



# MATCH FIXING REGULATION

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## **CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION**

### **Article 1: Definition**

- 1.1. Definition: Match-fixing refers to any effort or attempt, directly or indirectly, to manipulate the results or other aspects of a football game using illegal means, such as corruption or external influence, with the objective of distorting the integrity or legitimacy of the game.

### **Article 2: Objective**

- 2.1. This regulation establishes rules and regulations to prevent and combat match-fixing in official football competitions sanctioned by FFTL;
- 2.2. Ensuring the integrity of the game: The regulation provides clear guidance and preventive measures to avoid manipulation of results, ensuring that football matches are fair and honest;
- 2.3. Protecting the reputation of the football: By combating match-fixing, the regulation protects the image of football as a clean and respectable sport, earning the trust of the public, players, and sponsors;
- 2.4. Preventing illegal activities: Establishing regulations against result manipulation helps deter illegal activities such as corruption and illegal betting, which can undermine the integrity of sports and the community at large;
- 2.5. Promoting equality and justice: Regulations against match-fixing ensure that all teams have equal opportunities for success based on their performance and abilities, without unjust external intervention;
- 2.6. Reinforcing confidence in football: Through the effective implementation of measures to combat match-fixing, regulations increase confidence among participants and spectators in the sport, fostering an environment of fair and honest competition.

### **Article 3: Scope**

The scope of application for the regulation of match-fixing in football includes:

- 3.1. Official Competitions: The regulation applies to all official football competitions organized by the Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL), including national and international matches.
- 3.2. Participants: It applies to all individuals involved in football competitions, including players, coaches, referees, team officials, and other relevant personnel.
- 3.3. Match Officials: The regulation extends to match officials, such as referees and assistant referees, ensuring that they adhere to the principles of fair play and integrity.

- 3.4. Clubs and Teams: It applies to football clubs and teams participating in official competitions, holding them accountable for involvement in match-fixing activities.
- 3.5. Support Staff: This includes support staff associated with football clubs, such as medical teams, administrators, and technical staff.
- 3.6. Sponsors and Partners: Although not directly involved in the competitions, sponsors and partners associated with football events must adhere to ethical standards and support efforts to combat match-fixing.
- 3.7. Jurisdiction: The regulation may also have extraterritorial jurisdiction, meaning it could apply to individuals or entities involved in match-fixing activities outside the jurisdiction where the competition takes place, especially if they affect the integrity of the competition.
- 3.8. Overall, the regulation is developed with a broad scope, covering all aspects of football competitions and involving participants to ensure integrity and justice in the sport.
- 3.9. Other references that strengthen this regulation include the statutes of FFTL, AFC (Asian Football Confederation), FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association), Ethics and Disciplinary Codes of FFTL, AFC, FIFA, FIFA Football Laws of the Game, and National Club Licensing Regulations of AFC.

## **CHAPTER II: PROHIBITION, COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATION, AND PENALTIES**

### **Article 4: Prohibition**

- 4.1. Stakeholders, players, clubs, and individuals directly or indirectly involved in the football competition organized by FFTL are prohibited and banned from participating in match-fixing, including attempts, conspiracies, or direct involvement in activities that influence match outcomes.

### **Article 5: Complaints**

Submitting a complaint regarding match-fixing can be done through the following means:

- 5.1. Organizing Committee, stakeholders, players, clubs, and individuals directly or indirectly involved in football competitions organized by FFTL can lodge a complaint in writing to FFTL concerning any group or individual participating in match-fixing activities, including attempts, conspiracies, or direct involvement in activities influencing match outcomes.
- 5.2. Reporting to Competent Authorities: Individuals who have information or suspicions regarding match-fixing can report to the competent authority, such as FFTL (Timor-Leste Football Federation) or AFC (Asian Football Confederation), via email: [integrity@the-afc.com](mailto:integrity@the-afc.com)
- 5.3. Confidential Reporting Mechanism: Football organizations can establish a confidential reporting mechanism that allows players, coaches, officials, and other

individuals to report suspicions or evidence of match-fixing while ensuring their identity and safety.

