



IHF Information Brochure on Betting and Match-Fixing

What Every Player Must Know



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1. Introduction

Fair Play Is Non-Negotiable

The International Handball Federation (IHF) is firmly committed to protecting fairness, integrity, and credibility in handball.

Match-fixing and illegal betting are among the most serious threats to sport. They damage competition, destroy trust among players and fans, and permanently harm careers.

Every player, official, and stakeholder has a personal responsibility to protect the integrity of the game.





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Absolute Prohibition of Betting and Match Manipulation



2. Absolute Prohibition of Betting and Match Manipulation

1. Strict Ban on Betting and Match Manipulation

Under the IHF Regulations, any form of betting or manipulation related to handball is strictly prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Betting on handball matches or competitions,
- Supporting or facilitating betting in any form,
- Manipulating or attempting to manipulate the result, course, or any aspect of an IHF event.

The prohibition applies regardless of whether money or any other non-pecuniary benefit has been obtained.



2. Absolute Prohibition of Betting and Match Manipulation

2. Scope of the Prohibition

The ban covers betting or manipulation related to:

- A competition in which the participant is directly involved;
- The participant's own sport (handball), even if they are not playing in that match;
- Any event of a multi-sport competition in which the participant takes part.

3. Influencing Matches Is a Serious Offence

Additionally, it is also strictly forbidden to:

- Approach, pressure, or instigate referees, officials, players, or team staff,
- Attempt to influence decisions or outcomes for betting or any other improper purpose.

Even attempting to fix a match is considered a violation, regardless of whether the attempt is successful.



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Sanctions – Severe and Career-Ending Consequences



3. Sanctions – Severe and Career-Ending Consequences

Violations of the IHF rules on match-fixing and betting may lead to:

- A fine of up to CHF 100,000;
- Suspension from all handball-related activities.

In serious cases or in the event of repeated violations, a lifetime ban from handball may be imposed.

Your career, reputation, dignity, and future are worth far more than any betting income.

Once integrity is lost, it is almost impossible to restore.

In addition to disciplinary sanctions imposed by the IHF, national authorities may also intervene.

Depending on the country and the applicable legislation, match-fixing may result in criminal investigations that can lead to:

- Fines
- Suspended criminal sentences
- Imprisonment in serious cases.

Sports sanctions and criminal penalties are independent of each other and may apply simultaneously.



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Reporting Mechanisms – Speak Up, Stay Protected



4. Reporting Mechanisms – Speak Up, Stay Protected

1. If You Are Approached

If you are contacted by:

- Other players,
- Coaches, agents, team staff,
- Referees or officials,
- Any third party,

with the aim of manipulating a match or betting-related activity, you must report it immediately.

Silence may expose you to disciplinary liability, even if you did not participate.

2. How to Report Safely

You may report anonymously through the following channels:

- IHF:
✉ ihf.office@ihf.info
(No personal data required)
- IOC Integrity Line (anonymous and secure), accessible via: <https://ioc.integrityline.org/>, and retaliation against whistleblowers is not tolerated.

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