

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

## **Manipulation of Competitions**

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## Agenda

- What is competition manipulation?
- How and why can it happen to you?
- Protect yourself and your sport:  
know the rules

**BE TRUE**  
**BE YOU**  
BELIEVE IN SPORT

## 4 Key rules you must know



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# Integrity of competitions



**What motivates you in sport?**



**What do you expect when you compete?**



# What if the competition was fixed in advance?

## MAKE SURE YOUR

Fellow athletes  
Sponsors  
Family  
Fans

## BELIEVE IN SPORT



**This is not only about you.**

Competition manipulation can ruin sport as a whole.

# “What is competition manipulation?”

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# What is competition manipulation?



- **When athletes cheat** by losing on purpose or by not doing their best in a competition
- **When officials or coaches** deliberately make wrong decisions, affecting the competition or its outcome

→ **This is competition manipulation!**



# Why does competition manipulation happen?



## To gain a sporting advantage

When the athlete **underperforms**, e.g. in order **to face easier opponents** in the next round of the competition. This is only one example; many others exist.



## To make money

When the competition is manipulated in order **to win a bet**.



# Who can manipulate a competition?



## Internal People

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Judges
- Referees



## External People

- Agents
- Managers
- Friends & family
- Retired athletes
- Club owners
- Sponsors
- Criminals

# How a fixer can approach you



**Creates a  
feeling of obligation**

**Direct approach**  
(gift, money, sexual favours)

**Indirect approach**  
(family, friend, team)

**Become friends**  
Create a bond, grooming

**Identify weaknesses**  
Age / Income / Gambling

## **First manipulation**

Often small and a first step towards more serious offences



## **Threats**

When the target wants to quit or does not cooperate

**YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A  
VICIOUS CIRCLE**

## **“How I was asked to cheat”**

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# YOU are an ideal target for corruptors because...



**YOU** are on the field of play!

**YOU** have **direct influence** on the **competition!**

Bets are placed on every sport.

**YOUR SPORT MAY BE AT RISK OF  
COMPETITION MANIPULATION!**



# Sanctions may be heavy. Some examples



MANIPULATING:  
**4-year** ban



BETTING:  
**3-year** ban

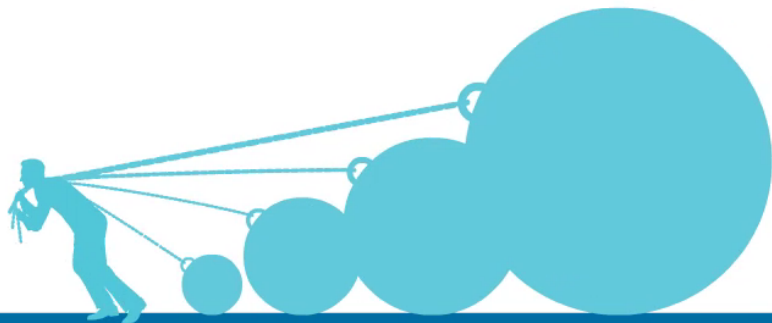


FAILURE TO REPORT:  
**2-year** ban

Most of all – damage to your reputation.



SHARING INSIDE  
INFORMATION:  
**3-year** ban



# Cases at the Olympic Games

[or replace by cases in your sport/your country]



## Badminton pairs expelled from London 2012 Olympics after 'match-fixing' scandal

All eight badminton players accused of attempting to throw their matches in the women's doubles on Tuesday night have been disqualified from the London Olympics, Telegraph Sport can disclose.



## IOC reprimands British and Irish boxers for betting on Rio Olympics bouts

- Three fighters wagered on contests they were not involved in
- Olympic associations under fire for not educating competitors



✎ A forlorn Michael Conlan reacts after losing to Vladimir Nikitin at the Rio Olympics. Photograph: Valdrin Xhemaj/EPA

The British middleweight Anthony Fowler, along with the Irish fighters Michael Conlan and Steven Donnelly, have been severely reprimanded by the [International Olympic Committee](#) for betting on the boxing competition during Rio 2016. All three escaped without bans but they have been told by the IOC that they must take part in “integrity education programmes”.





