

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

# Preventing Manipulation of Competitions

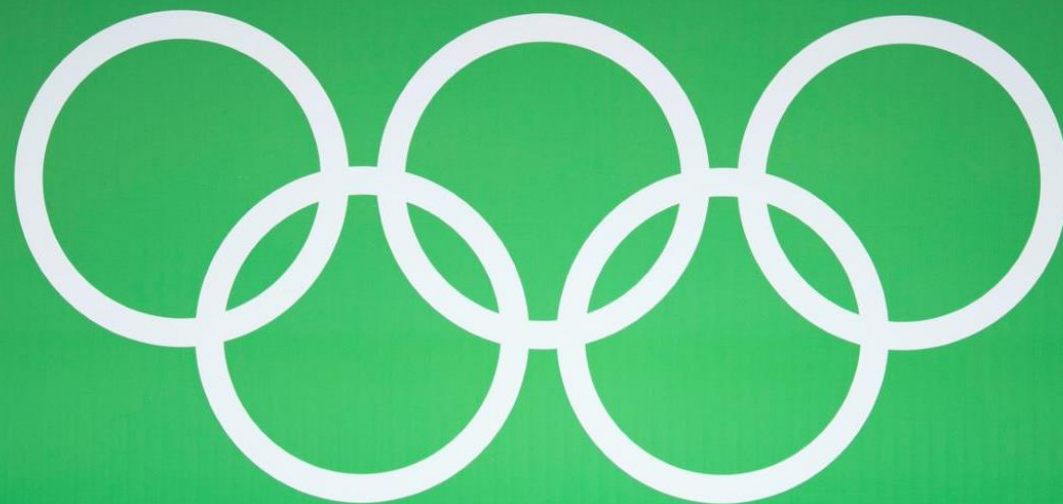
Olympic Movement Unit on the  
Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions



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

- What is competition manipulation
- How it could happen to you
- Risks & possible sanctions
- Code of Conduct – the 4 Key rules
- Q&A

What is Competition Manipulation?





# 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!**



# Two main reasons why this happens



## To gain a sporting advantage

When the athlete **underperforms** in order to **face an easier opponent** in the next round of the competition.



## To make money

When the competition is manipulated in order to **increase the odds of a bet** and **make more money**.

# Monitoring of competitions

Competitions are monitored **all over the world**.

- Of course at the **Olympic Games** :



- Also competitions of all **International Federations**:





How Can It  
Happen



# Who could approach you?



## Internal People

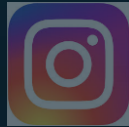
- Athletes
- Coaches
- Judges
- Referees



