, the SIU (appointed by the Minister of Sports in consultation with the Minister in charge of Law and Order) will investigate, before referring to law enforcement authorities for prosecution.

Match-fixing is a criminal offence in a number of other cricketing nations, including England and Australia. However, Sri Lanka has delayed bringing in laws to criminalize the offence until it reached boiling point with recent ICC investigations.

#### Offences

Offence of Match Fixing(a) Any person connected to a sport

(i) Engages in betting, gambling or any other activity involving financial or any other advantage to himself or another person, or causes a financial disadvantage or loss to another person knowing that it would corrupt any sport or sporting event

(ii) acts in a manner that ensures the occurrence of any improper performance, act, omission or an outcome, which is the subject of an unlawful bet relating to a sport or any sporting event;

(iii) provides for financial or any other advantage, benefit or reward, any inside information relating to a sport, any sporting event or any person, to any person including a betting operator, other than in connection with bona fide media interviews and commitments;

- (iv) provides or receives any gift, payment, reward or benefit, financial or otherwise, that might reasonably be expected to bring such person or any sport or sporting event into disrepute; or
- (v) engages in any act or omission that is directly or indirectly related to any of the conduct specified in the preceding paragraphs and is prejudicial to the interests of any sport or sporting event; or
- (b) Any individual player or a group of players-
  - (i) receives money or any other reward or benefit individually or collectively to underperform or to withdraw from such sport or sporting event for non-genuine reasons; or
  - (ii) bets on such sport or sporting event in which such player or group of players plays undermining the performance;
- (c) any umpire, match adjudicator or match referee deliberately misapplies the rules of the sport or sporting event for money or any other reward or 'benefit:
- (d) any curator, venue staff, ground staff or support staff receives money or any other reward or benefit-
  - (i) to prepare any turf, ground or playing surface of any sport or sporting event in a way agreeable to any person including a betting operator; or
  - (ii) to disclose information of the preparation and condition of the turf, ground or playing surface; or
- (e) any person including a retired player and any person connected to a sport are utilized by any other person to gain access to local or foreign players in order to influence their performance for money or any other reward or benefit; commits the offence of match fixing in sports.

#### Offence of corruption in sports

Any person or any person connected to a sport who-

- (a) influences improperly the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any sport or sporting event;
- (b) (i) seeks, accepts, agrees to accept or offers money or any other reward or benefit; or
- (ii) solicits, entices, instructs, or persuades any person, to influence improperly the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any sport or sporting event, commits the offence of corruption in sports.

#### Offence of unlawful betting in sports

6. Any person who possesses information in connection with any sport or sporting event knowing such information to be inside information or information on corrupt conduct and

- (a) bets on that sport or sporting event; or
- (b) encourages another person to bet on that sport or sporting event in a particular way.or
- (c) communicates such information to another person who the first person knows.or ought reasonably to know, would or would be likely to bet on that sport or sporting event, commits the offence of unlawful betting in sports.

Aiding, abetting conspiring

Any person who-

- (a) aids, abets, attempts or conspires in the commission of any offence specified in section 4, 5, or 6; or
- (b) approaches, induces, influences, encourages. enables or facilitates any person connected to a sport to commit any offence specified in section 4, 5 or 6.. commits an offence.

Punishment: Any person who comm its an offence specified in section 4, 5 6 or 7 shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding rupees one hundred million or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

#### Other Offences

1. Failure to disclose information an offence

Punishment: A fine not exceeding Rs. 200,000 or a jail term of not exceeding two years or both

2. Failure to cooperate etc., in relation to an investigation to be an offence

Punishment: A fine not exceeding Rs. 100,000 or a jail term of not exceeding one year or both

3. Failure to maintain confidentiality by a service provider

Punishment: A fine not exceeding Rs. 300,000 or a jail term of not exceeding two years or both

4. Making false allegations

Punishment: A fine not exceeding Rs. 300,000 or a jail term of not exceeding three years or both

Source: Champika Fernando, 7 April 2019, *The Sunday Times Sri Lanka Cricket*

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/190407/sports/fixing-the-fixer-343967.html>