- 5.4. Direct Contact with FFTL: Participants can directly contact the sports organization, such as FFTL, to report suspicions or activities related to match-fixing, with the hope that proper investigation will be initiated.
- 5.5. Contact with Regional and International Agencies: In situations where match-fixing has international implications, contact can be made with regional and international agencies, such as AFC (Asian Football Confederation; [integrity@the-afc.com](mailto:integrity@the-afc.com)), FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association), or other competent authorities.
- 5.6. Assistance for Victims or Witnesses: Individuals directly or indirectly affected by match-fixing can receive assistance from FFTL or AFC in the reporting and investigation process.
- 5.7. It is important to note that reporting match-fixing is not only about providing information but also about prevention and raising awareness of the negative impact of match-fixing within the sports community.
- 5.8. The Football Association of Timor-Leste, Organizing Committee, stakeholders, players, clubs, and individuals directly or indirectly involved in the football competition organized by FFTL may file written complaints with FFTL regarding any group or individual participating in match-fixing, including attempts, conspiracies, or direct involvement in activities that influence match outcomes.

## **Article 6: Investigation**

The investigation process of match-fixing may include the following steps:

- 6.1. Data and Evidence Collection: Initially, the investigation team will gather information, documents, and relevant evidence regarding suspected match-fixing, including betting activity, social communication, or financial transactions.
- 6.2. Information Analysis: The collected information will undergo detailed analysis, including the identification of suspicious patterns or anomalies in the behavior of players, officials, or other involved parties.
- 6.3. Interrogation and Interviews: The investigation team will conduct interrogations and interviews with players, coaches, officials, and other individuals directly or indirectly related to match-fixing, aiming to obtain additional information and clarification.
- 6.4. Collaboration with Police and Legal Authorities: In situations where match-fixing involves criminal activities, the investigation team will collaborate with the police and legal authorities to ensure that the investigation follows the law.

- 6.5. **Financial Audit:** Financial transactions and relevant financial activities will undergo auditing to demonstrate links or evidence of involvement in match-fixing.
- 6.6. **Recommendations and Follow-up Actions:** After completing the investigation, the investigation team will provide recommendations to relevant authorities regarding follow-up actions, including accusations, suspensions, bans, or legal proceedings.
- 6.7. The investigation team is committed to ensuring and conducting a fair, objective, and independent investigation to protect the integrity of sports.

## **Article 7: Penalties**

Penalties for match-fixing offenders in football may include rigorous measures such as:

- 7.1. **Suspension:** Individuals found guilty of match-fixing activities may be suspended from participating in football matches, including players, coaches, officials, or any other involved individuals.

Penalties:

7.1.1. For individuals, a ban from football activities ranging from two (2) to ten (10) years.

7.1.2. For clubs, a ban from participating in football competitions ranging from five (5) to ten (10) years.

- 7.2. **Life Ban:** In cases where strong evidence demonstrates serious involvement in match-fixing, a life ban may be imposed, meaning the individual is permanently prohibited from participating in football activities throughout their lifetime.

- 7.3. **Financial Fine:** In addition to other penalties, match-fixing offenders may face significant financial fines based on the severity or impact of their actions.

Penalties:

7.3.1. For individuals, fines ranging from five hundred dollars (\$500) to two thousand dollars (\$2000);

7.3.2. For clubs, fines ranging from five thousand dollars (\$5000) to fifty thousand dollars (\$50000).

- 7.4. **Loss of Titles or Prizes:** Clubs or teams found guilty of match-fixing may lose titles or prizes won in competitions, including league championships or cups, and may be deprived of financial rewards.

- 7.5. **Disqualification:** Clubs or teams involved in attempting or committing match-fixing actions may face disqualification from competitions in the respective season.

- 7.6. **Legal Proceedings:** Individuals caught and provided with strong evidence of their involvement in match-fixing may face legal proceedings with penalties prescribed by law.
- 7.7. **Rejection or Abandonment:** Individuals representing a club or themselves who refuse or abandon the process of investigation notified by FFTL or fail to provide information or evidence during the investigation process for any case will face penalties. They may be barred from participating in football activities for a minimum of ten years, or even a lifetime ban from football activities.

### **CHAPTER III: EDUCATION AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 8: Education and Awareness**

- 8.1. FFTL will implement awareness programs regarding the reasons and consequences of match-fixing for clubs, officials, and players in general meetings before competitions.

#### **Article 9: Final Provisions**

- 9.1. This regulation is ratified in Dili on the 13th day of March 2024, and approved at the FFTL Executive Committee meeting on the 13th day of March 2024.
- 9.2. This regulation shall come into effect immediately upon publication on the specified date.

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