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INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR SPORTS INTEGRITY (IFSI) 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS 1: EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Recognition of Past and Present Initiatives

Since 2013, a wide range of educational initiatives have been undertaken in relation to competition manipulation. The International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI) notably recognises:

- The identification within the strategic review undertaken by the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 process of the importance of ensuring the protection of clean athletes and significant financial support to be devoted to raising awareness globally about the issue;
- Efforts at the international and national levels, by all stakeholders and particularly by the sports movement, to develop proactive and preventive educational measures to ensure clean athletes and clean competitions;
- The Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions that specifically encourages awareness-raising, education, training and research by states and betting operators (art. 6 and 10).

Recommended Future Initiatives

The success of the protection of clean athletes is largely dependent on strong and robust educational programmes. Therefore, the International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI) calls on:

- Sports organisations:
 - to strengthen the utilisation and coordination of existing educational programmes, and to further develop diverse educational tools for athletes, coaches, officials and the wider entourage of the athlete;¹
 - to welcome the initiative of the IOC to implement mandatory Integrity E-learning for all athletes, officials and IOC/NOC staff prior to, or at, the Olympic Games;
 - to cascade educational programmes from the international, regional and national to local levels;
 - to encourage elite athletes to be role models for their sport and in their country.

¹ The entourage comprises all the people associated with the athletes, including, without limitation, managers, agents, coaches, physical trainers, medical staff, scientists, sports organisations, sponsors, lawyers and any person promoting the athlete's sporting career, including family members (IOC Entourage Commission definition).



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- Betting operators to continue to strengthen their existing sports betting integrity standards and to continue supporting awareness-raising programmes about competition manipulation;
- All stakeholders to emphasise the importance of raising awareness amongst governmental authorities, particularly police, public prosecutors and ministries of justice, about the risk that manipulation of competitions poses for public order and the reputation of sport in general;
- All stakeholders to recognise the need for governmental support for law enforcement training to ensure prioritisation and understanding in relation to investigations into competition manipulation. Every effort to ensure the success of the INTERPOL/IOC cooperation is welcomed, particularly by the NOCs.