National Integrity of Sport Unit

Update on Sports Integrity

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Establishment of the NISU

The National Integrity of Sport Unit (NISU) was established in October 2012, following a 2011 recommendation in the National Match-Fixing Policy.

NISU’s initial work program was to:

• oversee the implementation of the National Match-Fixing Policy including the introduction of criminal offences across all jurisdictions

• develop a Code of Conduct and National Policy for use by national sporting organisations

• establish a website with access to education and integrity tools.

Much implemented - but plenty to catch up on….Integrity becoming the ‘3rd pillar’ of Australian sport along with Participation & Performance
Expanded role of the NISU

Following the release of the ACC *Organised Crime and Drugs in Sport* report in February 2013 (Project APERIO), further funding was provided to expand the capability of the NISU.

The functions of the NISU now also include leading the Government response on Project APERIO recommendations:

- Establish integrity units with sports [ASIN – SITAM project]
- Establish probity guidelines [Drafted – ASIN consideration]
- Review peptide supply regulations [SCLJ WG]
- Review and strengthen ASADA powers [Coercive powers proclaimed 1 August]
- Educative programs about threat from Organised Crime [Online program launched August]
- Improve Information Sharing on integrity threats [AGS Review paper]
- Licensing framework for Sports Scientists [Senate Inquiry]
What is ‘Sports Integrity’

No satisfactory existing definition – often defined by what it is not. NISU has defined as:

- **Manifestation of the ethics and values which promote community confidence in sports, including:**
  - fair and honest performances and outcomes, unaffected by illegitimate enhancements or external interests; and
  - positive conduct by athletes, administrators, officials, supporters and other stakeholders, on and off the sporting arena, which enhances the reputation and standing of the sporting contest and of sport overall.
What is ‘Sports Integrity’

Areas for NISU focus within this definition include:

- match fixing and other unethical determination of outcomes;
- illegitimate performance enhancement;
- illicit drug use and off-field misconduct;
- regulation and advertising of sports gambling;
- bullying/harassment, and sports associated violence;
- perceived or possible conflicts of interest which may harm the reputation or standing of a sport or an event;
- association with or involvement in sports by criminal groups or individuals; and
- policies for participant welfare, such as concussion or over-use standards.
INTEGRITY ISSUES 
FRAMEWORKS & EDUCATION 
GOVERNANCE OBLIGATIONS 
LEGAL IDENTITY & IHM

INTEGRITY DATA 
PRODUCT & ADVICE

ASSESSMENT UNIT 
ASSESSMENT 
Detect Assess & Advise

PREVENTION UNIT 
PREVENTION 
Protect & Educate

GOVERNANCE UNIT 
GOVERNANCE 
Regulate & Develop

INTERNATIONAL & ANTI-DOPING UNIT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- INGEST COLLATE ASSESS & ADVISE
- APPLY INFORMATION HANDLING MODEL
- PRODUCT - SITAM, SIIRs, MESIAs, SIAs
- INTEGRITY FRAMEWORKS – COC, TEMPLATES
- INTEGRITY LEGISLATION AND MODELS
- INTEGRITY EDUCATION
- INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, TREATIES, MOUs & BOARDS
- DOPING REGULATION
Estimated Value in Billion $USD of Selected Global Illicit Markets

- Marijuana: 141 billion
- Illegal Sports wagering: 140 billion
- Cocaine: 85 billion
- Prescription drugs: 72 billion
- Heroin: 68 billion
- Illegal logging: 30 billion
- Methamphetamine: 28 billion
- Illegal Wildlife Trafficking: 19 billion
- Identity Theft: 1 billion
Match-Fixing – a real threat

- Geographic isolation no longer a protection
- Growth in amount & accessibility of betting, & range of bet types
- High margins, lower risk attractive to criminals
- Key concerns are:
  - Associations between criminals & elite/sub-elite athletes, grooming
  - Use of illicit drugs and PIEDs, potential to further manipulate
  - Criminal infiltration of clubs and franchises
- Operation VETO – Europe
  - 380 football matches played in 15 countries around the world, with 425 match officials, club officials, players and criminals under suspicion. 50 arrests. Another 300 matches outside Europe under suspicion
  - Principal arrested in Singapore recently. Frequent arrests globally.
- Charges in Melbourne Premier League
- Historic fixes in Australia – Premiership level
- Not limited to a couple of sports...’Competition + Betting Market = Corruption potential’
Anti Match-Fixing Obligations

Sporting organisations or Controlling Bodies are expected to adopt an anti-match-fixing/anti-corruption code of conduct

- Many sports have already developed and submitted their match-fixing policy and code of conduct
- The NISU will continue to work with those sporting organisations which require further support to complete these
- The policy provide a sports betting model which promotes transparency and control by sports, and reduces opportunity for corruption
### Overview

Check the boxes applicable to any aspects of your sport. More than one box can be selected.

- Team sport
- Individual sport
- One on one competition/s
- Round robin competition/s
- Sport has dead rubbers
- Draft picks
- Relegation based league/competition

### Unethical Practices and Doping

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Education Program

The NISU has developed an eLearning education program which seeks to:

• Raise awareness in Australian sporting organisations about what is responsible behaviour, and
• Assist athletes and officials to understand the harm in engaging in match-fixing and other corrupt activities.
The NISU has launched a site for sports to provide updated information resources and tools to assist sports with their integrity efforts.

- Note availability of Anti-Match-Fixing Code of Conduct and Policy templates for use by Sports
Current Key Considerations

Senate Inquiry - *The practice of sports science in Australia*

- Report completed on 23 July 2013
- It recommended the government consider the need for new regulations – particularly an accreditation framework - once the ACC and/or ASADA finalise investigations

Senate Inquiry - *Inquiry into the advertising and promotion of gambling services in sport*

- Report completed on 7 June 2013
- The majority of the Committee's recommendations favour increased regulation of the gambling and sports betting industry

A National Sports Integrity Framework

- To identify and promote complementary roles and responsibilities for sports integrity
Upcoming Considerations

Development of an international convention against match-fixing

*Council of Europe/Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport*

- Australia is a member of the Drafting Group
- Aim is to produce a binding convention against match-fixing
- The convention is intended to be open to non-European countries

Review of the World Anti-Doping Code

- Following the confirmation of the revised World Anti-Doping Code, which comes into effect on 1 January 2015, amendments will be required to Australia's anti-doping framework. Key aspects:
  - Stiffer sanctions for ‘real cheats’
  - Greater emphasis on investigations
  - ‘Smarter’ testing programmes

Major Events in Australia 2015 – ICC CWC, AFC et al – Dedicated Integrity Strategies