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## **ANTI-CORRUPTION REGULATIONS**

*It is essential that the outcome of sporting competitions be based entirely on the competing merits of the participants. Any form of corruption that might undermine public confidence in the integrity of a sporting contest is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and must be eradicated. Table Tennis England has adopted these regulations to prohibit conduct that may affect improperly the outcome of its competitions and to establish a mechanism of enforcement and sanction for those who, through corrupt conduct, prejudice the integrity of the sport of table tennis.*

### **1 APPLICATION AND SCOPE**

- 1.1 These regulations shall apply to all participants in a competition, each of whom shall be automatically bound by, and be required to comply with, these regulations by virtue of such participation.
- 1.2 It is the personal responsibility of participants to make themselves aware of these regulations including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a breach of the regulations and to comply with those requirements.
- 1.3 Participants should be aware that conduct prohibited under these regulations may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations and they must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.
- 1.4 Participants submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Committee to hear and determine charges brought by Table Tennis England and to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Right of Appeal to determine any appeal from a Disciplinary Committee decision.
- 1.5 By participation in a competition, participants shall be deemed to have agreed for the purposes of applicable data protection laws and other laws, and for all other purposes, to have consented to the collection, processing, disclosure or any other use of information relating to their activities (including, without limitation, personal information) to the extent permitted under these regulations and shall, if required, confirm such agreement in writing.
- 1.6 Participants shall be bound by these regulations until a date 12 months after their last participation or assistance in a competition, and shall continue to be so bound in respect of their participation or assistance in competitions taking place before that date.

### **2 BREACHES OF REGULATIONS**

The following conduct shall constitute breaches of these regulations, whether effected directly or indirectly:

#### **2.1 Betting**

- 2.1.1 Participation in, support for, or promotion of, any form of betting related to a competition including betting with another person on the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of such competition.
- 2.1.2 This regulation applies to any form of betting related to a competition in which the person is participating, that is otherwise taking place in the participant's sport or that is taking place in another sport at a competition in which the person is participating.

## **2.2 Manipulation of Results**

- 2.2.1 Fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise improperly influencing or being a party to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise improperly influence, the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of a competition.
- 2.2.2 Ensuring or seeking to ensure the occurrence in a competition of a particular incident which to the participant's knowledge, is the subject of betting and for which he or she or another person expects to receive or has received a benefit.
- 2.2.3 Failing in return for a benefit (or legitimate expectation of a benefit, whether or not such benefit is in fact given or received) to perform to the best of one's abilities in a competition.

## **2.3 Corrupt Conduct**

- 2.3.1 Accepting, offering, agreeing to accept or offer, any bribe or other benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a benefit), whether or not such benefit is in fact given or received) to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise to influence improperly the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of a competition.
- 2.3.2 Providing, offering, giving, requesting or receiving any gift or benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a benefit, whether or not such benefit is in fact given or received) in circumstances that the participant might reasonably have expected could bring him or her or the sport into disrepute.

## **2.4 Misuse of Inside Information**

- 2.4.1 Using inside information for betting purposes or otherwise in relation to betting.
- 2.4.2 Disclosing inside information to any person with or without benefit where the participant might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure in such circumstances could be used in relation to betting.

## **2.5 Other Breaches**

- 2.5.1 Except as provided in 2.5.2, any attempt by a participant, or any agreement by a participant with any other person, to engage in conduct that would culminate in the commission of any breach of these regulations shall be treated as though a breach had been committed, whether or not such attempt or agreement in fact resulted in such breach.
- 2.5.2 There shall be no offence under these regulations where the participant renounces his or her attempt or agreement prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the attempt or agreement.
- 2.5.3 Knowingly assisting, covering up or otherwise being complicit in any breach of regulations 2.1-2.4 committed by a participant.
- 2.5.4 Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a participant to commit a breach of regulations 2.1-2.4.
- 2.5.5 Failing to disclose to Table Tennis England or other competent authority (without undue delay) full details of any approaches or invitations received by the participant to engage in conduct or incidents that would amount to a breach of these regulations.
- 2.5.6 Failing to disclose to Table Tennis England or other competent authority (without undue delay) full details of any incident or other matter coming to the attention of the participant that may evidence a breach under these regulations by a third party, including (without limitation) approaches or invitations that have been received by any other party to engage in conduct that would amount to a breach of these regulations.