## BETTING

### Netherlands

#### Dutch Regulators Seizes Illegal Gambling Operators

The Dutch gambling authority Kansspelautoriteit (KSA) shut down 95 illegally operating “cash centers” in order to crack down on illegal gambling in the country. According to the KSA, the cash centers allowed customers to withdraw and deposit cash into a cash machine in order to access illegal gambling websites. The illegal operations had been conducting gambling without proper licensing. The KSA worked in collaboration with the Dutch Public Prosecution Service to crack down on illegally operating gambling centers. The regulators found illegal gambling outfits in stores, tea houses, cafes and snackbars. 44 of these “cash centers” were shut down in Rotterdam. With the raid and closure of these cash centers, the KSA is hoping to undermine the black market and organized crime. The authorities stated 14 people are suspects including the owners of the cash centers and the illegal gambling websites. The suspects had over €1 million in overseas bank accounts seized.

Source: Alec Pronk, 2 April 2019, *Tunf*

<https://news.tunf.com/dutch-regulators-seizes-illegal-gambling-operators/350813>



## Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU)

### Tennis Integrity Unit Reports Lowest Alert Number Since 2015

Alerts for unusual betting on tennis matches for Q1 fell to the lowest level since 2015, according to the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU). Across all tennis betting for the first three months of 2019, only 21 alerts were produced. That's down from 38 from the same timeframe the previous year, and from 77 that were seen in the final three months of 2018.

To note, alerts received by the TIU are not evidence of match fixing, and could be anything from unexpected fitness from a player to simply really good betting. None of the major events were affected, meaning all ATP Tour, Davis or Fed Cups, and Australian Open all came and went without incident.

Events that were affected: 8 from the ITF World Tennis Tour (WTT) men's \$15k, 5 from the ATP Challenger series, 4 from the ITF WTT Women's \$15k, 2 from the ITF WTT Men's \$25k, one from the ITF WTT Women's \$25k, and one from the WTA Tour.

It's not likely that you've heard of the TIU. The TIU is the anti-corruption body for tennis across the board. They first started making the number of alerts per quarter available to the public in 2015. What isn't made public is which matches are deemed to possibly have corrupt activity.

The TIU does not monitor betting on tennis itself. Rather, it relies on regulators within the gambling industry to register reports confidentially with the TIU. From there, the TIU looks into the situation and tries to determine if corrupt activity is the likelihood of the suspicious betting activity.

If there is a case that seems to imply illegal gambling action, then the TIU launches into a full investigation. These investigations take years to come to a close, especially if the suspicious party is guilty. In all five cases ruled upon so far in 2019, all action in question occurred in 2017 or earlier.

When the TIU finds someone guilty of illegal action, the punishment is usually very severe. A Swedish player was the most recent guilty party. For betting on tennis matches from April 2016-January 2017 (matches that he was not involved in), he was fined \$6,000 and banned for 4 months.

Two other penalties handed out in 2019 include a pair of 3-month suspensions for similar incidents. A top-750 ranked player received a 2 and a half year ban for refusing to cooperate with an investigation. The fifth case resulted in a lifetime ban for active attempts at match-fixing.

The TIU has been instrumental in helping to uncover a massive match-fixing ring recently. The TIU has been embroiled in the case for multiple years now, having described lower level tennis as "engulfed in a tsunami of corruption" last year.

The New York Times offered one of the latest US updates on the situation, reporting that 28 new Spanish players were now connected to the ring that was busted last October. French magazine L'Equipe reported that seven new French players were in custody in late March. (An English report appeared in the Malta Independent)

Law enforcement agencies across the world are involved with uncovering everyone involved, including the FBI and Europol. The ring was based out of Belgium, and headed by an Armenian-Belgian crime syndicate based out of Belgium.

Source: Carl Zee, 8 April 2019, *Gambling.com*

<https://www.gambling.com/news/tennis-integrity-unit-reports-lowest-alert-number-since-2015-1891000>

## DOPING

### France

#### Arrests made in France over alleged drug trafficking operation

Eric Favre, founder of Les Trois Chênes laboratories, has reportedly been arrested amid alleged trafficking of doping products. According to Les Progres, Favre and the company's chief executive Hubert Jaricot were among eight people indicted in Lyon. Favre's two sons, company employees and customers were also indicted as part of the probe. Arrests reportedly took place on Tuesday in the Rhone and Paris regions, Nice, Bordeaux, Mulhouse, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Favre is considered an important figure within the bodybuilding industry, as a trainer and promoter. The Eric Favre Festival Sport Sante bodybuilding event has been cancelled following his arrest, according to Generation Iron. The event had been due to be a National Physique Committee (NPC) and International Federation of BodyBuilding and Fitness (IFBB) Pro qualifier event. The NPC, the largest amateur bodybuilding organisation in the United States, stated it was "in shock" at the cancellation.

