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FIGHTING AGAINST CORRUPTION IN SPORTS: A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH

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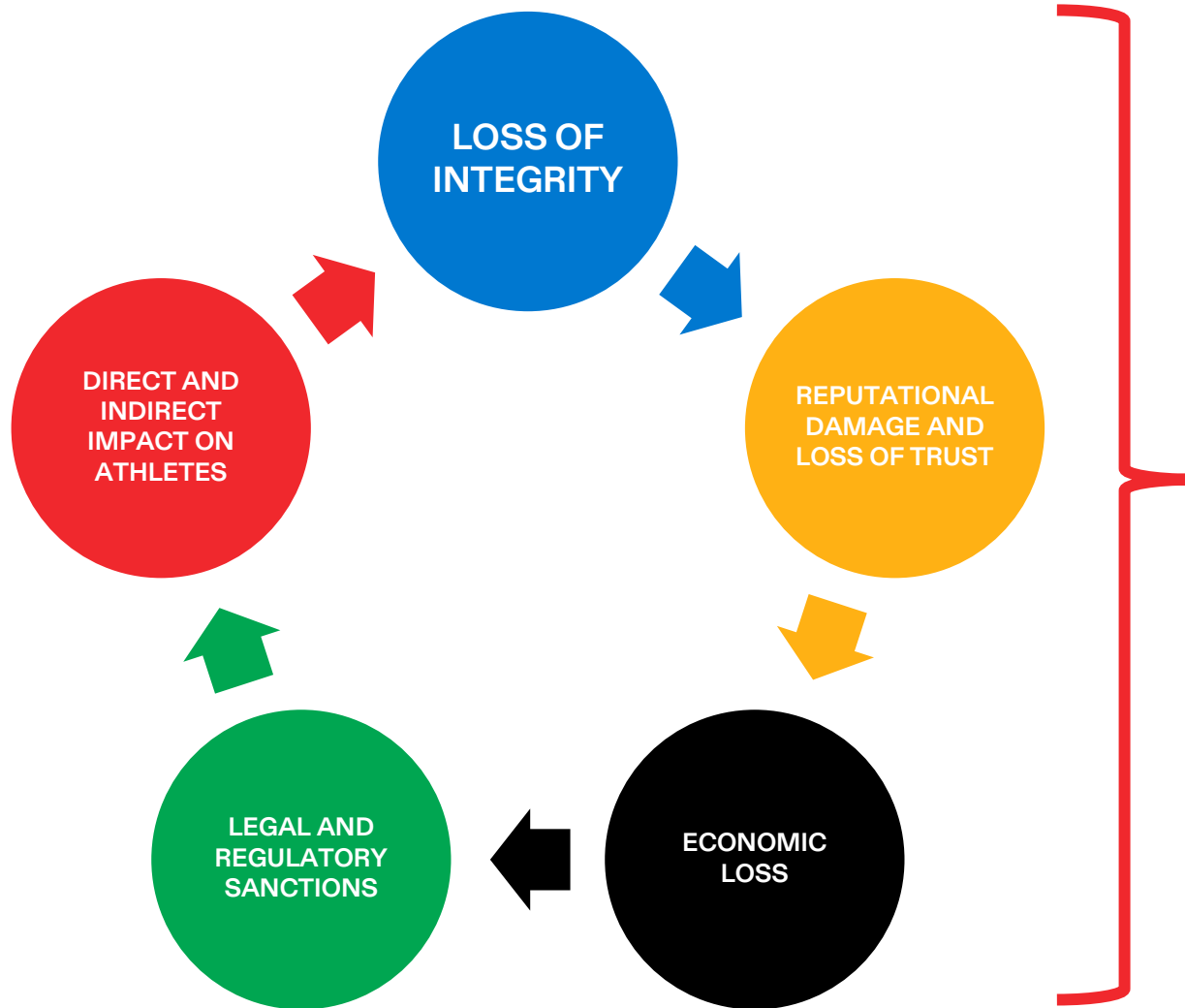


IMPORTANCE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE



- Good governance is part of the fundamental principles of Olympism. It serves to obtain the respect and confidence of all partners.
- The principles of good governance are **key for mitigating the risks of corruption and other forms of wrongdoing in sport**, protecting individuals and sport organisations from its negative consequences.
- Sport organisations have the double **duty and responsibility** to ensure that the principles of good governance are upheld in all their activities, and those of their members.