# Sanctions – real life example:

[or replace by cases in your sport/your country]



## Tennis

Daniel Koellerer, Austrian,  
former professional tennis  
player, 2009-2010

### Sanctioned:

Life ban from tennis and fined  
\$ 100,000 for betting-related  
corruption

# Monitoring of sports betting on your competitions

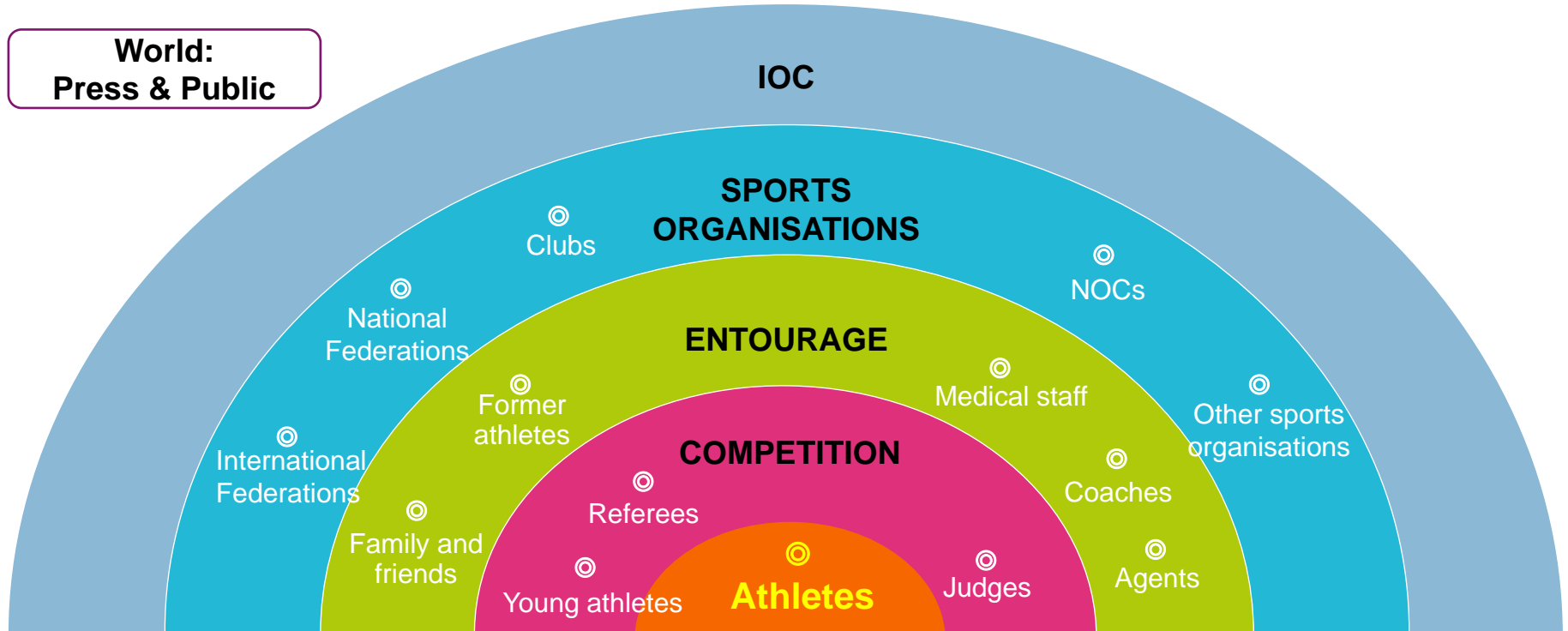


Competitions are monitored **all over the world** by elaborate mechanisms and cooperation between **sports experts, betting operators and police forces.**