"The IFBB Professional League and NPC Worldwide sincerely regrets that the athletes who were preparing for the Eric Favre Sports Festival this weekend were not able to compete," a statement read. "It was a complete shock that this show was abruptly cancelled. Athletes can contact the promoter to request a full refund of their entry fee."

French reports have stated the police investigation began in 2016 after a package containing anabolic steroids was intercepted. The package from Thailand was intended for an address in Rhone. A police operation was then opened in 2017. French authorities reportedly identified bodybuilders in Lyon engaged with the purchase and sale of doping products, according to AFP. A company based in Luxembourg and the Les Trois Chênes laboratories have been suspected of having organised the trafficking of doping products, it is claimed. Public prosecutor Nicolas Jacquet stated the offences could be punishable by 10 years in prison, should the accused be found guilty.

Source: Michael Pavitt, 13 April 2019, Inside the Games

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1077916/arrests-made-in-france-over-alleged-drug-trafficking-operation>

### France

#### Dopage: les révélations chocs du DTN français sur Ifrane

Alors que la Fédération française d'Athlétisme a décidé de tirer un trait sur les stages de préparation à Ifrane, le directeur technique national de l'instance fait des révélations fracassantes sur le site marocain.

Jadis considéré comme un temple de la performance, adoué par Hicham El Guerrouj, le site d'Ifrane, un des fiefs de la FRMA, a été placé sur la liste noire de la Fédération française d'Athlétisme car suspecté d'être une plaque tournante du dopage.

La FFA a décidé d'annuler un stage qui devait y avoir lieu au mois d'avril. Cette décision a été prise après la très médiatisée affaire Calvin. Cette affaire est née après que la marathonnienne française, Clémence Calvin, a esquivé un contrôle anti-dopage inopiné, le 27 mars à Marrakech.

Autorisée à courir depuis vendredi, lorsque le Conseil d'État a levé sa suspension provisoire, elle a fini 4e du marathon de Paris, dimanche, et battu le record de France de la distance (2h23'41").

Contacté par RTL, Patrice Gergès, le directeur technique national de l'athlétisme français, qui est à l'origine de l'annulation du stage a accablé le site d'Ifrane: "certains y sont allés et ont vu qu'il y avait des choses qui ne sont pas possibles. Dont un entraîneur qui un jour a été aux toilettes et en tirant la chasse, il y a plein de choses qui sont tombées derrière". Sur son site internet la radio affirme qu'il est ici question de seringues tombées d'un faux plafond.

"C'est un lieu qui est chargé de légendes aussi. La légende de la pharmacie en face du stade...il y a plein de choses qui existent. Le fait est qu'Ifrane peut être très dangereux pour les athlètes surtout lorsqu'ils sont isolés", poursuit le DTN.

RTL affirme même que pendant des années la photo du préleveur français le plus expérimenté est restée affichée aux aéroports de Rabat et Fès afin que les agents de la douane marocaine puissent avertir les entraîneurs d'Ifrane.

Source: Salwa Hosni, 14 April 2019, 360 Sport

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<http://sport.le360.ma/athletisme/dopage-les-revelations-chocs-du-dtn-francais-sur-ifrane-66295>

## France

### French marathon runner Calvin has provisional suspension lifted in doping case

French marathon runner Clemence Calvin has had a provisional suspension – imposed on Wednesday by the French Anti-Doping Agency (AFLD) – lifted by France's highest administrative court. AFLD had suspended Calvin on Wednesday after she allegedly obstructed a doping test in Morocco last month. The 28-year-old won European silver last year, also taking silver in the 10,000 metres at the 2014 European Athletics Championships in Zurich. Calvin denied wrongdoing, however, and claimed that when she had been stopped in Marrakech, the testers had pretended to be police officers and had been violent towards her.

