

Illegal betting, Corruption and Organized Crime in Sport

OVERVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONTEXT

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Players from a Sydney club in Australia's top football (soccer) league were arrested in May 2024 accused of deliberately getting yellow cards and giving away penalties at the behest of a South American criminal. The scheme involved players in the competition including a New Zealand Olympian, Australian and Mexican nationals, and a Colombian cartel



Key partnerships





Operating Environment – landscape and context

- UNODC Global Report on Corruption in Sport (2023) addresses the staggering scale, manifestation and complexity of corruption and criminal networks in sport at national and international levels.
- Rapidly evolving environment increased global interest member protection (abuse) issues / sophisticated doping methodologies, emerging technologies, corruption.
- Commodities illicit drugs, PEDs, people and sport (ie betting markets).
- Sport exploited for profit and international profile.
- Rapid rise of women's sport.
- Increasing profile / investment in sport increase in vulnerability and threats posed by criminal entities seeking to profit.

Critical – implementing frameworks and worldwide partnerships developing a protective ecosystem to protect the integrity of sport.



Our role as an operational agency

- Law Enforcement Partnerships Program
- Operational & Strategic Intelligence
- Sports Wagering and Competition Manipulation focusam
- Pacific Engagement Strategy



