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Betting & Match Fixing Policy

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Weightlifting Western Australia - Betting and Match Fixing Guidelines

Background

This document sets out the guiding principles and provides general advice to all Athletes and Officials, whom are members of Weightlifting Western Australia Inc., on the issues surrounding the integrity of weightlifting and betting.

These guidelines are to be read in conjunction with the National Policy on Match-fixing in Sport and the WWA By-laws and are designed to underpin WWA's ongoing education of Athletes and Officials.

These guidelines will be reviewed regularly by WWA to ensure they are kept up to date.

Guiding Principles

Know the rules

Before the start of each year, WWA recommends that you familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations in respect to betting and match-fixing in sport.

WWA By-law 6.13 does not permit gambling where a weightlifting event is being conducted by or on the behalf of WWA.

Information can be found at the following websites

- [WWA By-laws](#)
- [National policy on sports betting matching-fixing](#)

Do Not Bet on Weightlifting

You must never bet on a weightlifting event you or your team/club is involved in. Doing so would trigger a conflict of interest that compromises the integrity of weightlifting. If you bet on yourself or your opponents you risk having not only your image and reputation tarnished but also that of your team/club. You may also be subject to sanctions by the governing body of weightlifting in Australia and/or become the subject of a criminal investigation and/or prosecution.

Be careful about handling sensitive information

You are likely to know and/or be friends with many other people involved in weightlifting in Australia and overseas and this may create concerns as to whether you have been aware of any confidential or sensitive information. Occasionally, through your contacts, sensitive or confidential information may be disclosed and the recipient may naively use that information for the purposes of betting. This is strictly prohibited. Accordingly, you should act with caution in dealing with such confidential or sensitive information.

As an Athlete or Official, you will have access to information that is not yet available to the general public. WWA considers this to be sensitive or inside information. This information is likely to be useful for people betting on weightlifting who want to secure an unfair advantage.

It is important to make the distinction that there is nothing wrong or illegal with having access to sensitive information; it is what you do with that information is what matters.



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Match Fixing

Fixing a weightlifting competition goes against the rules of weightlifting and is illegal. It could result in serious consequences including a ban and possibly criminal sanctions.

Whatever the reason, do not attempt to fix any aspect of a competition. Do not put yourself in a situation which would bring you to adversely influence the natural course of a competition.

As an athlete, WWA recommends you do not put yourself at risk by:

- Always performing to the best of your ability.
- Not letting yourself be manipulated. Certain individuals may attempt to develop a relationship with you built on favours and fears that they can then use to exploit or manipulate you for their benefit. Examples include gifts, loans and support.
- Raising any concerns about anyone making offers to you with someone, such as your coach, a senior member of your club or WWA.

General Advice

Family and Friends

Your family and friends' betting behaviours and/or relationships with certain individuals could raise suspicion.

Detection

Betting operators use state of the art security measures to enable bets to be traced and reported to the relevant authorities. Betting operators can also record and trace your bets for fraud prevention purposes.

Responsible Betting

Underage betting is illegal. If you are under 18 years you must not access or utilise a sports betting website or application.

You should also be aware that gambling and/or betting can be harmful if not controlled and kept in moderation.

If you require support or advice then ask for help. Betting sites will also have details of a confidential helpline number or you can visit <http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au>

If in doubt - tell somebody

If you have reason to suspect someone is acting in an inappropriate manner, then trust your instinct and tell someone - either your club, WWA or AWF. It is also important to keep a record of this communications. Any threats should always be reported.