

Sports Betting Integrity

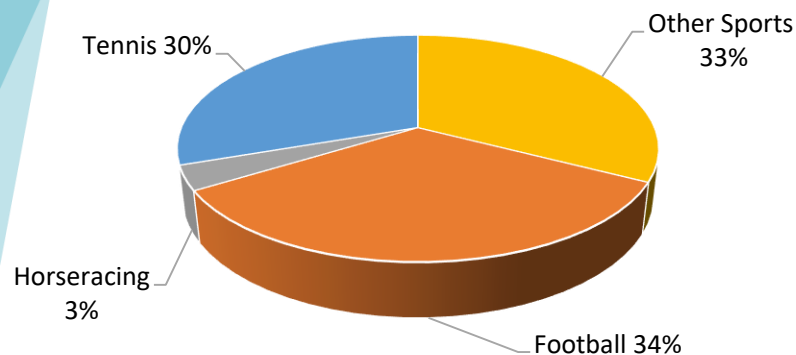
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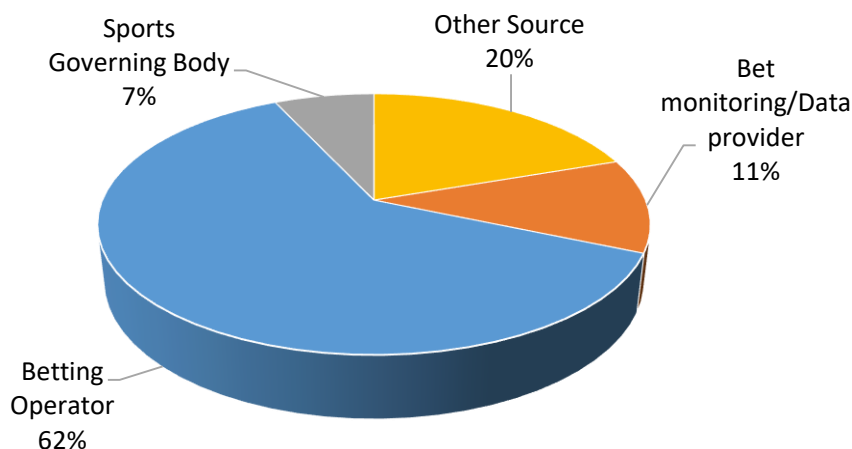
Reports to the SBIU

January – March 2018*

Which sports are being reported?



Who's reporting to us?



Sports Betting Integrity Action Plan 2018

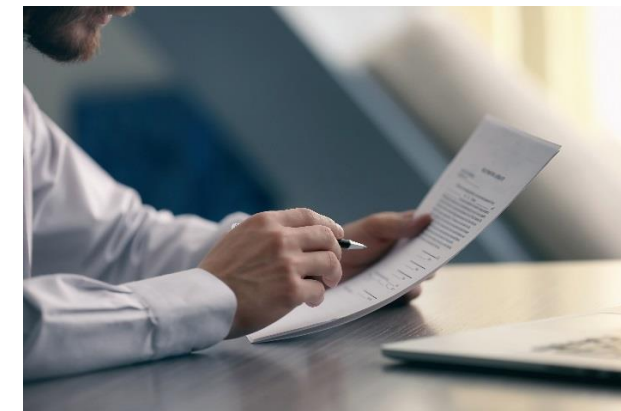
During the first quarter of the year we published the latest version of the [Sport and Sports Betting Integrity Action Plan \(SBI Action Plan\)](#). Since its inception in September 2015 the action plan has outlined Britain's approach to protecting the integrity of sport and sports betting. The plan sets out the collaborative efforts of sports governing bodies, law enforcement agencies, betting operators and government agencies in addressing the risks pertaining to sports and sports betting.

The plan helps to deter sports betting corruption, guard against match fixing as well as uphold Britain's sports and sports betting's reputation. The plan not only works on a national level but also on an international level as it mirrors the objectives and approaches set out by the [Council of Europe's Macolin Convention](#) which Britain is due to sign later this year. The 2018 action plan has been amended to include relevant updates and new priorities.

