

SESSION 3

Slide 1: Working title: “Match-fixing Education & Training Tool”

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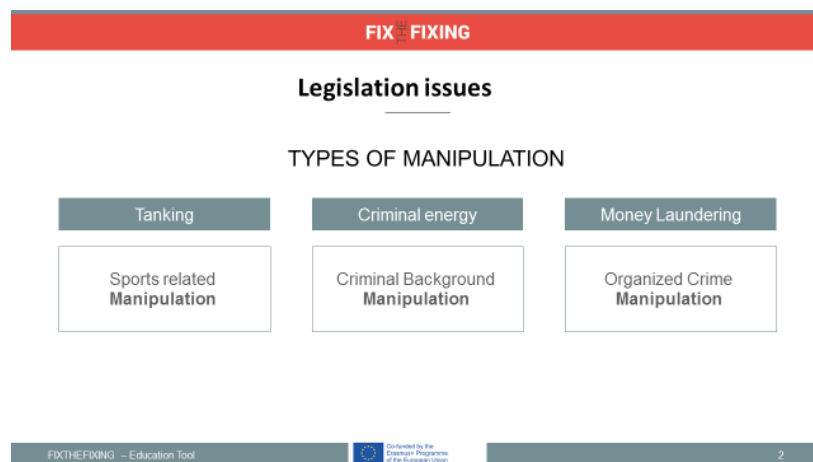
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Slide 2: Legislation issues- TYPES OF MANIPULATION



How to:

Explanation and suggested wording:

„There are three different types of manipulation which are the sports related manipulation, also called „tanking“, the criminal background manipulation (criminal energy) and organised crime manipulation for money laundering reasons.

Tanking is largely defined as a player’s or team’s intent to do less than everything it can to win.

The perfect example occurred in the ice hockey competition at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy where in Pool B Sweden were due to face Slovakia in the last pool match for both teams. If Sweden were to win, their quarter-final opponent would have either been Canada (the 2002 gold medallists) or the Czech Republic (the 1998 gold medallists). If Sweden were to lose against Slovakia, they would have faced a much less formidable quarter-final opponent in Switzerland. Sweden lost the match 3:0 and the strongest suggestion of tanking was when Sweden had a five-on-three powerplay with five NHL stars on the ice and failed to put a shot on goal. Resultantly Canada lost to Russia in the quarter-final in the opposite bracket while Sweden went on to win the gold medal defeating the Czechs in the semi-finals.

We talk about criminal background manipulation when for example somebody/an athlete thinks he doesn't earn enough money or is not paid frequently and therefore tries to manipulate games in order to earn some extra money while betting on these games in advance. This intent to gain money by setting or doing punishable actions because of any reason (debts, force and coercion through other people or just because of enrichment reasons, etc.) is called „criminal energy“. It was the same with Dominique Taboga in Austria.

On top of these two types of manipulation reigns the organized crime manipulation. As you know the mafia or the organized crime has a lot of income originating from its dealings in the fields of prostitution, drug affairs, weapons, etc.. So it's a huge amount of money they are dealing with and it's all black and illegal money. As a result they have to find ways to white-wash this money.”

Slide 3: Legislation issues- 5 CONSEQUENCES OF MATCH-FIXING

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Legislation issues

5 CONSEQUENCES OF MATCH-FIXING



-  Criminal Law (fraud)
-  Labour Law (dismissal)
-  Sport Federation Law (suspension & penalties)
-  Financial consequences (litigation costs, income)
-  Social reputation

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How to:

Suggested wording:

“Let’s have a quick look at the consequences which can result out of match-fixing and manipulation.

If you get caught there will be criminal proceedings going on which might end up with a jail sentence.

From a labour law perspective you will most probably be fired from your club.

That means that you won’t get payed by your club anymore and therefore won’t have an income which is a big, big problem.

Sport Federation Law (suspension & penalties) - We can see in simply any match-fixing case that sport federations will ban you from your sport for a certain time or up to the extent of a life-long ban.

Being involved in a match-fixing case accumulates a lot of costs, especially litigation costs will come along which means financial consequences. Having no contract anymore on the one side and lots of

costs on the other side this might lead into a terrible situation. So that's a loose-loose-situation for you.