CORRUPTION IN SPORT CAN TAKE MANY FORMS AND PROFOUND CONSEQUENCES



**CORRUPTION IN SPORT
UNDERMINES THE POSITIVE
IMPACT THAT SPORT CAN HAVE
IN OUR SOCIETIES**

PROTECTING SPORT FROM CORRUPTION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



- Everybody has a responsibility to prevent corruption, and a role in promoting a culture of integrity and ethics.

WITHIN SPORT THIS IS NO DIFFERENT

- Sports organisations are responsible for disciplinary measures, but it is also **crucial to cooperate** with law enforcement and criminal justice authorities.
- Civil society, including academia and the private sector, also have a role to play in **promoting a culture of integrity within sports**.
- Creation of channel of **communication and dialogue** between sports organisations and governments is the only solution to tackle this issue.





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ABOUT IPACS VIDEO



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WHAT IPACS DOES

Workshops – educational activities for sports organisations, including NOCs, on good governance

Outreach to athletes – direct engagement with athletes' representatives to encourage their engagement

Specialised work through the Task Forces and Working Group – regular meetings that result in concrete outputs

Advocacy – highlighting the importance of anti-corruption efforts in sport at high-level settings such as the United Nations

The IPACS Annual General Conference – the largest event of the year, bringing together the whole IPACS community to take stock of progress



TASK FORCE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE

Promoting the implementation of good governance measures within sport organisations from a comprehensive and holistic approach

Areas of expertise include:

- Procurement of infrastructure and associated services in major sports events
- Prevention and management of conflict of interests
- Integrity in the awarding of major sport events
- Promotion of good governance – holistic approach



GOOD GOVERNANCE BENCHMARK



A TRANSPARENCY

- A1** — The organisation makes public its Statutes, rules and regulations.
- A2** — The organisation makes public an explanation of its organisational structure including staff, officials, committee structures and other relevant decision-making groups.
- A3** — The organisation makes public its vision, mission, values and strategic objectives.
- A4** — The organisation makes public a list of all its member organisations, with appropriate information for each.
- A5** — The organisation makes public details of officials on its governing body with biographical information.
- A6** — The organisation makes public an annual activity report, including institutional information, and main events reports.
- A7** — The organisation makes public annual financial reports following external audit.
- A8** — The organisation makes public the allowances and financial benefits of officials on its governing body, commissions and senior executives.
- A9** — The organisation makes public the agenda of its General Assembly with relevant documents (before) and minutes (after) with procedure for members to add items to agenda.
- A10** — The organisation makes public a summary of reports/decisions taken during meetings of governing body and commissions, as well as all other important decisions of the organisation.

B INTEGRITY

- B1** — The organisation recognises the IOC Code of Ethics and/or has its own Code of Ethics with designated responsibility for ensuring implementation.
- B2** — The organisation has anti-doping rules which comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and designated responsibility for ensuring implementation.
- B3** — The organisation complies with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (and/or national regulations where applicable).
- B4** — The organisation has confidential reporting mechanisms, including for “whistle-blowers” with a protection scheme for individuals coming forward.
- B5** — The organisation provides for appropriate investigation of incidents affecting sports integrity.
- B6** — The organisation makes public all decisions regarding breaches of rules or codes including sanctions, as well as pending cases where permitted.
- B7** — The organisation has programmes in place regarding safeguarding all persons in, or dealing with the organisation, from harassment and abuse.
- B8** — The organisation is compliant with applicable laws regarding data protection and takes measures to ensure IT security.
- B9** — The governing body of the organisation has committed to a policy of zero tolerance for unethical behaviour.
- B10** — The organisation has adopted an anti-corruption Code of Conduct or policy.