"It's been 12 years that I have been a top-level athlete," Calvin said in a press conference, as reported by the Daily Mail. I never had any problem with the AFLD. What I went through on March 27 was everything but a test. It was very violent. Calvin had been in Morocco with her husband, athlete Samir Dahmani, and their two-year-old son. We had a walk in the neighborhood, my husband went to buy a cake for my son's birthday," Calvin continued. I was in the street, playing with kids. Some people arrived and took me by the arm, saying: 'French police, where is Dahmani?' My little one fell on the floor and started to cry. My husband started to argue with these people while I stepped back."

AFLD's general secretary, Mathieu Teoran, denied these allegations. France's highest administrative court, the Council of State, has now issued an emergency ruling which lifts the suspension and allows Calvin to compete in tomorrow's Paris Marathon, as reported by Idaho Statesman. The court stipulated the athlete had not had the chance to defend herself and ruled that AFLD would have to pay her €3,000 (£2,595/\$3,395). Calvin has also filed a lawsuit in Morocco against the testers for violence and threats.

Source: Nancy Gillen, 13 April 2019, *Inside the Games*

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1077908/french-marathon-runner-calvin-has-provisional-suspension-lifted-in-doping-case>

## GOOD PRACTICES

### International Cricket Council (ICC)

#### ICC to work with Interpol in fighting corruption

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has met with Interpol, the organization that facilitates worldwide police cooperation, to discuss closer working relations as part of its ongoing efforts to combat corruptors in the game.

The General Manager of ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit, Alex Marshall, was at Interpol headquarters in Lyon last week to explore how the two organisations can operate more effectively.

Alex Marshall, General Manager – ICC Anti-Corruption Unit: "The ICC and Interpol are keen on working together and our meetings in Lyon last week were productive. The ICC has an excellent relationship with law enforcement agencies in a number of countries but working with Interpol means we are connecting with their 194 members.

"Our focus is on education of players and prevention and disruption of corruptors. Where our enquiries reveal criminal offences have been committed, we will refer this to the relevant law enforcement organisations and this makes Interpol an important partner for us."

José de Gracia, Assistant Director of INTERPOL's Criminal Networks unit: "Sport brings people together, but criminals looking to make large profits can undermine its integrity. Our meetings and cooperation with partners such as the ICC help us shape a collaborative, holistic response."

Source: 3 April 2019, *International Cricket Council*

Cricket

<https://www.icc-cricket.com/media-releases/1155040>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### Germany

#### DKB Handball Bundesliga and Sportradar Renew Integrity Partnership

The DKB Handball Bundesliga and Sportradar, the global leader in sports data intelligence, today announced an official integrity services partnership, which goes into effect at the start of the 2019-20 season. The announcement comes on the heels of the REWE Final Four (German Domestic Cup) in Hamburg, Germany. As part of the agreement, Sportradar will monitor and analyse all DKB Handball Bundesliga and the men's DHB Cup, including the Final Four, using its market-leading Fraud Detection System (FDS), which is also trusted by the European Handball Federation (EHF).

"Handball is constantly growing and becoming more and more important on both national and international levels. Due to its outstanding significance, it is therefore a consequential and important step for the DKB Handball Bundesliga to take preventative and professional action in this area," said Frank Bohmann, CEO of the HBL GmbH. "After having successfully cooperated with Sportradar already back in 2010, we will now be profiting from their optimised services."

Sportradar will also deliver educational workshops to players, clubs, staff and officials of the DKB Handball Bundesliga, which are designed to inform participants on potential integrity threats, how they can promote correct and ethical behaviours, as well as guard against any unlawful activities. In addition to providing integrity services for the DKB Handball Bundesliga, Sportradar has been the league's official data partner since the 2015-16 season.

"It's an honour and a privilege to extend our relationship with the DKB Handball Bundesliga and help safeguard Germany's leading handball competition from integrity issues and threats," said Andreas Krannich, Managing Director of Sportradar Integrity Services. "We look forward to monitoring the league's various divisions and tournaments as well as working alongside stakeholders to educate them on how, why and where the dangers lie."

Source: 8 April 2019, Sportradar

Handball

<https://integrity.sportradar.com/news-archive/news/2019/04/dkb-handball-bundesliga-and-sportradar-renew-integrity-partnership/>

### India

#### AIFF committee meeting to discuss age fraud, match-fixing allegations and I-League clubs' protest

The AIFF league meeting could be significant in building a roadmap for Indian football's future as it would cover topics like the increase in age-fraud, the match-fixing allegations for the final I-League match, and the long protest that the I-League clubs have staged owing to the league's future.

