



## **Sport Betting & Match-Fixing Policy & Procedures**

**of**

### **WA Council of the Australian Power Boat Association (WA APBA)**

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## INTRODUCTION

WA APBA recognises that betting is a legitimate activity, however illegal or fraudulent betting is not. Fraudulent betting and associated match-fixing is a developing and critical global issue that is effecting sports, the betting industry and governments.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect and maintain the integrity of the WA APBA, affiliated clubs and volunteers. WA APBA promotes a zero tolerance of illegal gambling and match-fixing and will protect against any efforts made that potentially impacts or threatens the association.

The aim of this policy is to maximise public confidence and awareness from inappropriate and fraudulent sports betting and match-fixing activities.

## POLICY & PROCEDURES

This code of conduct sets out the guiding principles on the issues surrounding the integrity of sport betting and match-fixing:

1. Be Smart: know the rules;
2. Be Safe: never bet on your sport;
3. Be Careful: never share sensitive information;
4. Be Clean: never fix an event;
5. Be Open: tell someone if you are approached;

### **1) *Be Smart: know the rules***

It is up to each individual to know and understand the rules set out in the Sports National Policy of the Australian Sports Commission.

If you break the rules set out in the Sports National Policy and you are caught, severe disciplinary measures will be imposed by the WA APBA and or even subject to a criminal investigation and prosecution.

### **2) *Be Safe: never bet on your sport***

It is best practice to never bet on any events within your sport including:

- Never bet and or gamble on your own sporting matches or any competitions within your sport, including betting on yourself or your opponent to lose or draw as well as any of the different sport bets;
- Never instruct, encourage or facilitate any other party to bet in the sport you are participating in;
- Never expect to receive any reward, payment or any other benefit subject to a bet; and
- Never bet and or gamble in your sport which may result in bringing you and the sport and or WA APBA into disrepute.

### **3) *Be Careful: never share sensitive information***

Any sensitive information in relation to the WA APBA, affiliated clubs and members, volunteers is not available to the general public and is only available to those who have been authorised by the committee.

There is nothing wrong with you having sensitive information; it is what you do with that information that matters. This information can be used to gain knowledge to secure an unfair advantage to make a financial gain specifically for betting and match-fixing purposes.

Any sensitive information should not be discussed with anyone who is not authorised by WA APBA committee.

### ***Be Clean: never fix an event***

Sporting contests must always be honest, ethical and test their skills and abilities without attempting to adversely influencing the nature course and results of an event or competition. Fixing an event or competition goes against the ethics and code of conduct of WA APBA and the sport. If you are caught, severe disciplinary measures will be imposed by the WA APBA and or even subject to a criminal investigation and prosecution.

You can eliminate the risks of match-fixing by following these simply guidelines:

- Always perform your best to your skills and abilities;
- Never accept a match-fix. If the situation does arise say no immediately and report it to a President of the WA APBA.
- Seek professional help if match-fixing becomes an addiction within your own self.

### **4) *Be Open: tell someone if you are approached***

If you hear or if anyone approaches you to ask about sport betting and or match-fixing you must report the suspicious behaviour immediately to the President of the WA APBA. The President will then proceed and follow the complaint procedures set out in the APBA Member Protection Policy. This kind of behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with expeditiously. If the suspected breach is unlawful, then a formal complaint will be lodged with the police and or any other external agency.

## **PRINCIPLES**

This policy is based on:

### ***Legislative***

- Australian Sports Commission Act 1989

### ***Peak Body, Social and Community***

- Department of Sports and Recreation (Western Australia)

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the responsibility of the President to ensure that:

- Committee members, affiliated clubs and members, volunteers, spectators and contractors are aware of this policy;

- any breaches of this policy will be brought to the attention of the committee and are dealt with appropriately.

Whilst the WA APBA will undertake to educate affiliated club members, officials and volunteers about the sport betting and match-fixing policy through promotion in club newsletters, website / social media sites and within the WA APBA walls, it is the responsibility of each individual to access this information and that they comply with this policy.

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- Member Protection Policy – Australian Power Boat Association (February 2014)
- National Policy on Match-Fixing in Sport – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

This policy will formally be reviewed, evaluated and re-endorsed or modified by the Committee Members annually. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation will take place with any reported complaints or reported incidents in relation to this policy are to be reported to the next Committee meeting. Any recommendations for changes can be submitted and tabled for discussion by the Committee. All changes will be communicated to all affiliated clubs (or players, coaches, volunteers etc.) and posted on the organisations website, newsletter and social media.