



# **NSW Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. (NSWHPA)**

## **Integrity of Sport and Match Fixing Policy**

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## Definitions

In this policy, unless the contrary intention appears:

- "Association" means The New South Wales Hang Gliding And Paragliding Association;
- "SAFA" means the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia;
- "Sports Aviation" includes Motorised Hang Gliding (PHG), Hang Gliding (HG), Powered Paragliding (PPG), Paragliding (PG) and Weightshifting Microlighting (WM aka Trikes).

## Context

Match-fixing involves the manipulation of an outcome or contingency by competitors, teams, sports agents, support staff, referees and officials and venue staff. Such conduct includes:

- the deliberate fixing of the result of a contest, or of an occurrence within the contest, or of points spread;
- deliberate underperformance;
- withdrawal (tanking);
- an official's deliberate misapplication of the rules of the contest;
- interference with the play or playing surfaces by venue staff; and
- abuse of insider information to support a bet placed by any of the above or placed by a gambler who has recruited such people to manipulate an outcome or contingency.

## Aims

All spectators expect that the sport they watch or participate in is played honestly and to the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship. Match-fixing and the corruption that flows from it, is not limited to professional or high-profile sporting codes.

This policy aims to maximise public confidence in the integrity of sport and to ensure a level playing field by making a commitment to pursue nationally consistent legislative arrangements and standard requirements in regard to match-fixing in sport.



## Our Commitment

The Association agrees to abide by:

- all relevant NSW legislation relating to match-fixing and integrity in sport and the conditions of the National Policy on Match-fixing in Sport as agreed by Australian Governments on 10 June 2011; and
- any match-fixing or integrity in sport policy adopted by our sport's governing body.

The Association agrees to:

- adopt an anti-match-fixing/anti-corruption code of conduct which aligns with nationally agreed principles;
- apply the code of conduct to all players, player agents, support personnel, officials and staff;
- apply a disciplinary framework within the code of conduct including sanctions and appropriate investigative processes with minimum and meaningful sanctions;
- provide appropriate education of players, player agents, support personnel, officials and staff on their responsibilities under the code of conduct and to provide information on match-fixing to assist with prevention, detection and disciplinary actions in accordance with this policy;
- liaise with and report to the relevant government agencies including the over-sighting/ coordinating agency; and
- provide and exchange information on suspected match-fixing or corrupt activities with the over-sighting/coordinating agency, betting agencies, and law enforcement agencies.

If betting agencies cover any aspect of our sport the Association will:

- develop and enter into national integrity agreements with betting organisations in relation to the provision of betting and information sharing; and
- provide appropriate information to betting agencies to support preventative and investigative measures in a timely manner.

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## Anti-match-fixing/anti-corruption code of conduct

The Association adopts the following anti-match-fixing/anti-corruption code of conduct which restricts members, players, player agents, support personnel, officials and staff, directly or indirectly, engaging in the following conduct:

- a) betting, gambling or entering into any other form of financial speculation on any match or on any event connected with the sport involved;
- b) inducing or encouraging any other person to bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any match or event or to offer the facility for such bets to be placed on the sport involved;
- c) 'tanking' (including, in particular, owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any event) other than for legitimate tactical reasons in line within the rules of the respective sport;
- d) inducing or encouraging any player to 'tank' (including, in particular, owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any match or event) other than for legitimate tactical reasons within the rules of the respective sport;
- e) for money, benefit or other reward (whether for the player him or herself or any other person and whether financial or otherwise), providing insider information that is considered to be information not publicly known;
- f) any other form of corrupt conduct in relation to any event connected with the respective sport;
- g) failing to promptly disclose to the Association or the SAFA that he or she has received an approach from another person to engage in conduct such as that described in paragraphs (a) – (f) above;
- h) failing to promptly disclose to the Association or the SAFA that he or she knows or reasonably suspects that any current or former player or official or any other person has engaged in conduct, or been approached to engage in conduct, such as that described in paragraphs (a) – (f) above;
- i) failing to promptly disclose to the Association or the SAFA that he or she has received, or is aware or reasonably suspects that another player or official or any other person has received, actual or implied threats of any nature in relation to past or proposed conduct such as that described in paragraphs (a) – (f) above;  
or
- j) conduct that relates directly or indirectly to any of the conduct described in paragraphs (a) – (i) above and is prejudicial to the interests of the sport or which bring him or her or the sport into disrepute.



## Breaches of the Code

Our Sports controlling body SAFA will be responsible for the application of appropriate responses to breaches acknowledging that penalties should be broadly consistent across sporting codes and reflect the severity of the breach.

Within a period of 14 days of receiving a complaint, the Association shall forward to the SAFA Chief Operations Officer a copy of the complaint together with copies of any documentation.

The Chief Operations Officer may:

- (i) Suspend any Certificates, Licences or Privileges issued by the Federation, pending a hearing before Directors as stipulated in Clause 7 of the SAFA constitution. This suspension is immediate, flight privilege being removed until completion of proceedings and implementation of any recommended disciplinary measures.
- (ii) The Directors of SAFA in their sole discretion may refer an allegation for investigation or determination either under the procedures set down in the Policies or by such other procedure and /or persons as the Directors considered appropriate.

Where criminal activity is suspected the Association will collaborate with sports and law enforcement agencies and the appropriate regulator on the provision of information to assist detection and investigation of suspicious activity or breaches of the code.