While AIFF President becoming the first Indian to get elected in the FIFA Council has been a huge progress for Indian football, it has also been infested with serious issues one after another over the last month. The latest such example was a plethora of junior players failing TW3 (Tanner-Whitehouse3) bone age determination test from all the northeast clubs, including former I-League champions Aizawl FC, Shillong Lajong and NEROCA FC.

It prompted the federation to stop all of them from participating in the U-13 League with immediate effect. Apart from the northeast clubs, most players from Minerva Punjab FC's U-13 team had also failed the test and PTI has reported that it would be a burning issue in the federation's league committee when it would be meeting in Bhubaneswar on Saturday.

"The issue of bone age test will be discussed in the meeting, they could look at various ways so that situations surrounding this can be prevented in the future. Also, the clubs will be notified about the same so that they take the issue very seriously," a source said, reported PTI.

The biggest discussion of the meeting, however, would be the future of the I-League clubs who have been in the dark for over a month. After Patel failed to have a meeting with the clubs concerning their future almost all I-League clubs, barring Chennai City FC and Real Kashmir, decided to pull out of the AIFF Super Cup.

Reports have also surfaced that AIFF wasn't happy with the move, as it resulted in the federation suffering financial loss, and could very well impose fines and punishments on the clubs - Mohun Bagan, East Bengal, Churchill Brothers, Aizawl FC, Minerva FC, Gokulam FC and NEROCA FC. As per rule 10.4 of the Super Cup regulations, the clubs pulling be facing a heavy penalty.

Apart from this, there was also a bizarre match-fixing allegation on the final day I-League fixture between Minerva Punjab and Chennai City FC that the committee would have to discuss. The AIFF had already launched an inquiry after the match commissioner Balasubramaniam was skeptical that the match was "not played in true spirit".

The match between Minerva Punjab and Real Kashmir FC, which didn't take place following Punjab's refusal to travel to Srinagar after the Pulwama terror attack, would also be a discussion.

Source: SportsCafe Desk, 12 April 2019, Sports Cafe

Football

<https://sportscafe.in/articles/football/2019/apr/12/aiff-committee-meeting-to-discuss-age-fraud-match-fixing-allegations-and-i-league-clubs-protest>

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## Spain

### La Guardia Civil y la RFEF establecen un Protocolo de colaboración en materia de seguridad e integridad en los partidos de fútbol

El objetivo es mejorar la seguridad de los eventos futbolísticos y la investigación de las actividades ilícitas en el ámbito de la integridad en el fútbol. Se favorece la erradicación de conductas intolerantes o violentas, el dopaje, el amaño de partidos y las apuestas ilegales.

El Director General de la Guardia Civil, Félix Azón, y el presidente de la Real Federación Española de Fútbol, Luis Rubiales, han suscrito hoy un Protocolo de colaboración en materia de seguridad e integridad en los partidos de fútbol para colaborar en tareas, actividades y proyectos que permitan mejorar la seguridad de los eventos futbolísticos, así como la investigación de las actividades ilícitas desarrolladas en el ámbito de la integridad en el fútbol.

El objetivo es favorecer la erradicación de conductas intolerantes o violentas, el dopaje, el amaño de partidos y las apuestas ilegales, así como cualquier otra actividad que pueda poner en riesgo el normal desarrollo de las competiciones deportivas en el fútbol.

Entre otras acciones, se ha establecido la puesta en marcha de acciones e iniciativas comunes que permitan aumentar la prevención, la concienciación y la eficacia de la lucha contra las actividades ilícitas, desarrolladas en el ámbito de la seguridad ciudadana y la integridad en el fútbol, entre las que se pueden destacar la comunicación, mediante las diferentes redes sociales corporativas de ambas Instituciones, de campañas de prevención o actuaciones determinadas en la lucha contra cualquier actuación ilícita en el ámbito de la presente materia.

Asimismo, ambas instituciones colaborarán en cursos, jornadas y acciones educativas destinadas a colectivos especialmente vulnerables o sensibles a las acciones que se tratan de prevenir con el presente Protocolo.

Se ha acordado el intercambio de información de carácter técnico o de interés operativo, sobre la problemática vinculada con las referidas actividades ilícitas.

