



# IIHF COMPETITION MANIPULATION REGULATIONS

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These Regulations come into effect on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## 1. Preamble

- 1.1. These Regulations are adopted to safeguard the integrity of Ice Hockey by (i) prohibiting any conduct that may improperly impact the outcome of Ice Hockey events and competitions and (ii) establishing a mechanism of enforcement and sanctioning for those who, through their prohibited conduct, place the integrity of Ice Hockey at risk. While the IIHF will respect all national decisions with respect to Competition Manipulation in Ice Hockey, it reserves the right to conduct an investigation and implement disciplinary measures in accordance with the IIHF Disciplinary Regulations, for all Violations which would result in a breach of these Regulations if such incident occurred in an IIHF Competition as long as the national decision has or could have an international dimension.
- 1.2. The IIHF declares their commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, these Regulations and by requiring their members to do likewise.
- 1.3. For purposes of these Regulations, the following definitions shall be applicable:
  - a. **Benefit:** means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or an equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager. The foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts.
  - b. **Betting:** means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to an Event.
  - c. **Eligibility manipulation:** means the deliberate misrepresentation of age, identity or playing history with an intent to participate in an IIHF Competition.
  - d. **Inside Information:** means information relating to any competition, that a person possesses by virtue of their position in relation to a sport or competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interest members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant competition.
  - e. **Player Support Personnel:** means any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, team official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating players participating in or preparing for an Event.

## 2. Betting Violations

- 2.1. The following behavior shall be considered Betting, and is strictly prohibited:
  - a. Direct or indirect participation in any form of Betting, gambling, lotteries or transactions related to (a) any Event, including IIHF Competitions; or (b) any event of a multisport Competition which sees Ice Hockey as one of its disciplines.
  - b. Inducing, instructing, encouraging or facilitating any other party to engage in conduct described in Article 2.1 of these Regulations.

### **3. Manipulation of Events**

3.1. The following behavior shall constitute a Manipulation of an Event, and is strictly prohibited:

- a. An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of an Event in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the event with a view to obtaining a sporting advantage or an undue Benefit for oneself or for others.
- b. Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of an Event or any other form of corruption.
- c. Inducing, instructing, encouraging or facilitating a Covered Party to engage in conduct described in Article 3 of these Regulations.

### **4. Inside Information**

4.1. The following behavior shall constitute an improper use of Inside Information, and is strictly prohibited:

- a. Using Inside Information for the purpose of Betting, any form of manipulation of an Event or any other corrupt purpose by a Covered Party;
- b. Disclosing Inside Information to any person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Covered Party knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of an Event or any other corrupt purpose; and
- c. Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.

### **5. Eligibility Manipulation**

5.1. The following behavior by any Covered Party shall be considered Eligibility Manipulation, and is strictly prohibited:

- a. Producing false, wrong or misleading documentation or information regarding age, gender, identity and/or playing history in relation to participation in IIHF Competitions.
- b. Withholding truthful documentation or information regarding age, gender, identity and/or playing history in relation to participation in IIHF Competitions.
- c. Participating in an IIHF Competition on the basis of false, wrong or misleading documentation or information regarding age, gender, identity and/or playing history.
- d. Knowingly allowing anyone to participate in an IIHF Competition on the basis of false, wrong or misleading documentation or information regarding age, gender, identity and/or playing history.

## **6. Sentencing Considerations**

- 6.1. In addition to personal responsibility of Covered Parties, MNAs are vicariously and strictly liable, and may be sanctioned accordingly, for the conduct of their players, staff members and officials.
- 6.2. The following are not relevant to the determination of whether a Violation of these Regulations has occurred:
  - a. Whether or not the Covered Party is participating in the Event concerned;
  - b. The nature or outcome of any Betting issue;
  - c. The outcome of the Event in which the Competition Manipulation occurred;
  - d. Whether or not the Covered Party's efforts or performance (if any) in the Event in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
  - e. Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of any other IIHF rule.