- 2.5.7 Failing without compelling justification to cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by Table Tennis England or other competent authority in relation to a possible breach of this regulation, including failing to provide any information and/or documentation requested by Table Tennis England or by the competent competition authority that may be relevant to such investigation.
- 2.6 The following shall not be relevant to the determination of a breach of these regulations:
- 2.6.1 whether or not the participant was participating, or a participant assisted by another participant was participating, in the specific event or competition;
  - 2.6.2 the nature or outcome of any bet at issue;
  - 2.6.3 the outcome of the event or competition on which the bet was made;
  - 2.6.4 whether or not the participant's efforts or performance (if any) in any event or competition at issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
  - 2.6.5 whether or not the results in the event or competition at issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question.

### **3 INVESTIGATING A BREACH**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may appoint an investigator to conduct an investigation into the activities of any participant who is alleged or suspected to have committed a breach of these regulations.
- 3.2 Such investigation may be conducted in conjunction with any relevant competent national or international authorities (including criminal, administrative, professional and/or judicial authorities) and all participants must co-operate fully with such investigations.
- 3.3 As part of any such investigation, the participant under investigation and any witnesses shall give the investigator all reasonable assistance including promptly supplying signed statements, making themselves available for interview, answering any questions and supplying documentary or other information.
- 3.4 Any interview required shall be at a time and place to be determined by ETTA and the relevant participant shall be given reasonable notice in writing of the requirement to attend. Interviews shall be recorded and the participant shall be entitled to have legal counsel and an interpreter present.
- 3.5 The investigator shall make a written report which shall include any documentary evidence and a recommendation whether there is a case to answer.
- 3.6 Table Tennis England may at its discretion temporarily suspend any investigation to avoid prejudice to and/or to give precedence to, investigations conducted by the relevant authorities into the same or related matters.

### **4 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 If a participant admits a breach of these Regulations or if, as a result of an investigation or otherwise, the CEO confirms a recommendation that a participant has a case to answer in respect to a possible breach of these regulations, the matter shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for action in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

### **5 SANCTIONS**

- 5.1 In addition to any of the sanctions prescribed in the Disciplinary Regulations which may be imposed on a participant by the Disciplinary Committee, Table Tennis England shall have power to annul the participant's results in the relevant competition with all consequences, including the forfeiture of titles, medals, computer ranking points and prize and/or appearance money.

## 6 APPEALS

- 6.1 An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be made in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

### ANNEX 1: DEFINITIONS

**"Benefit"** means the direct or indirect receipt or provision (as relevant) of money or money's worth (other than prize money and/or contractual payments to be made under endorsement, sponsorship or other contracts).

**"Betting"** means making, accepting, or laying a wager of money or other form of financial speculation and shall include, without limitation, activities commonly referred to as sports betting such as fixed and running odds, totalisator/toto games, live betting, betting exchange, spread betting and other games offered by sports betting operators.

**"Competition"** means an event consisting of one or more matches.

**"Table Tennis England"** means, the trading name of The English Table Tennis Association Limited.

**"Inside Information"** means any information relating to a competition that participants possess by virtue of their position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding competitors, conditions, tactical considerations and any other aspect of the competition, but does not include information that is already published or is a matter of public record, that is readily acquired by an interested member of the public is that is disclosed according to the regulations governing the relevant competition.

**"Participant"** means an athlete; a coach, trainer, manager, representative, agent, team staff member, official, medical or para-medical person, family member or any other person employed by or working with an athlete participating in a competition; an umpire, referee, delegate, jury member, competition official, team or delegation member and any other accredited person.

**"Person"** means a natural person, a body corporate, an unincorporated association and a partnership (whether or not any of them have separate legal personality).