



NEW ZEALAND
FOOTBALL

INTEGRITY PROGRAMME Education Module

PART ONE:
**Why corruption is dangerous to
football in New Zealand. And you.**

Introduction

- A new wave of match-fixing and corruption is threatening football world wide.
- Match-fixing is an international business.
- It is controlled by sophisticated, organised crime syndicates.
- It is profitable, and easy to achieve.
- It's a crime in New Zealand.

Protect yourself. Protect football.

Why is corruption a risk in NZ?

- Gambling is **big** business in Asia
- The time zone means New Zealand competitions are played at appealing times for Asian gambling markets
- National League broadcast and digital media has increased the profile of New Zealand competitions
- Players are amateur and prime targets for corrupt individuals



... but no one cares about New Zealand!

- How much do you think was bet on last years Premiership?
- Estimated NZD\$33 million
- This is an average of NZD\$356,000 on each match
- 80% of this was in poorly regulated Asian markets
- International gambling companies hold odds on Regional Premier Leagues – meaning you are a target.

How does fixing work?

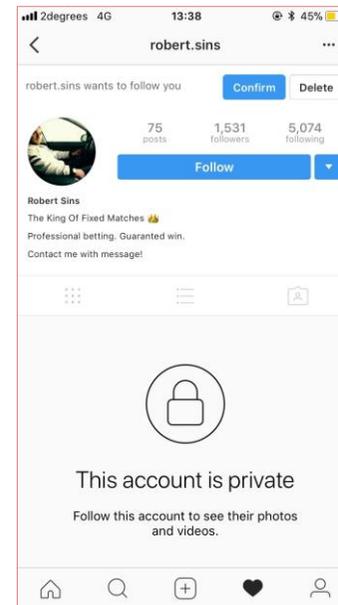
- Fixing is to fix, contrive, improperly influence or otherwise take action which could cause the occurrence of a particular result or any other aspect of a match or event.
- Spot-fixing – is easy
 - First stoppage
 - First corner
 - Yellow card
 - More complex: First goal, half-time score, more goals A v B

Recognise it: How fixers may target you.

- You may be targeted, or it could be a family member.
- **Be suspicious of:**
 - Offers of sponsorship or scholarships
 - Offers of trips or overseas trials
 - Offers of drugs, alcohol, or ...
 - New friends asking for trivial information such as the starting list or injury news
- **Beware:**
 - Fixers will exploit your vulnerabilities or secrets such as addictions and/or debts
 - If you bet on football, you're a **target** for fixers to exploit and corrupt

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- **Example: Robert Sins – “the king of fixed matches”**
 - Instagram friend requests reported to NZF integrity officer
 - ‘Robert Sins’ displays a luxurious lifestyle, but in fact photos tagged as European cities were in fact taken in Kosovo.
 - Intelligence confirmed true identity is an Albanian national living in city of Gjakova
 - Its almost certain the user holds no information on fixed football and is simply running a scam to obtain financial benefit through deception.



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- Fixers are skilled at forming relationships and grooming targets. It's their trade.
- History tells us that almost all corrupted players were groomed over a long period of time – it takes years!
- It will start as a friendship. Followed by small favours.
- Once you are in ... **you will never get out!**

PART TWO:
**General advice to players, coaches
and other officials.**

#1. BE SMART: KNOW THE RULES

- Before each season, familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations governing football in New Zealand.
- Beware, in August 2015 New Zealand Football adopted the **Anti-Match Fixing and Sports Betting Regulations**.
- You are defined as a 'Relevant Person' and the regulations and their restrictions apply to you.
- Visit **nzfootball.co.nz/ABOUT-US/Statues-Regulations**

#2. BE SAFE: KNOW THE RESTRICTIONS ON BETTING ON FOOTBALL

- The general rule is, you are not permitted to bet on any **match or competition** you or your team is involved in.
- Beware, if you're involved in a winter season Regional Premier League and/or National League you are not permitted to bet on **those matches or competitions**.
- For example, if you play in the NRFL Premier League you cannot bet on the Central League.
- You cannot ask or instruct someone else to place any bets.
- If you break the rules, you could face a 2-year suspension.

#3. BE CAREFUL: DON'T SHARE INSIDE INFORMATION

- Inside information is information considered to not be available to the general public.
- You are not allowed to pass inside information on to someone else where it might be used for betting purposes.
- Never seek or offer or agree to swap any benefit or reward for inside information about you, your team or football in general.

#4. BE CLEAN: NEVER FIX A MATCH

- Fixing is to fix, contrive, improperly influence or otherwise take action which could cause the occurrence of a particular result or any other aspect of a match or event.
- Fixing is prohibited and treated very seriously by New Zealand Football and potentially the police.
- Seeking, offering or accepting (or even agreeing to offer or accept) any bribes, benefit or reward to fix is similarly prohibited and serious.
- If you attempt to fix, you are likely to get caught and **face a life ban and possibly criminal charges.**

#5. BE OPEN: TELL SOMEONE

- If you are approached or suspect someone you know has been approached or is involved in fixing or inappropriately betting on football - **you must report it.**
- Failure to report any such information may result in a charge against you.
- If you have any questions or want to send a report, you can do so **confidentially** by contacting the Integrity Officer on integrity@nzfootball.co.nz

Protect yourself. Protect football.

- Play your part in protecting the integrity of football in New Zealand:
 - **Recognise.**
 - **Resist.**
 - **Report.**



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Remove the risk. Don't bet on football.

Most importantly, look out for your mates.

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