## 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

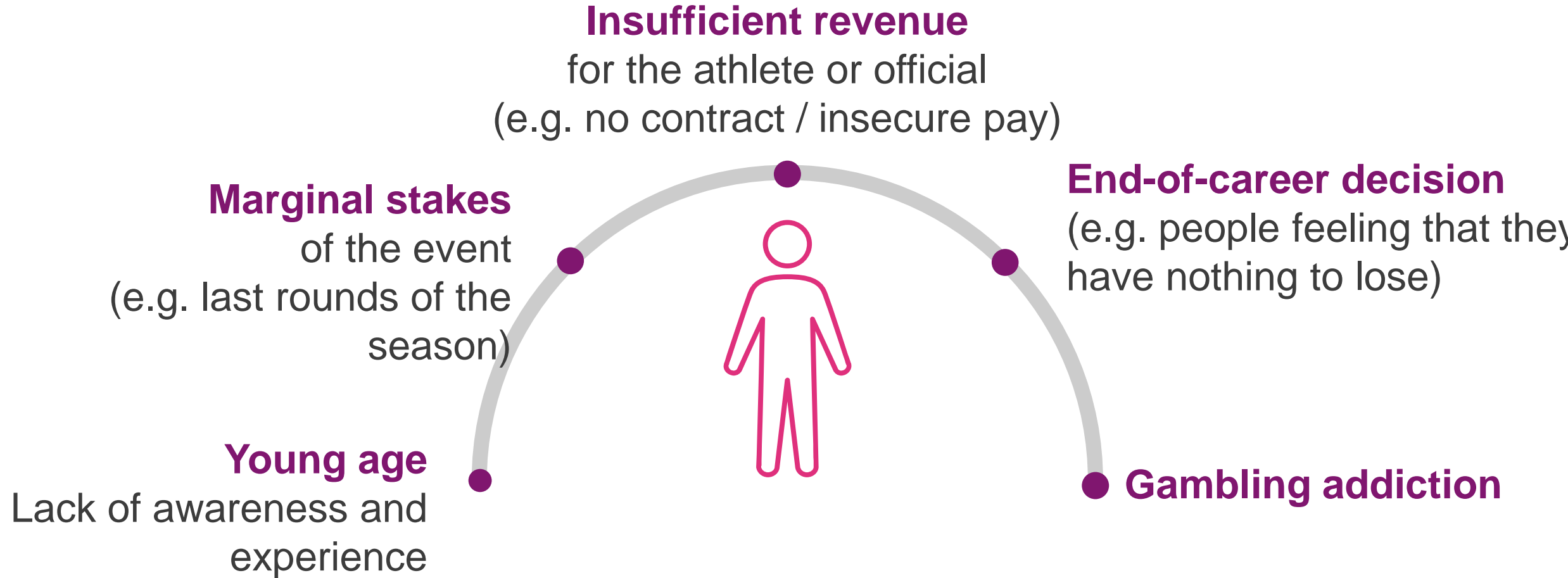


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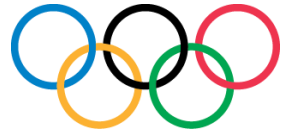
When the target wants to quit or does not cooperate

**YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS CIRCLE**

# Identified weaknesses leading to competition manipulation



# 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!**



## Risks & Possible Sanctions

# Possible Sanctions



## Sports sanction

### Ban (up to life) and fine

You may get a life ban from your sport for manipulating a competition.

## Criminal sanction

### Jail and fine

Competition manipulation is considered a criminal offence in a growing number of countries.

## Loss of credibility

Loss of sponsors and fans.  
Ruining of your personal credibility and reputation worldwide.

# Cases at the Olympic Games



## Olympic chiefs probe betting scandal claims

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INTERNATIONAL Olympics chiefs are now investigating the allegations of a betting scandal in the Irish squad.



At the Games, an official talks to Indonesia's Greysia Poli and her coach after issuing a black card to the pair during their controversial match with South Korea. Photo: AP



Daniel Greig competes in the men's 1000m speed skating event in which he came 22nd overall. Source: Getty Images

AUSTRALIAN speed skater Daniel Greig may have created an international incident by revealing behind-the-scenes betting on the Sochi Olympic 500m speed skating event.

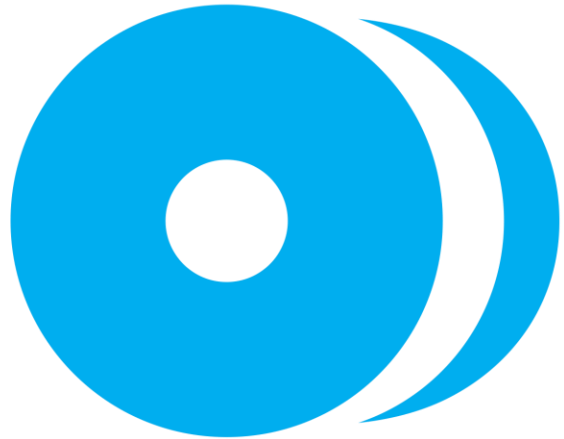


## IOC reprimands British and Irish boxer for betting on Rio Olympics bouts

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



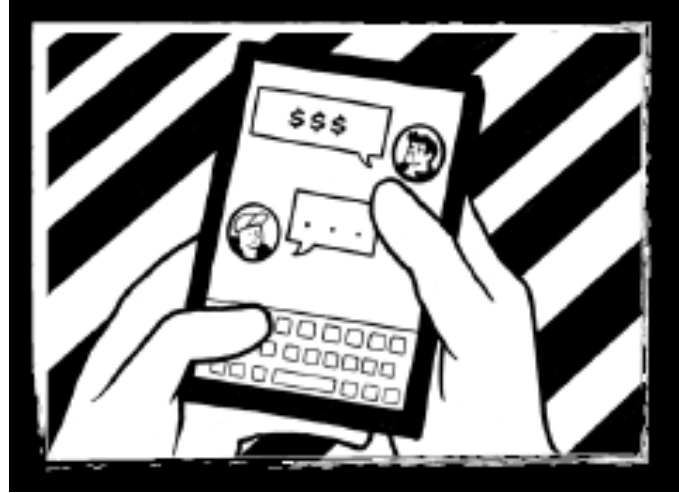
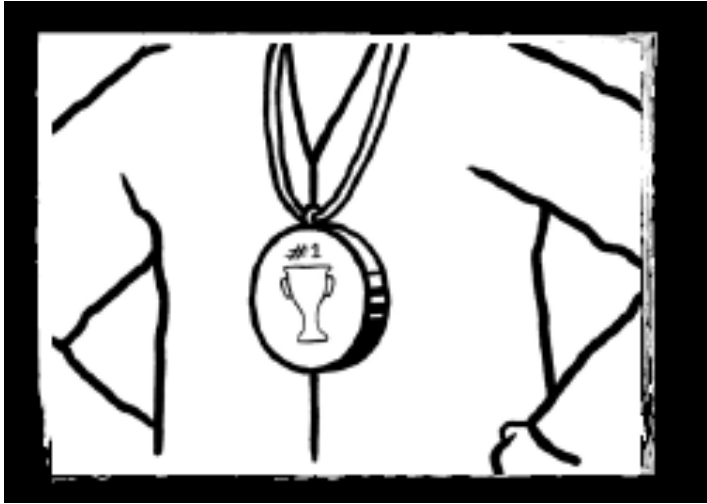
A forlorn Michael Conlan reacts after losing to Vladimir Nikitin at the Rio Olympics. Photograph: Valdrin



