Athletes cheat by losing on purpose or by not doing their best in a competition. Officials (referees, judges or coaches) cheat by knowingly making wrong decisions, affecting some part of a competition or its outcome.

It is against the spirit of sport, Olympic values and respect for your team, your opponent as well as your supporters and fans. It is also against sports rules and subject to sanctions. In some countries, it is even considered as a criminal offence.

When a competition is manipulated, there is nothing left to be won for anyone, it renders sport meaningless and demoralises clean athletes. If an athlete or an official is caught engaging in manipulation, the repercussions can be drastic. They often get banned from competitions, need to pay fines and ruin all the hard work they have done in sport.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT BETTING…

Betting is NOT INHERENTLY BAD, on the contrary it’s a major source of finance for sport.

Betting occurs across ALL DIFFERENT SPORT DISCIPLINES. For instance, bets are offered in kayaking and synchronized swimming.

Sports betting is an INTERNET-DRIVEN GLOBAL BUSINESS.

A lot of betting takes place also on the ILLEGAL BETTING MARKETS involving third parties and IN THE WORST CASE even organised crime.

Betting-related manipulation is not just about the outcome of the competition: you can BET LIVE ON MARGINAL THINGS like which player scores the next point or gets the next foul.

Betting has INCREASED BY MORE THAN 500% since the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.
Competitions are monitored through elaborate mechanisms and cooperation with bookmakers all over the world.

International and national police forces and law enforcement entities are networking and sharing intelligence to fight the problem globally.

and the ultimate goal for the Olympic movement is to protect clean athletes!

Manipulation of competitions is criminalised in a growing number of countries...

"It’s me competing out there so I can do just what I want. If I’m willing to lose or whatever, it’s my own business. It’s the players’ game, right?"

"Oh, ok. Can’t I just bet to add a little excitement? I will obviously make sure not to manipulate the competition to make my bets successful."

"I see. It makes sense though, I just never thought about it. I guess I’ll just settle for giving my friends betting tips, ha, ha!"

"I’m starting to understand this. What can I do about it if someone else cheats? Or if anyone I know or some random person asks me to cheat? I don’t need to mind anyone else’s business, do I?"

"Will do! Thanks!"

You can’t fix an event, meaning that you should always do your best.

You cannot deliberately manipulate any event.

Actually no, you’re not allowed to bet on your own sport, or on other competitions if it is a multi-sports event.

As a matter of fact, that’s not ok either. Athletes and officials are not allowed to give out any kind of inside information. What you see or hear in the locker room or at the venue should be kept confidential.

You need to speak out. That is your responsibility, and failure to report is an offence in itself. You can talk to your coach, your club officials or national federation, or use the IOC Integrity Hotline if you want to report confidentially.

No problem, if you have further questions, contact us. www.olympic.org/believeinsport

INTEGRITY HOTLINE

If you have reasons to suspect competition manipulation, it is your duty to speak out. For this reason, the IOC has established an Integrity Hotline, which is confidential. www.olympic.org/integrityhotline

athletes across different disciplines and countries are being educated on the issue by their national and international federations

Check out BE TRUE BE YOU campaign with videos, e-learning etc. at olympic.org/believeinsport

campaign to tackle the problems...