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INVESTIGATIONS

Argentina

Court of Arbitration for Sport dismisses Franco Feitt appeal

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed the Argentinian tennis player's appeal against a disciplinary sanction imposed on April 12, 2021. The CAS decision means that the original lifetime ban and \$25,000 fine remain in effect. The former player must also pay the International Tennis Integrity Agency CHF 3,000 in costs. An independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer, found him guilty of multiple match fixing charges in 2021.

Source: 21 September 2022, International Tennis Integrity Agency

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/franco-feitt-cas-appeal/#:~:text=Court%20of%20Arbitration%20for%20Sport%20dismisses%20Franco%20Feitt%20appeal&text=The%20Court%20of%20Arbitration%20for,of%20%2425%2C000%20remain%20in%20place.>

El Salvador

Ex-El Salvador soccer chief sentenced to 16 months in FIFA corruption case

After pleading guilty to a charge stemming from a global soccer corruption investigation involving the payment of bribes to stage and broadcast matches, the former president of El Salvador's soccer federation was sentenced on Thursday to 16 months in a U.S. prison. The United States District Judge handed down a sentence to the former president of the Salvadoran Football Federation.

Source: 29 September 2022, Reuters

Football

<https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/sports/ex-el-salvador-soccer-chief-sentenced-16-months-fifa-corruption-case-2022-09-29/>

United States

Chess organization will investigate cheating allegations made by world champion Magnus Carlsen

In response to accusations of cheating made by a world chess champion, an investigation is about to be opened. The latter claimed that his rival's "over the board progress has been unusual" and accused a fellow grandmaster of cheating. This came after the world chess champion withdrew from the Sinquefeld Cup earlier in the month following a defeat to a fellow grandmaster and from his subsequent game against the American at the Julius Baer Generation Cup after making just one move.

Source: 30 September 2022, CNN

<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/09/30/sport/fide-chess-cheating-investigation-spt-intl/index.html>

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Chile

Sebastián Rivera banned from tennis for life Chilean coach found guilty of 64 offences

A former player and tennis coach from Chile has been permanently banned from the sport after being found guilty of 64 match-fixing offenses, the most ever discovered for a player by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) or its predecessor, the Tennis Integrity Unit. The case was decided by an Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer, and the player was fined \$250,000 in addition to the ban. The sanction means he will be permanently barred from coaching at, participating in, or attending any tennis event authorized or sanctioned by the governing bodies of tennis.

Source: 22 September 2022, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/sebastian-rivera-life-ban#:~:text=The%20International%20Tennis%20Integrity%20Agency,its%20predecessor%20the%20Tennis%20Integrity>

BETTING

United Kingdom

Revealed: Football League clubs taking cut of gamblers' losses with SkyBet

It has been claimed that English football clubs are taking advantage of their fans and gambling addicts by taking a cut of the money that fans lose when betting with the bookmaker SkyBet. An internal document reveals that the 72 clubs that make up the Football League (EFL), which is separate from the Premier League, functioned as SkyBet "affiliates."

Source: 28 September 2022, The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2022/sep/28/football-league-clubs-taking-cut-of-gamblers-losses-with-skybet>

ODDS AND ENDS

European Parliament

Member of European Parliament launches call for a world anti-corruption agency for sport

A proposal for a global anti-corruption agency for sport will be unveiled in a live-streamed event this week. On Tuesday, October 4 from 15.00 to 17.30 CEST, a panel discussion marking the launch will be broadcast live online via Zoom from the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Athlete representatives, academics, journalists, and groups working in the area of sports integrity make up the panel.

Source: 28 September 2022, Play the Game

<https://www.playthegame.org/news/member-of-european-parliament-launches-call-for-a-world-anti-corruption-agency-for-sport/>

International Boxing Association

IOC 'extremely concerned' after Kremlin retains IBA presidency without election

After its congress decided against holding new presidential elections, the International Boxing Association (IBA) will continue to be run by the Russian official, raising new concerns from the International Olympic Committee (IOC). As its governance crisis persists, the IBA held an extraordinary congress in Yerevan, Armenia, last Sunday; where out of 146 eligible national federations, delegates voted 106 times against holding fresh elections, 36 times in favor, and four times abstained. As a result of the choice, the Russian official will serve out the entire four-year term in his current position.

Source: 26 September 2022, *Sport Business*

Boxing

<https://www.sportbusiness.com/news/ioc-extremely-concerned-after-kremlin-retains-iba-presidency/>

MATCH FIXING

Australia

Melbourne friends claim responsibility for esports match fixing

Following the discovery of suspicious activity by a betting company in the hours leading up to the competition, two Melbourne men have taken responsibility for fixing an online video game competition. Melbourne Magistrates' Court has heard that both men arranged to place a bet on an esports game that one of them was due to play in June last year.

Source: 26 September 2022, *The Gage*

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/melbourne-friends-claim-responsibility-for-esport-match-fixing-20220926-p5bl39.html>

CORRUPTION

Olympics

Track body acts on suspected systematic cheating in results

The track and field sport's governing body took action against alleged systematic doping in the Tokyo Olympics qualifying competitions and age manipulation of competitors as far back as 20 years ago. Results from lower-level meets held in those nations will no longer be accepted, according to World Athletics, which reported that seven of its national members agreed to be placed on a "manipulation watch list." The action comes after an investigation into "17 reports of suspicious competition results" at competitions to meet Olympic qualification standards the previous year.

Source: 23 September 2022, *AP News*

Track and Field

<https://apnews.com/article/winter-olympics-sports-turkey-tokyo-middle-east-5b432259248ead184106cc4e7108c1d8>

United Kingdom

GT Sports Leagues FIFA players accused of suspicious in-game behavior

Some FIFA players who participated in GT Sports Leagues, a casual tournament organizer, have been criticized for alleged misconduct. The games are played in the Greek studios of GT Sports Leagues, and they are frequently broadcast on the league's numerous YouTube and Twitch channels. Following complaints about the fairness of their tournaments from irate viewers and bettors, as well as some allegations that specific GT Sports Leagues players aren't performing to the best of their abilities, Esports News UK launched an investigation into GT Sports Leagues.

Source: 27 September 2022, *Esports News UK*

<https://esports-news.co.uk/2022/09/27/gt-sports-leagues-suspicious/>