

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FISA AND THE ROWING COMMUNITY TO PROTECT ATHLETES, COACHES, OFFICIALS AND ENSURE FAIR COMPETITION. FISA WANTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT COMPETITION MANIPULATION IN ROWING.**

**Competition Manipulation** is when an athlete, official or support personnel cheat to remove the unpredictability of a competition. FISA has active integrity policies with regards to [safeguarding](#) and [anti-doping](#) to protect our athletes and promote a level playing field for those who are competing. The manipulation of sports competitions is nothing new, but in recent years, it has become a more prominent concern. FISA and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) are committed to fighting this threat to the integrity of our sport.

Although rowing is currently at a low risk from the threats of competition manipulation, we must still take preventive measures. These measures include obligations and rules. They apply to athletes, coaches and officials and any other accredited persons like an athletes' entourage and support teams that have an accreditation at any FISA event.

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## **AWARENESS RAISING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

The IOC launched the educational campaign "[Be True, Be you, Believe in Sport](#)". FISA has joined this campaign to promote preventing competition manipulation initiatives by sharing its educational measures with the rowing community and further collaborating with the IOC:

**BE TRUE**  
**BE YOU**  
**BELIEVE IN**  
**ROWING**

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## WHAT IS COMPETITION MANIPULATION?

**Competition Manipulation** is when an athlete, official, support personnel or any accredited person manipulate competition(s) to remove the unpredictability of a competition. Below is a non-exhaustive list of the main aspects:

- A **betting prohibition**. Any accredited person is not allowed to bet on World Rowing events, their own sports competition and/or any other multi-sports event(s) in which they are participating.
- **Inside information**. Inside information relating to any competition such as competition strategies, or medical information of athletes is non-public information a person knows due to his or her position in relation to a sport or competition. This information can be used for betting related competition manipulation. Sharing inside information through social media is also prohibited.
- **Match-fixing**. Competition manipulation is any intentional alteration of a competition, usually by underperforming. Reasons can be to win money through sports betting or to ensure that another person (who may have been offered a bribe) meets their goal. For example, underperforming in a C final so another crew finishes higher to secure funding or money.

### VIDEOS

- What is manipulation of competitions?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=8&v=0T66pB1V4Q8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=0T66pB1V4Q8&feature=emb_logo)

- Why people do it?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAFJlcrsKdw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAFJlcrsKdw&feature=emb_logo)

## **FISA CODE ON THE PREVENTION OF MANIPULATION OF COMPETITIONS**

The Official code of conduct is found in the [FISA Rulebook](#). The FISA code of Ethics is described in article 59. Article 60 and appendix 9 deal specifically with the Manipulation of Competition and Betting. FISA follows the [IOC Code of Ethics](#) which includes the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions.

## EDUCATIONAL & LEARNING TOOLS

The following learning tools are available

1. **Code of Conduct.** Is the communication tool for the Rules and an easy explanation in a graphic way of the key and basic aspects around manipulation of competitions.

<https://www.olympic.org/prevention-competition-manipulation/believe-in-sport>

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**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**NEVER** bet on regattas or the Olympic Games.

**NEVER** manipulate a competition and always do your best.

**NEVER** share inside information.

**ALWAYS** report an activity to manipulate the results or any suspicious activity:

[www.olympic.org/integrityhotline](http://www.olympic.org/integrityhotline)

For more information go to:

[www.olympic.org/believeinsport](http://www.olympic.org/believeinsport)

2. **E-Learning.** E-learning on the prevention of the manipulation of competitions is a 10-15-minute e-learning course available in 11 languages with a self-taught feature. It is available on the IOC Athlete365 platform:

<https://www.olympic.org/athlete365/courses/preventing-competition-manipulation>

It consists of a competition manipulation learning course including audio-visual contents, ten question quizzes and a certificate.

3. **Other tools for National Rowing Federations.** The Believe in Sport Campaign's Toolbox web page offers almost 30 educational tools and materials including the BELIEVE IN SPORT APP, videos, PowerPoint templates, posters, flyers and role playing activities which can be used by FISA's member federations to promote preventing competition manipulation within their communities:

<https://www.olympic.org/athlete365/competition-manipulation>

The toolbox user guide is available to have more information about the educational tools and how to strategically target your audience with the most effective educational materials: <https://d2g8uwgn11fzhj.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/11163754/IOC-Toolbox-for-action-Jan21.pdf>

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## WHAT YOU CAN NOT DO

Athletes, Coaches, Officials and/or any other accredited persons at FISA events:

- **Must not** bet on your own sport or on any other sport competitions.
- **Must not** to manipulate a competition.
- **Must not prohibited** to share inside information.
- **Must** always report any activity to manipulate the results or any suspicious activity.

## **REPORTING (INTEGRITY HOTLINE)**

[Article 61](#) describes the procedure for reporting:

Article 61 – Right of Complaint Any party claiming to have a valid complaint in relation to Art. 59 and Art. 60 concerning a party mentioned in Art. 57 may submit it to the Executive Committee or, in a case involving a member of the Executive Committee, to the IOC Ethics Commission. The Executive Committee has the authority to make decisions on all cases except cases involving members of the Executive Committee, in which case the IOC Ethics Commission has the authority to decide. The relevant authority may make any decision it deems appropriate and the decision may be published.

Contact details of the FISA Executive Committee can be found here:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/about-fisa/council/>

The IOC Integrity and Compliance Hotline can be found here:

<https://ioc-secure.integrityline.org/index.php?action=reportIncident&subaction=showTreeElement>

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Your identity will not be disclosed to persons beyond those responsible for investigating your report, without explicit consent. Any person can request to stay anonymous and such request will be respected by FISA. Concerns can also be discussed without making an official report.

## **GETTING INFORMATION**

If you want to get more information or discuss concerns without making a report, please contact Yihuan Chang, FISA Development Manager:

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## **INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM (IBIS)**

IOC makes use of the Integrity Betting Intelligence System (IBIS). This system monitors bets at international events including rowing events. If an irregular pattern is detected, the information is shared with the IOC and FISA with the support of national and international police forces, including INTERPOL. FISA can decide if an irregular pattern should be further investigated. Consequently, disciplinary action can be taken by FISA. In addition, a case may be subject to criminal law as betting-related match-fixing is a crime in some countries. You can find more information about IBIS [here](#).

## **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

At some World Rowing Events, FISA will organise activities to raise awareness of competition manipulation among the athletes, coaches, umpires and other stakeholders.

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