Por otro lado, con este Protocolo, la RFEF pondrá en conocimiento de la Guardia Civil aquellas infracciones que pudieran revestir carácter de delito con el objeto de poder prestar auxilio en la realización de las diligencias correspondientes para el esclarecimiento de los hechos y la averiguación e identificación de los autores.

Source: 10 April 2019, Guardia Civil

Football

<http://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/6959.html>



## Spain

### La Guardia Civil y Sportradar firman un protocolo de colaboración para luchar contra la corrupción en el deporte y el fraude en las apuestas

Sportradar es una multinacional líder en el análisis de datos y estadísticas relacionados con el deporte que trabaja con federaciones y organizaciones deportivas. El protocolo pretende acabar con los amaños de competiciones deportivas con los que las organizaciones criminales obtienen ventajas en las apuestas.

La Guardia Civil ha firmado hoy un protocolo de colaboración con Sportradar con el que mejora las investigaciones contra la corrupción en el ámbito del deporte, y en particular contra el fraude en las apuestas deportivas. La lucha contra la delincuencia organizada que ha surgido en torno a los amaños de competiciones deportivas es el principal objetivo de esta firma.

El protocolo va a permitir una mayor cooperación en casos relacionados con la corrupción deportiva, mediante el intercambio de experiencias, datos estadísticos, información y tendencias. En este sentido, los datos que Sportradar va a proporcionar a la Guardia Civil ayudarán a salvaguardar la integridad en el deporte español.

Sportradar es una empresa multinacional dedicada al análisis de datos, tendencias y estadísticas en el mundo del deporte. Es proveedor oficial de las federaciones estadounidenses de fútbol (NFL), baloncesto (NBA), béisbol (MLB), hockey (NHL) y carreras automovilísticas (NASCAR). Sportradar. También trabaja con la Federación Internacional de Tenis.

En los dos últimos años, la Guardia Civil ha llevado a cabo las dos investigaciones más importantes relacionadas con el amaño de partidos de tenis y la manipulación de las apuestas deportivas.

Para hacer más efectiva la respuesta contra las organizaciones delictivas que cometen este tipo de corrupción, la Guardia Civil trabaja con diversas entidades del sector público y privado, tanto a nivel nacional como internacional.

La Guardia Civil colabora ya en esta tarea con organismos como Interpol, Europol, Naciones Unidas, la Dirección General de Ordenación del Juego, así como con diversas asociaciones de deportistas, federaciones deportivas y empresas de apuestas.

Source: 9 April 2019, Guardia Civil

<http://www.guardiacivil.es/es/prensa/noticias/6957.html>

## INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

**Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga**

### **KCOOS+ Regional Seminar with the Pacific countries**

The Council of Europe's operational project of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, CETS 215, Keep Crime Out of Sport Plus 2018-2020, (KCOOS+), organised a regional seminar focusing on the Pacific countries' co-operation on 8-9 April in Nadi, Fiji, in collaboration with the Fijian Ministry of Youth and Sports Development. The seminar was opened with an official ceremony by Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations and Youth and Sports, Honourable Parveen Kumar Bala followed by a welcome to the seven participating countries by Permanent Secretary for Sport, Mr. Jone Maritimo Nemane. Mr. Peter Mazey, Executive Chairman Fiji National Sports Commission set the tone for the seminar, highlighting the importance of sports manipulations and crime through sport in the Pacific and the need for regional co-operation.

The seminar involved public and private stakeholders from ministries, law enforcement, the sport movement and betting stakeholders from Australia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga. The seminar proposed and welcomed a common approach to defining manipulations of sports competitions, as per the Macolin Convention, including implementation of the Convention's co-operation and coordination structures, notably the national platforms and relevant criminal legislation. This was achieved through identification of activities in the region and possibilities for optimizing regional co-operation through intense panel discussions, roundtables and working groups. The participants engaged in lively discussions and workshops, from the perspective of the publication of the Concept on the manipulation of sports competitions, published by the Council of Europe.

The event was timely, on the heels of a boxing manipulations scandal in Fiji, following the recent signature of the Macolin Convention by Australia and in preparation of the next Pacific Games in Samoa that will be preceded by a Ministers for Sports meeting in July 2019. It is also timely as the Convention will be entering into force by summer 2019 as the only legally binding, international instrument specific to the manipulation of sports competitions.