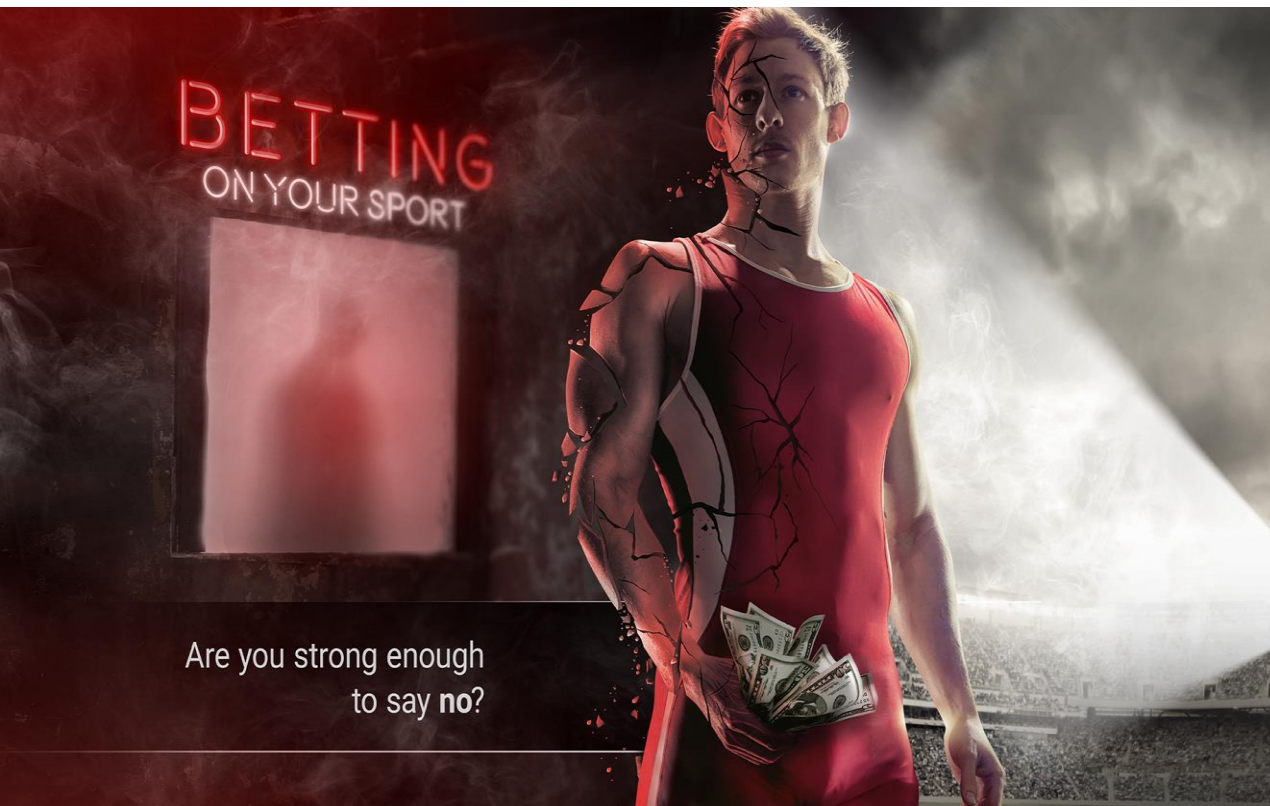




**YOU are at the heart of the international sports movement:  
YOU need to protect the integrity of your sport.**



# Protect yourself and your sport: know the rules



**Don't bet on your sport or  
on any Olympic  
competition!**

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**Don't share inside,  
non-public information,  
even on social media!**

**Team tactics or health  
issues** are inside  
information that could be  
used for betting.



# Protect yourself and your sport: know the rules



**Never fix an event!**  
**Always do your best!**

# Protect your sport – real life example:

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## Football

Simone Farina, Italian, former professional footballer

### He protected his sport:

Refused \$ 250,000 to manipulate the outcome of a match and reported the incident to the police.

