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## INVESTIGATIONS

### India

#### One in five football matches 'fixed' in Goa, reveals report

International Sports Betting Monitoring companies have again reported suspicious betting activity on football in Goa, India, having reported at least 12 games for suspicious activity..

Source: 30 April 2022, Times of India

Football

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/football/top-stories/one-in-five-football-matches-fixed-in-go-reveals-report/articleshow/91198509.cms>

## SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

### Kyrgyzstan

#### Ksenia Palkina banned from tennis for match fixing

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has confirmed that Kyrgyzstani tennis player Ksenia Palkina has been banned from tennis for 16 years, six years of which is suspended. She has also been fined \$100,000 (with \$87,500 suspended) after admitting breaching the rules of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP).

Source: 29 April 2022, ITIA

Tennis

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/ksenia-palkina-banned/>

## BETTING

### Colombia

#### 'Russian Spy' Arrested in Colombia, Charged With Illegal Sports Betting

In Colombia, law enforcement arrested a Russian national who allegedly laundered money through a Colombian sportsbook and used it to stoke political unrest in the country. His lawyer and the Russian Embassy firmly denied the charges.

Source: 13 April 2022, Casino.org

<https://www.casino.org/news/russian-spy-arrested-in-colombia-charged-with-sports-betting-crimes/>

### India

#### Hyderabad: Two arrested over illegal cricket betting

In Hyderabad, India, two people were arrested for organising cricket betting and cash was seized. According to the police, the accused placed the wagers directly and indirectly over cell phones by word of mouth to acquaintances and casual punters.

Source: 22 April 2022, Siasat Daily

Cricket

<https://www.siasat.com/hyderabad-two-arrested-over-illegal-cricket-betting-2313644/>

### United States

#### AGA Calls on US Attorney General to Prosecute Illegal Offshore Sportsbooks

In the United States, the regulated gambling industry called on the US Department of Justice to do more against offshore illegal gambling websites that target the US gambling market while being subject to no regulation. According to AGA, these operators offer no consumer protection, don't ensure sports betting integrity and generate no economic benefits for the US.

Source: 20 April 2022, WSN

<https://www.wsn.com/betting/aga-prosecute-illegal-offshore-sportsbooks/>

## DOPING

### Portugal

#### Sports director reportedly arrested in Portuguese anti-doping operation

A major anti-doping operation in Portugal involving 120 agents has reportedly resulted in two arrests and house searches leading to the seizure of substances and clinical instruments. The operation targeted a Portuguese Continental Cycling Team and its entourage.

Source: 26 April 2022, Cycling Tips

Cycling

<https://cyclingtips.com/2022/04/sports-director-reportedly-arrested-in-portuguese-anti-doping-operation/>

## ODDS AND ENDS

### Cyprus

#### Match-fixing has been recognized as an issue in Cyprus, which results in our duty to fight it through education and the cooperation of relevant stakeholders with law enforcement and the judiciary.

INTERPOL Anti Corruption supported the awareness raising sessions and peer to peer discussions in last two events organised in the framework of ERASMUS + Integrisport Next project, in close collaboration with National Central Bureau in Cyprus and Malta.

Source: 13 April 2022, CCSF

<https://cscfsport.com/2022/04/06/match-fixing-has-been-recognized-as-an-issue-in-cyprus-which-results-in-our-duty-to-fight-it-through-education-and-the-cooperation-of-relevant-stakeholders-with-law-enforcement-and-the-judiciary/>

## Europol, UEFA

### Europol and UEFA hold first international conference on match-fixing in football

Europol and UEFA organised a joint conference for law enforcement and national football associations from 49 countries to analyse current and future threats to the integrity of European football.

Source: 26 April 2022, Europol

Football

[https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/europol-and-uefa-hold-first-international-conference-match-fixing-in-football?mtm\\_campaign=newsletter](https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/europol-and-uefa-hold-first-international-conference-match-fixing-in-football?mtm_campaign=newsletter)

## IBIA

### IBIA Q1 2022 Integrity Report

The International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA) reported 42 cases of suspicious betting to the relevant authorities during the first quarter (Q1) of 2022. The Q1 total is a reduction of 39% when compared to the 69 cases in Q4 2021 and is a similar decrease when compared to Q1 2021, which saw 64 alerts. Tennis (14 alerts), football (10) and table tennis (10) made up over 80% of the alerts reported during the quarter, with the remainder covering volleyball (4), pool (3) and esports (1). From a geographical perspective, European sporting events continued to provide the highest number of alerts with 55% of the Q1 total, followed by Asia with 24%.

Source: 27 April 2022, IBIA

<https://ibia.bet/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Q1-202276.pdf>

## Malta

### CSCF Sport Integrity Group and Malta Police Force successfully organize the IntegriSport Next national Awareness Raising Session on tackling sports manipulations, bringing together leading international and national decision-makers in Malta

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Source: 27 April 2022, CCSF

<https://cscfsport.com/2022/04/28/awareness-raising-session-integrisport-next-malta/>

