

The *New Zealand Policy on Sports Match-Fixing and Related Corruption* requires national sport organisations to take steps to protect themselves and their members.

In line with the national policy, these guiding principles will help people who are involved in sport, to avoid being caught up in match-fixing and inappropriate sports-betting.

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To take part in an online anti-match-fixing education course, go to
www.sportnz.org.nz/fightmatchfixing

To get more information including the *New Zealand Policy on Sports Match-Fixing*, go to
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Fight Match-Fixing

Guiding principles to protect you and your sport



New Zealanders love sport. We believe in playing hard, but fair. And it's important that it's an honest competition. But match-fixing can cut at the very heart of these things. By following these guiding principles, you can help fight match-fixing and build integrity, fair play, and value in sport.



Be smart

Know your sport's rules

Know your sport's anti-corruption, match-fixing and betting rules (national and/or international). Be aware of any updates before each season.

If you break the rules, you risk severe penalties, including a potential lifetime ban from your sport. You could also face criminal investigation and prison.

Be safe

Don't bet on your sport

If you enjoy betting and you are linked to a sport, you should be very careful how you gamble.

- Never gamble on matches or competitions in the sport that you're involved with. This includes betting on yourself or your team to win, lose, or draw, as well as any 'spot bets' (such as first points scorer or first stoppage in play).
- Never instruct, encourage or facilitate anyone else to bet on sports events that you're involved in.
- Ensure all actions you take during a match are for the right reasons, and not because you expect to receive or have received any inappropriate reward.
- Never give or receive any gift, payment, or other benefit in circumstances that might bring you or your sport into disrepute.

Be clean

Never fix a match

Play fairly, honestly and never fix a match, event or competition, or any part of it. Do not attempt to change the natural course of a match, or part of it. Sporting contests must always be an honest test of skill and ability, and the results must remain uncertain. Fixing a match, or part of a match, goes against the rules and ethics of sport. Keep yourself safe from risk.

- Always perform to the best of your abilities.
- Never accept an offer to fix a match – say no immediately and report it.
- Don't be fooled – corrupt individuals might try to develop a friendship or relationship with you built on favours or fears, they could then try to blackmail or exploit you when trying to match-fix. These people could try to influence you by offering gifts, money and support, so be careful.
- Get treatment for drug, alcohol, gambling or other addictions and avoid running up debts. These problems may be a trigger for corrupt individuals to target you to fix competitions. Get help before things get out of control. (Good support organisations include Gambling Helpline Services on 0800 654 655; the Alcohol Drug Helpline on 0800 787 797).
- Don't put yourself in any situations that could be used against you.

Be open

Tell your sport if you suspect match-fixing

If you hear something suspicious or if anyone approaches you about fixing any part of a match, you must tell the integrity, anti-corruption or other relevant officer at your sport straight away (you should find out who this is). If someone offers you money or favours for sensitive information, then you should also inform the right person in your sport. Any threats or suspicions of corrupt behaviour should always be reported. The police and national laws are also there to protect you.

Be careful

Don't share sensitive information

If you're an athlete, or involved in a sport organisation in any way, you are likely to have access to information that is not available to the general public, such as knowing that a team mate is injured or that the coach is putting out a weakened side. This is considered sensitive, privileged or 'inside' information. This information could be sought by people to use for a betting advantage to make a corrupt financial gain.

You should not discuss inside information with anyone outside your sport organisation (such as friends or business associates) where there's a risk they might use this information for a betting advantage. If you divulge 'inside information', for example to friends or family, they should be aware that you could risk being suspended from your sport or lose your job if it were to be used for betting purposes.