The seminar was facilitated by interventions and exchanges with FIFA integrity manager, François Braun, Global Lotteries Monitoring Systems (GLMS) integrity expert, Rupert Bolingbroke and Policy officer and lawyer at the Portuguese state secretariat for Sport, Pedro Carvalho. Both international organisations fully support the Convention and its activities, while Portugal has ratified the Convention. Regional experience and expertise was also shared by recent signatories, Australia, through their National Rugby league, Basketball Australia and the National platform.

Next steps are promising, with concrete interest in signing the Convention, bringing legislative measures in line and engaging in regional working groups over the crucial coming few months.

*Source: 9 April 2019, Council of Europe*

[https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/home/-/asset\\_publisher/bkUuEk51r9pN/content/kcoos-regional-seminar-with-the-pacific-countries?\\_101\\_INSTANCE\\_bkUuEk51r9pN\\_viewMode=view](https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/home/-/asset_publisher/bkUuEk51r9pN/content/kcoos-regional-seminar-with-the-pacific-countries?_101_INSTANCE_bkUuEk51r9pN_viewMode=view)



## CORRUPTION

### Germany

#### German FA president Reinhard Grindel resigns over corruption allegations

The president of the DFB has resigned after three controversial years in charge

The president of the German Football Association (DFB) Reinhard Grindel has confirmed that he has stepped down from his role with immediate effect following allegations of corruption from German news magazine Der Spiegel.

Grindel, 57, has faced growing pressure since reports emerged of payments he received of around 78,000 euros (£67,000) from a DFB subsidiary between July 2016 and July 2017, as well as a luxury watch that was given to him from Ukrainian football oligarch Hryhoriy Surkis, a UEFA vice-president and honorary president of the Ukrainian football federation.

Surkis sat alongside Grindel on the executive committee of European football's governing body UEFA until last February but Grindel has denied that the watch, worth around 6,000 euros (£5,150), was given to him for political reasons.

Grindel was elected as president of the DFB in April 2016 and resigned as a member of the Bundestag (German parliament), representing the centre-right CDU party, to take up the position despite virtually no experience in international football.

His three years in charge were ridden with controversy, including the treatment of Mesut Özil, who accused Grindel of overseeing a culture of institutional racism. In a statement announcing his retirement from international football last year, Özil wrote: "In the eyes of Grindel and his supporters, I am German when we win, but I am an immigrant when we lose."

Grindel, who oversaw Germany's successful bid to host Euro 2024, announced to the press on Tuesday: "I am stepping down from the position of DFB president, and I apologise for my less than exemplary behaviour regarding my acceptance of a watch."

"For me this was an entirely private gift which I was bound to accept out of politeness," he said.

"I did not have any idea how expensive the watch was and it was a grave oversight on my part not to find out. In doing so, I could have avoided the impression that I was acting inappropriately."

Grindel added that Surkis had "no economic interest in the DFB".

"I am deeply shaken to have to give up my role as DFB president over such an issue. I ask myself: why has this happened? I can only say that I was completely convinced that I was doing nothing wrong and that, in the stress of my position, I did not question myself enough."

Former World Cup-winning Germany and Bayern Munich captain Philipp Lahm had been heavily linked to becoming Grindel's replacement but has since ruled himself out contention for the role, saying that he has "no interest" in the presidency.

Source: Kyle Picknell, 2 April 2019, BBC Sport

Football

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/34770939>

### India

#### BAI to investigate corruption in DCBA

BAI to investigate corruption in DCBA. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has launched an investigation into the alleged corruption in the functioning of its state association - the Delhi Capital Badminton Association (DCBA). The development came after the Delhi High Court passed a ruling reinstating DCBA's secretary general and petitioner S P Singh Dhillon, who had highlighted financial irregularities in the DCBA's president Ashok Singh in the Court. Singh had also refrained Dhillon from performing his duties as the DCBA's secretary general. The single judge bench of Justice Vibhu Bakhru, in its April 5 ruling, set aside the DCBA president's directions refraining Dhillon from performing his duties as the secretary general while observing that the disciplinary enquiry against Dhillon hasn't commenced yet. [...]

Source: 14 April 2019, The Times of India

Badminton

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/badminton/bai-to-investigate-corruption-in-dcba/articleshow/68871904.cms>