

CIFA Policy on Combating Match Manipulation and Protecting the Integrity of Football



Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA)

Policy on Combating Match Manipulation, Corruption, and Betting-Related Integrity Risks

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1. Purpose

The Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) is committed to protecting the integrity, credibility, and reputation of football in the Cayman Islands. This policy establishes measures to prevent, detect, investigate, and sanction match manipulation and any conduct that unlawfully influences football matches or competitions.

This policy is aligned with FIFA's integrity principles and zero-tolerance approach to match manipulation. FIFA recognizes match manipulation as any unlawful influencing or alteration of the course, result, or any other aspect of a football match or competition.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- CIFA officials and employees
 - Members of the CIFA Executive Committee
 - Clubs affiliated with CIFA
 - Players registered to play CIFA Competitions
 - Coaches registered to work on CIFA Competitions
 - Team staff members registered to work on CIFA Competitions
 - CIFA Match officials
 - CIFA competition organizers
 - Any other individual participating in CIFA-sanctioned football activities
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3. Policy Statement

CIFA adopts a **zero-tolerance policy** toward:

- Match-fixing
- Sporting manipulation
- Betting-related corruption
- Bribery
- Undue influence on matches or competitions
- Misuse of inside information
- Failure to report integrity concerns

All participants have a duty to uphold the integrity of football and cooperate with integrity investigations.

4. Definition of Match Manipulation

Match manipulation refers to:

Any intentional arrangement, act, omission, or attempt designed to improperly influence the course, conduct, result, or any aspect of a football match or competition for an undue advantage for oneself or another party.

Examples include:

- Deliberately losing a match
- Conceding goals intentionally
- Intentionally receiving yellow or red cards
- Deliberately awarding or failing to award penalties
- Manipulating specific events within a match
- Any agreement to influence a football result
- Bribery of players, officials, coaches, or referees

These examples are consistent with FIFA's definition of match manipulation.

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5. Prohibited Conduct



5.1 Match-Fixing

No participant shall:

- Engage in match-fixing
- Facilitate match-fixing
- Participate in discussions related to fixing football events
- Attempt to manipulate a match outcome

5.2 Betting on Football

Persons covered by this policy shall not:

- Bet directly or indirectly on football matches
- Use third parties to place football bets
- Participate in betting activities involving competitions under CIFA, CFU, CONCACAF, or FIFA jurisdiction

5.3 Use of Inside Information

No participant may:

- Share confidential information for betting purposes
- Provide injury, lineup, tactical, disciplinary, or other non-public information to bettors
- Benefit financially from insider information

5.4 Bribery and Corruption

No participant shall:

- Offer gifts, payments, benefits, favors, or rewards intended to influence a football match
- Accept any inducement related to manipulation of football activities

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6. Reporting Obligations

All football participants have a mandatory duty to report:

- Any approach relating to match-fixing
- Any offer of money, gifts, or incentives
- Suspicious betting activity
- Requests to manipulate a football event
- Knowledge of an integrity breach

Reports should be submitted to the CIFA Integrity Officer/Single Point of Contact (SPOC) at secretariat@cifa.ky within **48 hours** of becoming aware of the incident.

Failure to report constitutes a disciplinary offence.

7. CIFA Integrity Reporting Mechanism

CIFA has established:

- A confidential Integrity Reporting System
- An Integrity Officer designated as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC)
- Anonymous reporting channels where legally permissible

Reports may be submitted through:

- Integrity email address (secretariat@cifa.ky)
- Physical letter addressed to the CIFA Integrity Officer-SPOC to PO Box 178, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands
- Direct communication with the CIFA Integrity Officer-SPOC

All reports shall be handled confidentially.

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8. Protection of Whistleblowers



CIFA prohibits retaliation against any person who, in good faith:

- Reports suspected manipulation
- Assists an investigation
- Provides evidence or witness testimony

Protection measures may include:

- Confidential handling of identity
 - Protection from discrimination
 - Referral to law enforcement where necessary
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9. Education and Prevention

CIFA shall implement an Integrity Education Programme including:

Players

- Annual integrity training
- Betting awareness sessions
- Match-fixing prevention workshops

Coaches and Team Officials

- Integrity certification requirements
- Reporting obligation training

Referees

- Specialized integrity and corruption prevention training

Clubs

- Integrity awareness campaigns
- Internal compliance procedures

These preventive measures align with FIFA's integrity initiative emphasizing prevention, education, risk management, and reporting mechanisms.

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10. Monitoring and Detection

CIFA may utilize:

- FIFA Integrity resources
- Betting monitoring systems
- Data analytics
- Match observation reports
- Intelligence from law enforcement
- Information received from CFU, CONCACAF and FIFA

Suspicious matches may be referred for further investigation.

FIFA currently supports integrity initiatives through global betting monitoring and integrity support systems.

11. Investigations

The CIFA Integrity Unit shall have authority to:

- Receive complaints
- Conduct preliminary reviews
- Gather evidence
- Interview witnesses
- Access competition records
- Cooperate with CFU, FIFA, CONCACAF, and law enforcement agencies

Any participant under investigation must cooperate fully.

Failure to cooperate may result in disciplinary action.

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12. Disciplinary Measures



Violations may result in one or more of the following sanctions:

Individuals

- Warning
- Fine
- Suspension
- Removal from office
- Competition ban
- Lifetime ban from football activities

Clubs

- Financial penalties
- Deduction of points
- Competition disqualification
- Relegation
- Suspension of membership

Serious cases may be referred to:

- CFU
- FIFA
- CONCACAF
- Cayman Islands law enforcement authorities

13. Cooperation with External Authorities

CIFA will cooperate with:

- FIFA Integrity Department
- CFU and CONCACAF
- Royal Cayman Islands Police Service
- Gaming regulators
- International law enforcement agencies

Information may be exchanged subject to applicable laws and regulations.

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14. Record Keeping

CIFA shall maintain:

- Integrity reports
- Investigation records
- Training attendance records
- Risk assessments
- Sanction registers

Documentation shall be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years.



15. Governance

The CIFA Executive Committee shall:

- Approve this policy
- Appoint an Integrity Officer
- Review integrity risks annually
- Ensure sufficient resources for implementation

An annual Integrity Report shall be presented to the Executive Committee.

16. Review

This policy shall be reviewed every two years or whenever CFU, FIFA, CONCACAF, or applicable legislation introduces significant integrity-related changes.

Appendix A: Integrity Principles



All participants shall:

1. Recognize integrity threats.
2. Resist any approach to manipulate football.
3. Report all suspicious activity promptly.
4. Respect football regulations and ethical standards.
5. Cooperate fully with investigations.

References: FIFA Integrity Programme, FIFA Match Manipulation Guidelines, FIFA Integrity Department resources.

Approved by: CIFA Executive Committee

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