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**INTERNATIONAL  
WEIGHTLIFTING  
FEDERATION**





**Code of Conduct:  
The 4 Key Rules**

# CODE OF CONDUCT



**DON'T FIX** your competition and always do your best.

**DON'T BET** on your own sport or the Olympic Games.

**DON'T SHARE** inside information. Non-public information about your sport stays private.

**ALWAYS REPORT** an approach to manipulate or anything suspicious:  
[www.olympic.org/integrityhotline](http://www.olympic.org/integrityhotline)

**#MAKETHERIGHTDECISION**

**RULE #1**

**DON'T FIX**

**#MAKETHERIGHTDECISION**

**RULE #2**

**DON'T BET**

**If you are an IWF official from Asia, can you bet on weightlifting competitions in Europe?**

**No.** Athletes & officials must not bet on their own sport, even if it is in a different region.

**If you are judging an IWF competition at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, can you bet on the Tokyo 2020 Volleyball events?**

**No.** Accredited athletes and officials must not bet on any event of the Olympic Games.

**If you are officiating a weightlifting competition at the Commonwealth Games, can you bet on the Football events at the Commonwealth Games?**

**No.** Athletes must not bet on any sport in a multi-sport competition that they themselves are competing in.

**#MAKETHERIGHTDECISION**

**RULE #3**

**DON'T SHARE**



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**Fi.Incud** Great start, competition day, I've not slept a wink. Can't breathe through my nose, full of cold. Wish me luck, I'm going to need it! 🤧

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**Dottie Baker**

January 8 at 10:15am • 🌐



I CANNOT WAIT FOR TOMORROW!! 😄 #youtholympicgames  
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November 17 at 1:04pm • 🌐



Let's go team, like coach said let's DEFEND!

IWF Specific?



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# SPEAK UP!

If you witness or suspect competition  
manipulation, you must **report it**.

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# Speak Up!



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

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

- Your club or National Federation
- FINA – your International Federation

OR THE

**INTEGRITY AND COMPLIANCE HOTLINE**

**[ioc.integrityline.org](https://ioc.integrityline.org)**

*100% secured and confidential*

# IOC Integrity and Compliance Hotline



## IOC Integrity Hotline is:

- Available for anyone who would like to report suspicious activities related to competition manipulation or any breach of the OM Code PMC
- Secure and confidential platform which ensures confidentiality and anonymity
- All athletes, coaches, entourage, officials, etc. are encouraged to report any incident as early as possible

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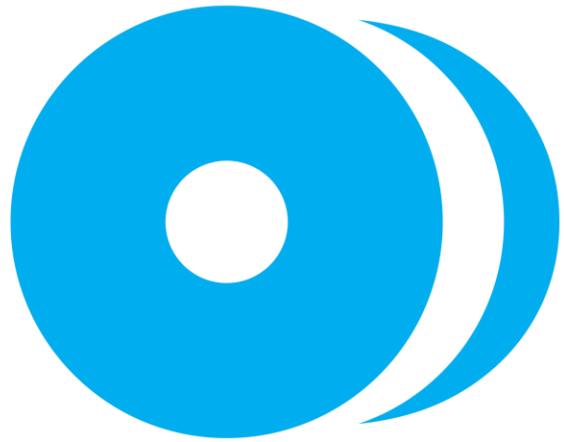
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FURTHER PROCESS



**3**

OUTCOME



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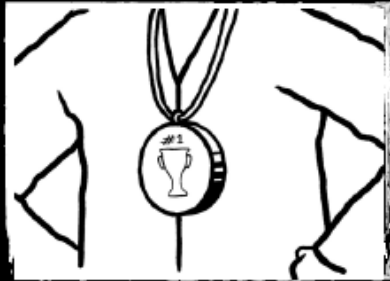
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# MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

**PROTECT YOURSELF. KNOW THE RULES.**

**RULE #1**



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the competition and  
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**RULE #2**



**DON'T BET**

on your own sport or any event  
at the Olympic Games.

**RULE #3**



**DON'T SHARE**

information about health  
issues and sport tactics.

**RULE #4**



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**Further information:**

More information is available at:  
[athlete365.org/maketherightdecision](http://athlete365.org/maketherightdecision)

**Got more questions?**

Don't hesitate to contact us at  
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Q & A