In the end there are also massive consequences for your social reputation once you get involved in match-fixing.“

Advice:


Adapt the various consequences according to your country of origin/sporting discipline;

Slide 4: Legislation issues- PERSPECTIVE OF DOs/DON'Ts

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Legislation issues
PERSPECTIVE OF DOs/DON'Ts

- Let's make a test:
 - Have you ever placed a sports bet?
 - On your own sport/own competition?
 - Online/in a betting office?
- Rules and regulations – What you **MUST NOT!**
- What you should do/know about:
 - ✓ **Be smart** – Know the rules!
 - ✓ **Be safe** – Don't bet on your sport!
 - ✓ **Be fair** – Never fix a match!

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How to:

Research and insert the rules, regulations and possible consequences of the respective sport discipline and your country for betting on your own sport or competition; Also insert and raise awareness for youth protection laws and the prohibition to bet under the age of 18;

Slide 5: Legislation issues- TANKING – sport related manipulation

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TANKING – sport related manipulation

One form of match-fixing is tanking.

Tanking is:

- ✓ threatening modern sport.
- ✓ a universal deviancy.
- ✓ caused by rational decisions, not culture or ethnic background.

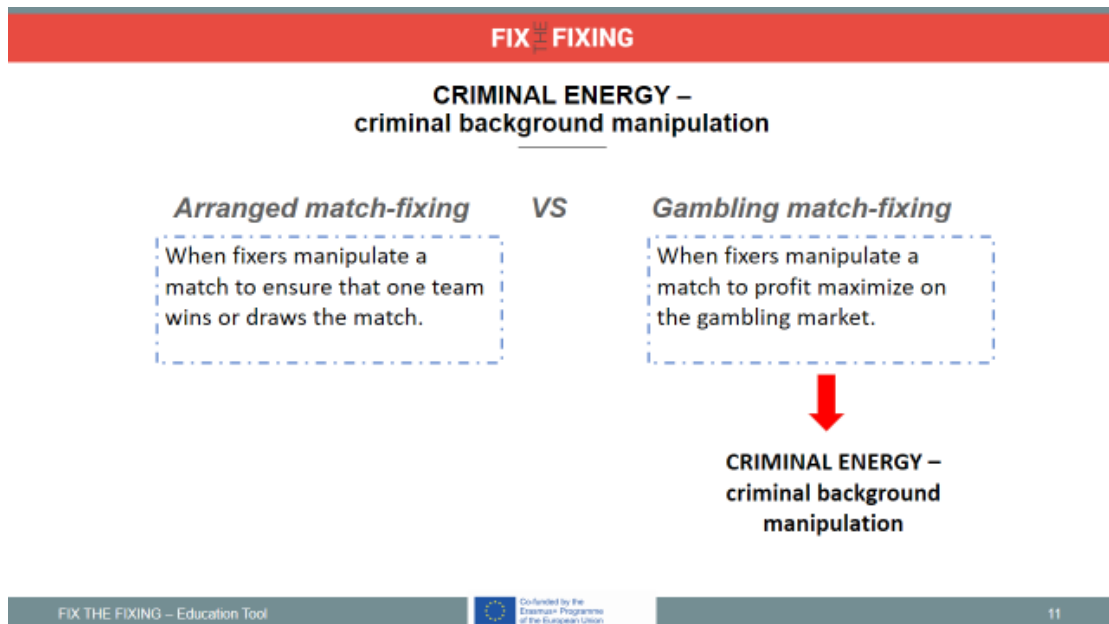
How to:

Tutors should give general information about tanking. Tutors can copy and paste media headlines from cases in your country.

Focus on tanking's frequency

Explain what it means that tanking is caused by rational decisions.

Slide 6: Legislation issues-CRIMINAL ENERGY – criminal background manipulation



How to:

Describe the terms “arranged match-fixing” and “gambling match-fixing”. Give examples.

Stress over and over the message that gambling match-fixing is a criminal energy.

Ensure that all participants can ask questions and know what is a criminal energy in sports.

Slide 7: Legislation issues-CRIMINAL ENERGY – criminal background manipulation

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CRIMINAL ENERGY – criminal background manipulation

- *There is a significant relationship change between the gambling fixers and the players/ referees once they have accepted their bribes.*

Gambling fixers:

- Are focusing on profit-maximization.
- Need to ensure that their fixes are not noticed by the legal gambling market.
- Their tactics include “puffing up” the game or suggesting they fixed the other team.

How to:

Prompt learners to reflect on what are the differences between the gambling fixers and the stakeholders.

