

SENTENCES/SANCTIONS

Italy

Italian chair umpire provisionally suspended

Italian chair umpire has been provisionally suspended from the sport, according to the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA), until the completion of an investigation into allegations of match-fixing. Until the full disciplinary procedure is finished, they are not permitted to officiate at or attend any tennis event that is authorized or sanctioned by any international tennis governing body or national association.

Source: 14 July 2022, International Tennis Integrity Agency

Tennis

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

Tunisia

Three Tunisian Chair Umpires banned

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has confirmed that three Tunisian chair umpires have been banned from the sport after being found guilty of match fixing charges. A green badge chair umpire has been banned for 20 years after being found guilty of 12 charges relating to events between 2017 and 2020. Another green badge chair umpire, and a white badge chair umpire, have been banned for seven years each, after being found guilty of four charges relating to an event in Tunisia in 2020. The charges related to the umpires manipulating scores inputted into their electronic scoring devices, which did not reflect the actual scores on court.

Source: 8 July 2022, ITIA

Tennis

<https://www.itia.tennis/news/sanctions/three-tunisian-umpires-banned/>

LEGISLATION

Hungary

Hungary makes moves towards liberalising remote gambling sector

The Hungarian government informed the European Commission on 3 February 2022 of its intention to end the current, fully state-owned monopoly of the public gaming operator to organize remote gambling and liberalize the remote gambling sector. According to the Draft Laws communicated to the Commission and laid before the Hungarian Parliament, economic operators established in the European Economic Area (EEA) will be able to organize remote gambling on the basis of a licence issued by the Hungarian regulator. The Draft Laws are expected to go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Source: 6 July 2022, Lexology

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=4f771eb9-7f50-441d-93b5-d72f0da49d84>

BETTING

China

Chinese takeout

During the pandemic, Bet365's presence in the Chinese market may have grown to include over 12,000 domain names. IP addresses registered in Australia but located offshore, possibly in Hong Kong, have been a critical component of its operation. In recent years, the Chinese government has launched a major crackdown on illegal gambling, particularly the use of overseas services. According to a report compiled by the Asian Racing Federation, approximately 110,000 people were arrested for illegal gambling in 2020 alone.

Source: 15 July 2022, Josimar

<http://josimarfootball.com/chinese-takeout/>

IBIA

88 suspicious betting alerts reported by IBIA in Q2 2022

The International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA) reported 88 cases of suspicious betting to the relevant authorities during the second quarter (Q2) of 2022. The Q2 alerts covered eight sports, with the top three being football (32 cases), tennis (27), and horseracing (12) and accounting for over 80% of all alerts reported.

Source: 13 July 2022, IBIA

https://us14.campaign-archive.com/?e=__test_email__&u=dd0820c084e45303e50c74b4c&id=fbf9a1a004

India

India: How a fake 'IPL' cricket league ran for Russian punters

In India, footage and reports emerged of what the police call a "fake" cricket tournament involving a group of unemployed men in Gujarat state and a punters curiously based in Russia. Following a tip off, police of Gujarat arrested four men for staging the tournament and accepting bets through social media app Telegram from punters from three cities in Russia.

Source: 13 July 2022, BBC

Cricket

<https://www-bbc-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-62123966.amp>

ODDS AND ENDS

GLMS

GLMS Q2 2022 Monitoring and Intelligence Report

The Global Lottery Monitoring System (GLMS) 2022 report is out, highlighting April-June Regulation, new members, contribution in education, and major events. Regarding the alerts/notifications to members; 226 of the 287 alerts/notifications generated during Q2 of 2022 were created prior to the commencement of the match, and 17 alerts were based on changes in in-play odds. After the matches were over, 44 alarms were raised.

Source: 18 July 2022, Global Lottery Monitoring System

https://mcusercontent.com/d3dd17a9afdcf674100aa8954/files/cc732ce2-d911-5297-d677-78633140431a/GLMS_Q2_Report_2022.pdf

INTEGRITY IN SPORT EVENTS

Algeria

Education about the manipulation of sports competitions during the Mediterranean Games of Oran

Under the capacity building and training project run by INTERPOL and the International Olympic Committee, both organisations organised several awareness raising sessions with athletes, entourage and officials during the Mediterranean Games in Oran. After a week of activities in the Athlete Village of the Mediterranean Games, INTERPOL and IOC talked to around 400 athletes and organised a specific workshop for Algerian national federations on competition manipulation.

Source: 6 July 2022, CIJM

<https://cijm.org.gr/education-about-the-manipulation-of-sports-competitions-during-the-mediterranean-games-of-oran/>

MATCH FIXING

Nigeria

Nigerian football team have gone viral for 'match fixing' in a cup final

In a cup final penalty shootout, a Nigerian football squad appears to have been exposed for match-fixing. Since neither team was able to score in regulation time, the Ogun State FA Cup final in 2022 was decided on penalties. And the shootout was where things really began to become dodgy as for one kick the opposing goalkeeper did not move a muscle.

Source: 14 July 2022, Givemesport

Football

<https://www.givemesport.com/88034520-nigerian-football-team-have-gone-viral-for-match-fixing-in-a-cup-final>

Russia

German broadcaster names Russian tennis star in match-fixing claims

According to a German media report, a high ranked Russian tennis player, a Belarusian coach and a Georgian tennis player are under suspicion of match fixing. The allegations relate to the three approaching players entering the circuit, and often in financial difficulties to throw their games.

Source: 11 July 2022, Big News Network

Tennis

<https://www.bignewsnetwork.com/news/272616261/german-broadcaster-names-russian-tennis-star-in-match-fixing-claims>

CORRUPTION

Switzerland

Swiss court acquits Blatter, Platini in FIFA corruption trial

The former FIFA and UEFA presidents were cleared of corruption charges by a Swiss court. Both were acquitted of fraud charges relating to unaccounted for payment of around 2 million euros.

Source: 8 July 2022, France 24

<https://www.france24.com/en/sport/20220708-swiss-court-acquits-blatter-platini-in-fifa-corruption-trial>