C DEMOCRACY

- C1** — The organisation elects the President and a majority of members of the governing body.
- C2** — The organisation has rules on campaigning to ensure election candidates can campaign on a balanced footing including opportunity for candidates to present their vision/programmes.
- C3** — Election process takes place with secret ballot under a clear procedure/ regulation and independent supervision.
- C4** — The organisation makes public all open positions for elections and non-staff appointments, including the process for candidates and full details of the roles, job descriptions, required skills and experience, application deadlines and assessment.
- C5** — The organisation has established and makes public eligibility rules for candidates for election/appointment together with due diligence assessment.
- C6** — The organisation has term limits for elected officials.
- C7** — The organisation provides for the representation of all key stakeholders (including “active” athletes as defined in the Olympic Charter) in its committee structures and other relevant decision-making groups.
- C8** — The organisation has conflict-of-interest rules identifying actual, potential and perceived conflicts, with exclusion of members with an actual conflict from decision-making.
- C9** — The organisation has a programme for promoting gender equality and diversity in and through sports.
- C10** — The organisation has programmes designed to ensure that the members function in accordance with all Codes of Ethics recognised by the organisation.

D DEVELOPMENT & SOLIDARITY

- D1** — The organisation has a programme in place to determine transparent allocation of resources in declared development objectives.
- D2** — Information is published on financial redistribution activity for main stakeholders, including figures.
- D3** — The organisation has established a monitoring / audit process for the use of distributed funds for development purposes.
- D4** — The organisation respects principles of sustainable development, in particular regard for the environment.
- D5** — The organisation has social responsibility and participation programmes targeting disadvantaged areas.
- D6** — The organisation has education programmes (see also D7 on integrity) and provides assistance to coaches, judges, referees, athletes and others as appropriate.
- D7** — The organisation has put in place integrity awareness/education programmes.
- D8** — The organisation has legacy programmes to assist communities in which events are hosted.
- D9** — The organisation has anti-discrimination rules.
- D10** — The organisation dedicates appropriate resources to inclusive sport, including disciplines for those with a disability.

E CHECKS & BALANCES / CONTROL MECHANISMS

- E1** — The organisation has established an ethics committee with independent representation.
- E2** — The organisation has an audit committee that is independent from its governing body.
- E3** — The organisation has control mechanisms and external financial audit including some anti-corruption specific measures.
- E4** — The organisation conducts risk assessment including corruption-related risks.
- E5** — The organisation has adopted rules which comply with competition law / anti-trust legislation in eligibility of athletes and sanctioning of events.
- E6** — The organisation observes open tenders for major commercial and procurement contracts (other than event bidding).
- E7** — Decisions can be challenged through internal appeal mechanisms with final recourse to an appropriate independent body ensuring the right to a fair trial.
- E8** — The organisation exercises due diligence and effective risk management in bidding requirements, presentation, assessment and allocation of main events.
- E9** — Awarding of main events follows an open and transparent process.
- E10** — The organisation has procedures for assessing third parties (protection against external risks), such as clients, service providers, intermediaries, subcontractors, etc.

