ARE YOU ALLOWED TO BET ON A GOLF COMPETITION?

Any Participant covered by the IGF Betting & Anti-corruption policy is prohibited from betting on any golf competitions anywhere in the world either directly or indirectly by instructing or encouraging intermediaries to bet on any Olympic competition. During the Olympic Games, participants are forbidden to bet on any Olympic competition.

RESULTS FIXING

Participants shall play fairly and not fix a Competition in any way or influence a specific outcome within a Competition, a certain score or any aspect of a Competition (even if it’s small details of a competition, if it doesn’t have any impact on the final result and no matter the type of competition)!

Participants are not allowed to accept or give small gifts or any other favours or benefits. They are often the first approached from fixers, which will be followed by more aggressive manoeuvres. By accepting small gifts, the Participant could perhaps get caught in a spiral of further misbehaviours!

Athletes must always perform at their best during competitions!

WHAT'S INSIDE INFORMATION?

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Any other accredited person

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WHO IS COVERED BY THE IGF BETTING AND ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY?

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- Agents
- Referees
- Coaches
- Caddies
- Physical trainers
- Medical staff
- Scientists
- Lawyers and any person promoting the athlete’s sporting career, including family members
- Any other person employed by or working with an Athlete or the Athlete’s NFM participating in a Competition

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IRREGULAR SPORTS BETTING AND COMPETITION FIXING: A THREAT TO SPORT’S INTEGRITY

In recent decades, with the development of the internet and the growth of the Sport Betting industry, new waves of manipulation of competitions, particularly linked with irregular or illegal betting, have emerged. Organised crime networks are often closely involved and large amounts of illicit funds are being laundered through sport betting every year. This phenomenon concerns all states and regions in the world and is tarnishing the credibility and the integrity of sports. To protect the athletes and ensure, as much as possible, clean and fair competitions, the fight against irregular and illegal betting has become a core priority for the IGF and many sport organisations.

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REPORT SUSPICIOUS APPROACHES OR ACTIVITIES

If anyone approaches you to ask about fixing, say no immediately and REPORT IT!

If you hear anything unusual, or suspicious of corruption, REPORT IT!

ALWAYS REPORT EVERYTHING!

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As a first approach, fixers often try to gain the athletes’ friendship, offering them or their family gifts and money. If the athletes accept any money or gifts, the fixers will make them feel obligated to return the “favour”.

They will offer alcohol, drugs or sexual favours. They will try to get to know the athletes’ weaknesses in an effort to exploit them (eg. gambling, money, family issues, drugs, etc)

It is therefore crucial that athletes don’t get involved in any activity that could bring their integrity into disrepute. This will render them vulnerable and a perfect targets for organised crime.

Once an athlete agrees to fix a competition, even if it seems trivial and it doesn’t have any impact on the final result of the competition, he/she is committed and becomes indebted to the fixer! Once you are in, it is extremely difficult to stop, it’s with you for life!

WHAT ARE THE RISKS IF YOU CHEAT?

Being involved in result fixing is a crime! As well as being dishonoured and losing the trust of your fans, in many countries, you may even serve time in jail or face other heavy criminal sanctions. You could also be banned from golf and have to end your sport career abruptly, receive a significant fine and lose sponsors and revenues. Furthermore, mixing with criminals could also put your own life or your family’s lives at risk.

INSIDE INFORMATION

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As an Athlete, caddie, agent, medical staff or anyone else involved in the game of golf, you may have access to particular information about the likely participation or performance of an athlete (eg. injury of an athlete, state of the golf course, strategies, etc) before the public does.

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