

Introduction:

Swimming Australia (SAL) through its Gambling, Betting and Match Fixing Policy and education plan, aims to ensure that our core values, good reputation, and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained.

Swimming Australia recognises that betting is a legitimate pursuit, however illegal or fraudulent betting is not. Fraudulent betting on sport and the associated match-fixing is an emerging and critical issue globally, for sport, the betting industry and governments alike.

"Sport is in danger. It is not about the Olympics, it's not about the Games, it's about sport in general" (Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee, March 2011).

Swimming Australia, its Member Organisations and major partners have a major obligation to address the threat of match-fixing and the corruption that flows from that.

Swimming Australia and its Member Organisations have a zero tolerance for illegal gambling and match-fixing.

What is Match-Fixing?

By definition, match-fixing involves the manipulation of an outcome or contingency by competitors, teams, sports agents, support staff, referees and officials and venue staff.

What does that mean?

Match-fixing includes the deliberate fixing of the result of a contest, an occurrence or points spread within a contest, deliberate underperformance (tanking), withdrawal, an officials deliberate misapplication of the rules of the contest, interference with the play or playing surface, or abuse of insider information to support a bet in place.

Match-fixing is usually for financial gain, made from gambling on sport.

Why is this an issue in Australian Sport and for Swimming Australia?

The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) stated that Australian sport was at risk of corruption by organised crime.

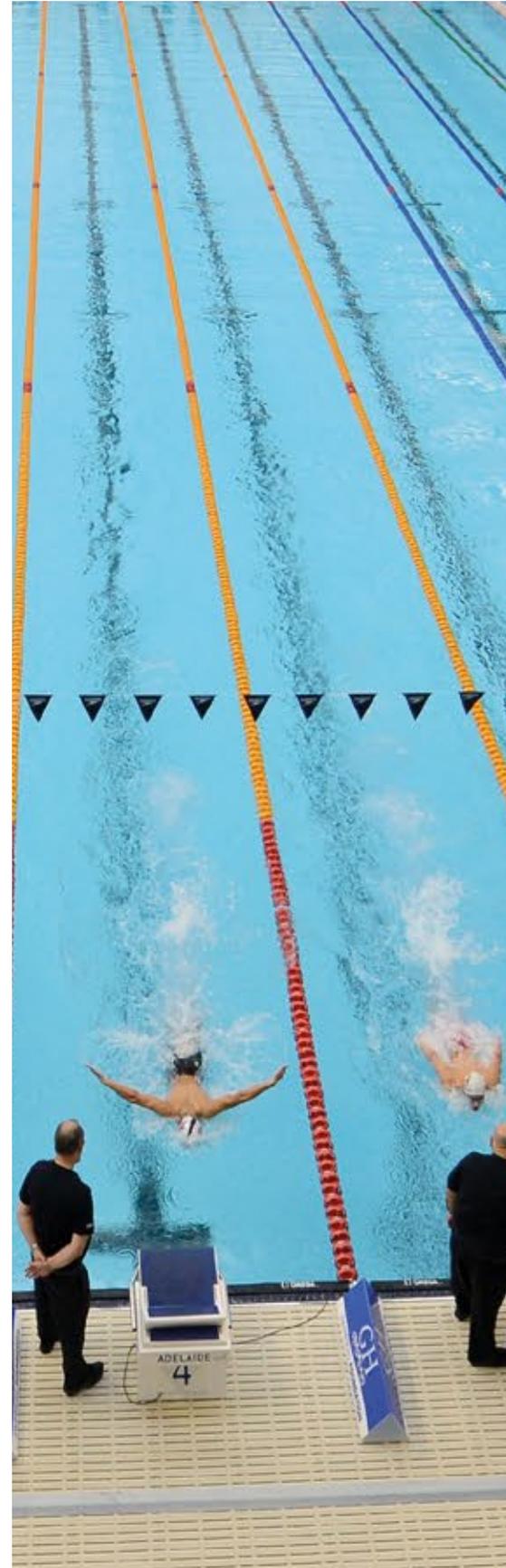
Australian sport is no longer protected by geographical isolation. Developments in technology have exposed Australian sports, athletes and officials and the public to the international marketplace. In turn, Australian sport has been exposed to greater threats from organised crime.

Given the growth of sports betting and the increasing ability of organised crime syndicates to wager significant sums of money based on inside information, all associations with athletes are increasingly valuable. This means that all stakeholders are at risk.

Who is at risk of being targeted ... and who does this policy apply to?

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Team support staff
- Directors of SAL and member organisations
- Employees of SAL and member organisations
- Volunteers
- Technical officials at SAL conducted events
- Anyone holding an accreditation pass with access to the competition zone at SAL conducted events

Some people are at higher risk of being affected than others. For this reason, the Policy applies specifically to a subset of all coaches for example. Please also refer to SAL's full Gambling, Betting and Match Fixing to determine if the Policy directly applies to you.



To keep swimming clean, follow the Code of Conduct:

Be Smart: know the rules

- You must know Swimming Australia's sports betting integrity rules

Be Safe: never bet on your own sport

- Never bet on yourself, your opponents or on swimming; and make sure your family, friends and any associates follow the same rules

Be Careful: never share sensitive information

- You will have access to privileged information that is not available to the general public – never discuss with anyone

Be Clean: never fix an event

- Always compete to the best of your ability – never fix a race

Be Open: tell someone if you are approached

- If you hear something suspicious; someone approaches you; offers your money or favours; or threatens you – REPORT IT

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Examples of Code Violations:

Fixing an event or competition

- Deliberately: false starting, getting disqualified, underperforming
- Offering a gift or reward to influence the outcome or conduct of an event or competition
- Accepting a gift or reward for influencing the outcome or conduct of an event or competition

Using Insider Information

- Betting on your own event or an event in which you have an athlete competing
- Sharing sensitive information (that is not in the public domain) with others that could be used for betting purposes ie. injured athlete, relay order
- Instructing someone else to place a bet on a result that they directly or indirectly can have an influence on

Failure to report

- Not informing Swimming Australia of any activities that you believe are against the rules

What are the consequences of match-fixing?

Match-fixing threatens one of the core concepts of sport, which is that the result is uncertain. Match-fixing can undermine the integrity of swimming and of all sports.

If you attempt to fix an event or competition, disclose insider information or fail to report it when you know someone that has, it is likely you will never be involved in swimming again, and may even serve jail time.

What can happen if you try to match-fix?

- Loss of sponsorship
- Loss of revenue
- Loss of fans
- Loss of trust
- Life bans
- Significant fines
- Criminal convictions

Get educated

Swimming Australia's full policy can be found:
<http://www.swimming.org.au/policies-and-procedures.html>

All Relevant Persons under the policy (outlined above), are required to undertake match-fixing education. The National Integrity of Sport Unit (NISU) at the Office for Sport has developed an online Match-Fixing Education Program. Follow this link to get educated
<http://elearning.sport.gov.au/>

And KEEP SPORT HONEST