Now collaborating with the INTERPOL Integrity in Sports Programme  
Working as a FIFA Ambassador for Fair Play





## Trust yourself!

If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't!

It is **YOUR** duty to report any suspect behaviour to:

- **Your** club
- **Your** National or International Federation

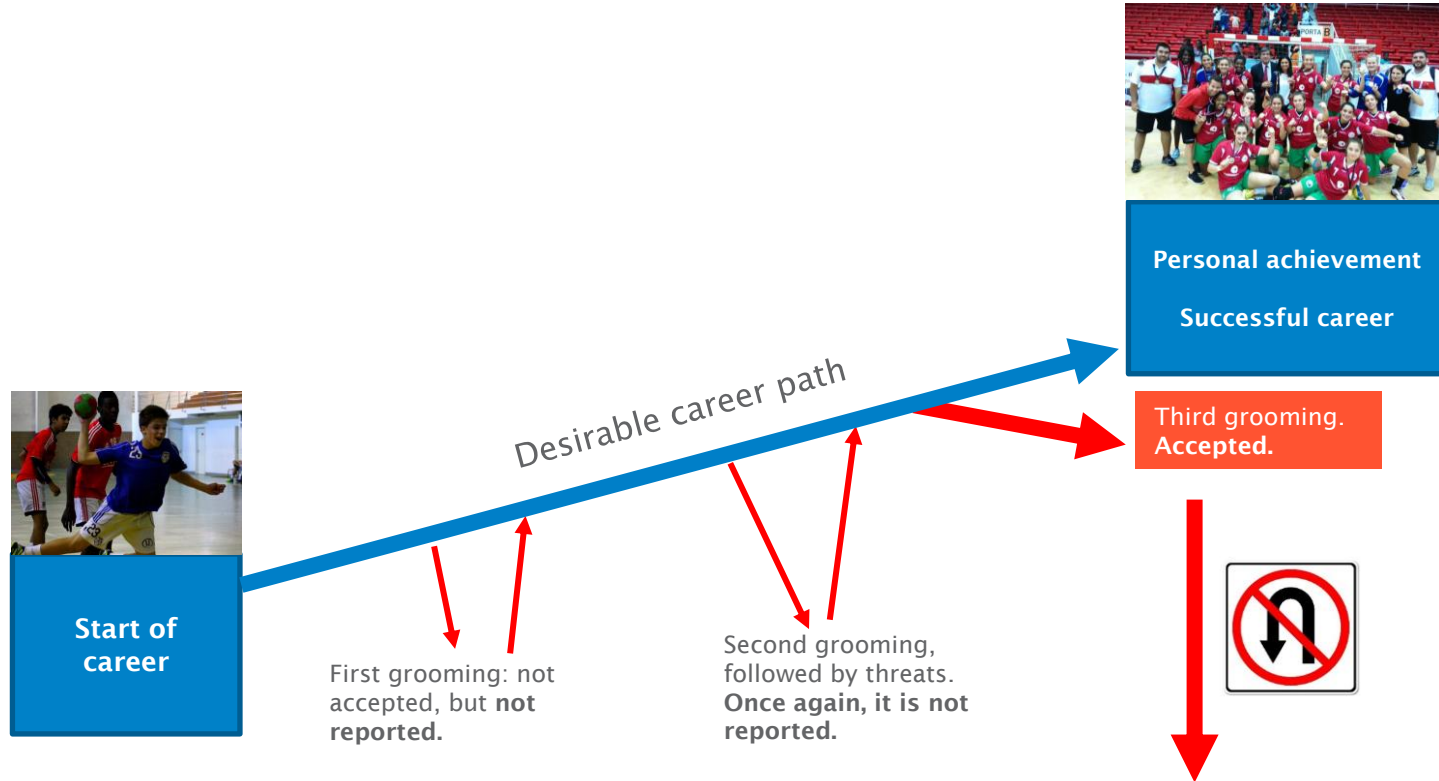
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# Importance of reporting







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