Initiate a discussion by answering the questions:

What is the aim of gambling fixers?

How gambling fixers achieve their aim?

What are their tactics?

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CRIMINAL ENERGY – criminal background manipulation

- 5 questions fixers ask themselves:
- Is the game important enough to fix?
- Is it ethical to fix a game?
- Can my team win honestly?
- Can I afford to fix the game?
- If I am caught is there a high risk of sanctions?

How to:

“What would you answer?”

Tutors should encourage learners to try to answer the above questions.

Slide 9: Legislation issues- MONEY LAUNDERING Organized Crime Manipulation

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MONEY LAUNDERING-Organized Crime Manipulation

HOW TO USE A FOOTBALL CLUB TO LAUNDER MONEY

Europol has dismantled a Russian criminal gang laundering money through a Portuguese football club. The techniques used were simple...

STEP 1 Identify a European football club in financial distress

STEP 2 Infiltrate the club, gaining trust by making short-term donations or investments

STEP 3 Buy the club, using it as a front for a network of opaque holding companies owned by offshore shell companies

STEP 4 Launder the money through over-valuing players on the transfer market, the purchase of TV rights and through betting activities

Source: Europol - Organized Crime Threat Assessment 2020
<https://www.europol.europa.eu/organised-crime-threat-assessment-2020>

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How to:

First, some context should be given to what is meant by money laundering.

Consequently, tutors should initiate a discussion on how the growth of online gambling presents a unique set of vulnerabilities and opportunities to launder the proceeds of crime.

The aim of this slide is to identify the links between match fixing in sport, gambling-related “winnings” and money laundering. Tutors should ensure that all learners have understood the relationship between match-fixing and laundering.

Slide 10: Legislation issues- SPORT CON- FEDERATIONS LAW – CODES OF ETHICS / CONDUCT

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SPORT CON- FEDERATIONS LAW – CODES OF ETHICS / CONDUCT



INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE – code of ethics– code of conduct

[IOC-Code-of-Ethics-2016.pdf](#)

PREAMBLE

The International Olympic Committee and each of its members and its administration, the National Olympic Committees, the International Federations, the cities taking part in any type of candidature procedures of the IOC, the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games, Olympic Games participants and the Recognised Organisations (hereinafter "the Olympic parties") reiterate their commitment to the Olympic Charter and in particular its Fundamental Principles, and reaffirm their loyalty to the Olympic ideal inspired by Pierre de Coubertin. The Olympic parties undertake to disseminate the culture of ethics and integrity within their respective areas of competence and to serve as role models.

How to:

See the relevant material on the hyperlink and discuss about the code of ethics in sports.

Slide 11: Legislation issues- International legislation on match fixing

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International legislation on match fixing

- Any person who, directly or indirectly, promises, offers or gives any undue advantage to another person, for himself, herself or for others, with the aim of improperly altering the result or the course of a sports competition, shall be punished by _____
- Any person who, directly or indirectly, solicits or accepts any undue advantage or the promise or the offer thereof, for himself, herself or for others, with the aim of improperly altering the result or the course of a sports competition, shall be punished by _____

How to:

Describe the main model criminal law provisions. Ask learners to provide examples of each situation described in the law provisions.

Discuss with learners the specificities of the match-fixing legislations (see page 20 of the Model Criminal Law Provisions for the Prosecution of Competition Manipulation)

Slide 12: Legislation issues- National legislation on match fixing

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National legislation on match fixing

How to:

Please fill according to your national legislation

Slide 13: Legislation issues- Sporting Judicial System – Disciplinary codes – Code of Conduct

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Sporting Judicial System – Disciplinary codes – Code of Conduct

❖ Increase the cost of the sanctions:

If league and national association officials wish to disrupt match fixing, they should ensure that the sanctions arising from match fixing are not only high, but also enforced.

❖ Detect the cases of match fixing:

In the rational decision to fix a match the higher both the potential chance of detection and enforcement and of potential sanctions, the lower the risk of match-fixing.

❖ Organize campaigns:

Honest officials in announcing their campaign to break up possible corrupt trust relations amongst team administrators could announce a "zero tolerance" policy. In such a scenario, any acceptance of a corrupt deal would automatically mean expulsion from the sport and possible imprisonment.

How to:

Suggest ways to avoid match-fixing.

Describe the disciplinary codes for the cases of match fixing.