



# **MANIPULATION OF SPORTS COMPETITIONS RULES**

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## Specific Definitions

The words and phrases used in these Rules that are defined terms (denoted by initial capital letters) shall have the meanings specified in the Constitution and the Generally Applicable Definitions, or (in respect of the following words and phrases) the following meanings:

**"Applicable Persons"** means the persons described in Rule 1 of the Integrity Code of Conduct.

**"Benefit"** means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of the wager. The foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts.

**"Bet"** or **"Betting"** means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize money of monetary value subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to an Event or Competition.

**"Disciplinary Tribunal Rules"** means the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules.

**"Event"** means a single race or contest in a Competition (e.g. the 100 metres or the Javelin Throw), including any qualifying rounds thereof.

**"Inside Information"** means any information relating to any Person, Competition or Event that an Applicable Person possesses by virtue of their position in relation to a Competition or Event excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Competition.

**"Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution Rules - Non-Doping"** means the Athletics Integrity Unit Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution Rules - Non-Doping.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Integrity Standards set out in the Integrity Code of Conduct require all Applicable Persons:

**“Maintain Integrity of Competition:** to ensure the integrity of, and not to improperly benefit from, Athletics competitions, and in particular to comply with the Manipulation of Sports Competitions Rules” (Rule 3.3.4 of the Integrity Code of Conduct).

- 1.2 The Manipulation of Sports Competitions Rules (the "Rules") are binding on and must be complied with by all Applicable Persons.

## **2. Violations**

- 2.1 The following conduct shall constitute a violation of these Rules (in each case, whether effected directly or indirectly).

## **3. Betting**

- 3.1 Any form of Betting related to an Event or Competition in Athletics, including Betting with another Person on the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of such an Event or Competition;
- 3.2 Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging an Applicable Person to commit a violation of this Rule 3.

This Rule applies to any form of Betting related to an Event or Competition in Athletics, whether or not the Applicable Person is directly participating in the Event or Competition in question, and to any form of Betting related to an Event or Competition in a sport other than Athletics taking place at an International Competition organised by a Major Event Organisation in which the Applicable Person is directly participating.

## **4. Manipulation of Competitions**

- 4.1 An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of a result or the course of an Event or Competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the Event or Competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others;
- 4.2 Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging an Applicable Person to commit a violation of this Rule 4.

## **5. Gifts**

- 5.1 Providing, offering, giving, requesting or receiving any gift in circumstances that an Applicable Person might reasonably have expected could bring them or the sport of Athletics into disrepute;
- 5.2 Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging an Applicable Person to commit a violation of this Rule 5.

## **6. Corrupt Conduct**

- 6.1 Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of an Event or Competition or any other form of corruption;

- 6.2 Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging an Applicable Person to commit a violation of this Rule 6.

## **7. Inside Information**

- 7.1 Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of an Event or Competition or any other corrupt purpose, whether by an Applicable Person or via another Person;
- 7.2 Disclosing Inside Information to any Person, with or without Benefit, where an Applicable Person knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of an Event or Competition or for any other corrupt purpose;
- 7.3 Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided;
- 7.4 Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging an Applicable Person to commit a violation of this Rule 7.

## **8. Failure to report**

- 8.1 Failing to report to World Athletics or other relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by an Applicable Person to engage in conduct that would amount to a violation of these Rules;
- 8.2 Failing to report to World Athletics or other relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of an Applicable Person that may evidence a violation under these Rules, including (without limitation) approaches or invitations that have been received by another Person to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of these Rules.

## **9. Failure to co-operate**

- 9.1 Failing to cooperate with any investigation carried out by World Athletics or other competent authority in relation to a possible violation of these Rules, including, without limitation, failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or assistance requested as part of such investigation;
- 9.2 Obstructing or delaying any inquiry or investigation that may be carried out by World Athletics or other competent authority in relation to a possible violation of these Rules, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

## **10. Other Violations**

- 10.1 Attempting, or aiding, abetting or agreeing with another Person, to act in a manner that could culminate in the commission of a violation of these Rules shall be treated as if a violation has been committed, whether or not such attempt, aiding, abetting or agreement in fact resulted in such violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently;

- 10.2 Knowingly assisting, covering up or otherwise being complicit in any acts or omissions of the type described in these Rules;
- 10.3 The following are not relevant to the determination of a violation under these Rules:
- 10.3.1 whether or not the Applicable Person, or whether an Athlete assisted by another Person, is participating in the specific Event or Competition;
  - 10.3.2 the outcome of the Event or Competition on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;
  - 10.3.3 the nature or outcome of the Bet;
  - 10.3.4 the outcome of the Event or Competition in which the manipulation occurred;
  - 10.3.5 the nature of the manipulation of the Event or Competition;
  - 10.3.6 whether or not any Benefit was actually given or received;
  - 10.3.7 whether or not the person subject to the Integrity Unit Code's efforts or performance (if any) in the Event or Competition were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
  - 10.3.8 whether or not any of the results in the Event or Competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
  - 10.3.9 whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of the Event or Competition;
  - 10.3.10 whether or not the Event or Competition was attended by an official representative of World Athletics.

## **11. Compliance**

- 11.1 Any violation of these Rules amounts to a violation of the Code and will accordingly be subject to investigation and prosecution by the Integrity Unit under the Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution Rules - Non-Doping and possible disciplinary proceedings under the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules.
- 11.2 Applicable Persons:
- All Applicable Persons shall cooperate fully with investigations conducted by the Integrity Unit (and any investigator appointed by the Integrity Unit):
- 11.2.1 refusing or failing to cooperate without compelling justification with an investigation conducted by the Integrity Unit, including without limitation refusing or failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or access or assistance as may be requested by the Integrity Unit (or its designee), shall constitute a violation of the Code;
  - 11.2.2 obstructing or delaying an investigation conducted by the Integrity Unit, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation, shall constitute a violation of the Code.

### 11.3 Cooperation with investigations:

All Members shall cooperate fully with investigations conducted by the Integrity Unit (and any investigator appointed by the Integrity Unit). If a Member refuses or fails to cooperate with an investigation conducted by the Integrity Unit without compelling justification, or obstructs or delays such an investigation, it shall constitute a serious breach of the Rules which shall be reported to Council or Congress as appropriate and in respect of which Council or Congress may exercise their respective suspensive powers and other powers to sanction Members under the Constitution.

## 12. Recognition

12.1 Any violation of these Rules occurring during the period of an Olympic Games shall be determined by the IOC in accordance with the applicable rules of the relevant Olympic Games.

12.2 In the case of an adjudication by the IOC Executive Board (or by a disciplinary commission upon delegated authority of the IOC Executive Board) of a violation of these Rules occurring during the period of an Olympic Games, World Athletics and its Members shall recognise the violation once it has become a final decision under applicable rules and the determination of any sanction of the Athlete or other person subject to the Code beyond a sanction related to the Olympic Games shall be submitted to investigation and prosecution by the Integrity Unit under the Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution Rules - Non-Doping and Disciplinary Tribunal Rules. For the purpose of such adjudication, the IOC Executive Board or disciplinary commission will disclose the results of its investigations to the Integrity Unit.