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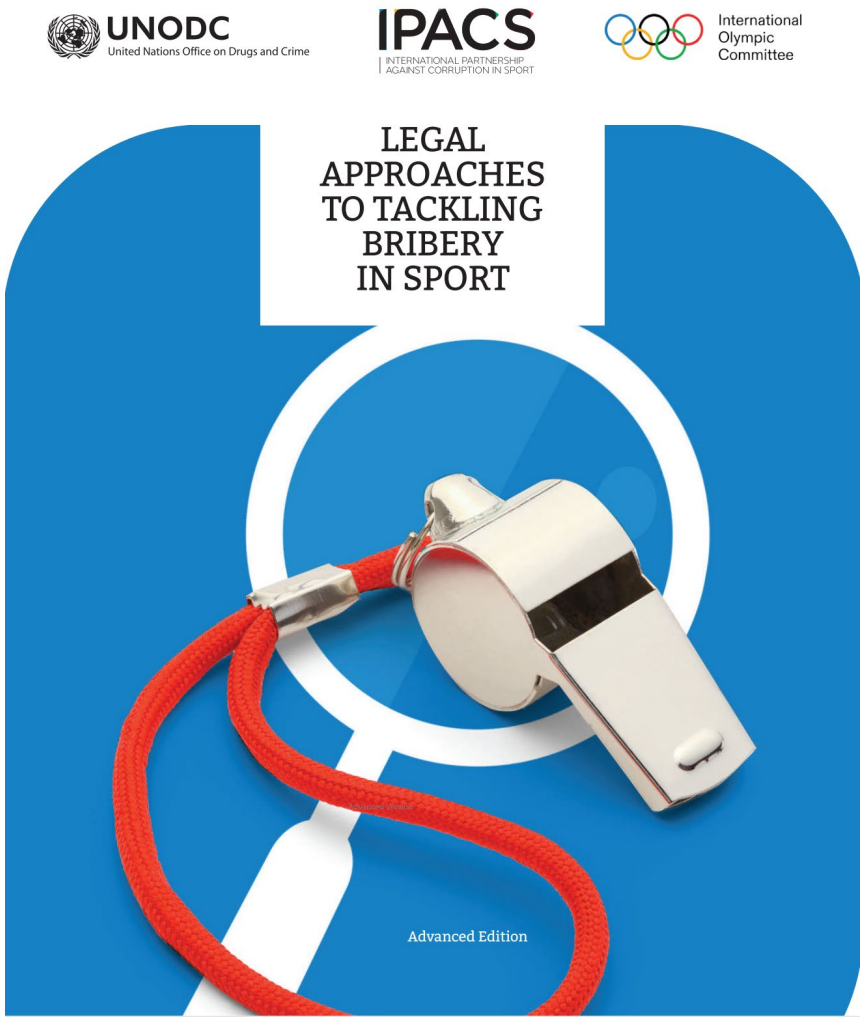
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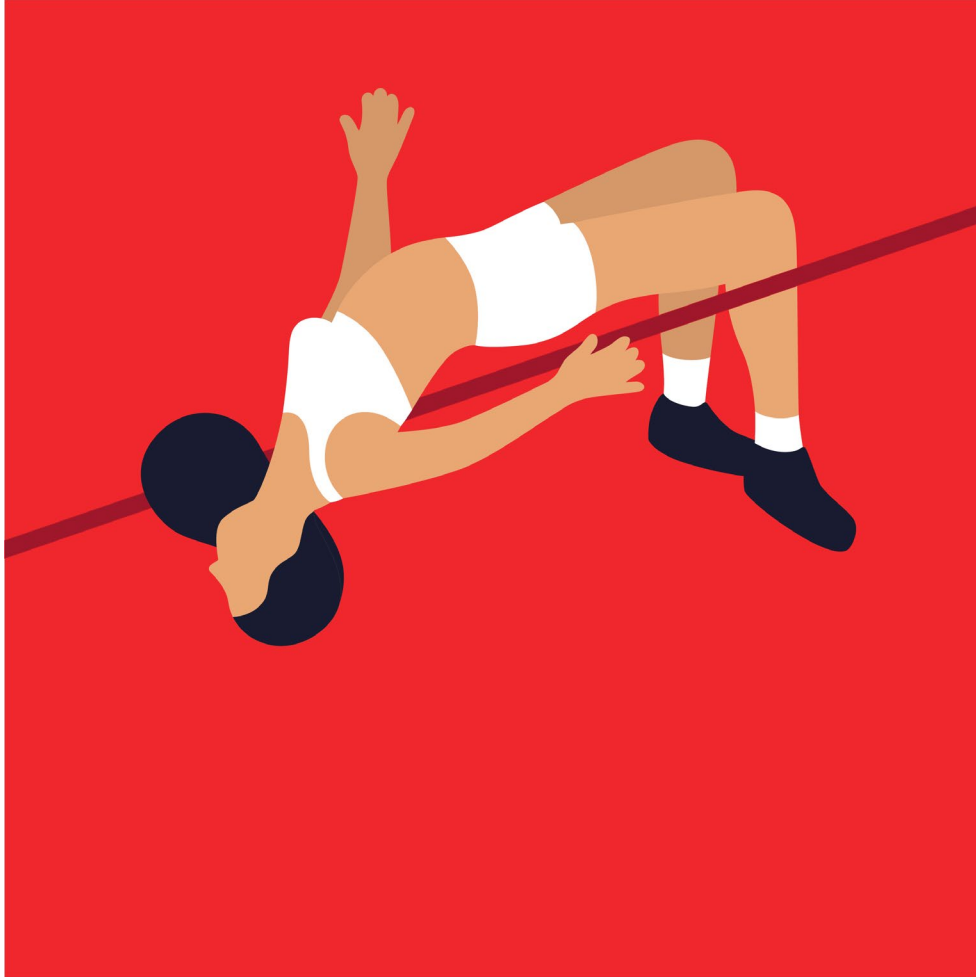
Strengthening cooperation between sports organisations, criminal justice and law enforcement authorities

- A global network to tackle corruption in sport
- Enhances cooperation
- Exchange of information and good practices
- Beneficiaries:
 - I. National criminal justice authorities
 - II. Sports organisations

SOME TOOLS ALREADY AVAILABLE



SOME CHALLENGES



- Corruption in sports is **seen as low risk and high reward** by criminals
- **Limited knowledge** about the scope of the consequences of corruption in sports
- The **complexity** of corruption schemes
- **Diverse national legal frameworks** - Different rules and procedures for sports investigations
- **Lack of a network or global mechanism for effective and efficient cooperation** between sports organizations and criminal justice authorities for the secure exchange of information.
- **Limited resources** to invest in anti-corruption measures

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND CORRUPTION IN SPORT – NEW IPACS WORKING GROUP



Some initial tasks of the Working Group:

- Explore the risks that AI could present in terms of corruption, specifically within sports, e.g.:

- Facilitate acts of corruption
- Undermining of institutional Governance
- Manipulation of data
- Deepfakes and misinformation
- Algorithmic Bias and Discrimination

- Explore how AI could be used as a tool to prevent and investigate such corruption, e.g.:

- Enhances prediction, monitoring and detection
- Improved transparency and governance
- Promoting objectivity
- Education and awareness raising



WHY DOES THIS MATTER AND HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE



- IPACS is a good example of how **diverse actors can cooperate effectively**
- IPACS is a shared platform that allows for building **trust and collaboration**
- You can contribute to strengthening **prevention through education** with the support of IPACS tools, and their dissemination
- You can contribute by **raising awareness** on the consequences of corruption and promoting **accountability**
- You can help promote a **culture of integrity** and anticorruption within the sport

TOOLS AND SUPPORT



Don't forget your tools



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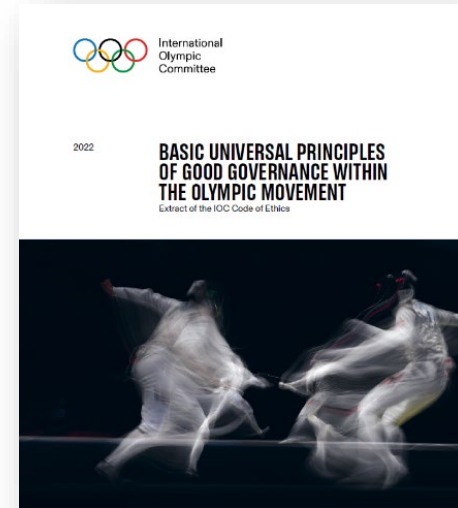
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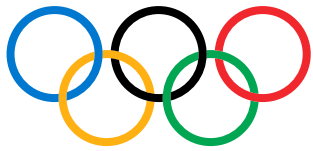


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