Sports Betting Integrity Forum (SBIF)

The [Sports Betting Integrity Forum](#) met on the 7th of March. Items discussed included the proposal for ESSA to join the Forum, which was accepted. It was also agreed that the Forum would develop a Communications Strategy which would aim to publicise achievements and make better use of the SBIF website.

The annual SBIF workshop will be hosted at Doncaster Racecourse on 17 October 2018, details of which are due to be published in May. Members also discussed the findings of the first phase of the Risk Assessment and making sure integrity stakeholders were prepared for GDPR.



* This data is broadly consistent with previous quarters.

* The Gambling Commission will not provide further breakdown of these figures, as this may lead to the identification of individuals or events and hinder any ongoing or potential investigations.

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Where are these events taking place & who are we engaging with?

- Over 30 Non-GB countries
- Over 20 sports governing bodies
- Both national & international law enforcement agencies

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Integrity at Sporting Events

March saw us attend a number of different sporting events to further familiarise ourselves with the various procedures sports implement in order to maintain their integrity. One such event we attended was the Cheltenham race festival, which is one horseracing's flagship events. The visit allowed us to get a first-hand experience of how on course bookmakers operator at live racing events. We also met with a number of organisations such as the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) who outlined how they regulate horseracing at such a large scale event and ensure all its participants/members comply with their rules in order to uphold the integrity of British Horseracing. Other organisations we engaged with on the day included the Administration of Gambling on Track (AGT) who oversee the allocation of pitches to on-course bookmakers as well as ensure operators abide by the rules of licensed operators on racetracks.

We also attended the All England Open Badminton Championships held at the Arena Birmingham. Here we met with representatives from the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and were given a run through the organisation's operations when running an event of this nature from an integrity perspective.

Betting Integrity Programme Lead Lorraine Pearman accompanied Senior Compliance Officer Mandy Veti on a visit to Kinsley greyhound facilities to get a better understanding of how integrity is managed at the race track. The visit also gave Mandy and Lorraine the opportunity to discuss ideas for future collaboration between betting integrity and the compliance teams. Lorraine found the visit to Kinsley was extremely interesting and informative, with the family run team offering a full insight into the integrity procedures they have in place. Mandy and Lorraine are now looking at ways our two teams can contribute to both the delivery of the Commission's strategic objectives and the SBIF key priority of engaging with small and medium betting operators to raise awareness and share good practice related to betting integrity.

Gold Framework 2018

This quarter also saw the publication of the [Gold Framework](#) which is a joint collaborative effort from DCMS and UK Sport. The Gold Framework provides guidelines for the organisers of major sporting events (that are not resident to the UK) which facilitates the planning of the event from the bid process stage right through to the running of the event itself.

The Framework also provides guidance on integrity issues including match fixing/betting integrity concerns. Since our inception the SBIU have supported numerous major sporting events and the framework includes how we will continue to offer our support and advice in relation to betting integrity issues whether that be before, during or after the event has taken place.

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In The Media - SBIU Supported Cases

Matthew Hart Rugby Agent

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) registered rugby agent was found to have placed 1,476 bets using an online betting account registered in his name and he received the profits of the winning bets. The bets were placed on rugby union matches between January 2013 and July 2016. This contravened the RFU's rules which has prohibited registered rugby agents from betting on rugby union events since 2013. Matthew Hart has since being suspended by the RFU for 22 months as a result.

Wayne Shaw aka "piegate"

In September 2017 the former Sutton United goalkeeper Wayne Shaw was fined and banned for two months by the FA after breaching the FA's betting rules by purposely manipulating a football betting market during a FA cup match versus Arsenal. The betting operator Tabcorp UK Limited (trading name Sun Bets) had offered the novelty bet of Shaw eating a pie on camera. [A fine of £84,000 has being imposed on the operator by the Gambling Commission](#) after it was determined that the operator had failed to manage the risks in offering betting markets such as this one. As well as this the fine came as a result of the operator breaching it licensing conditions by allowing self-excluding customers to open duplicate accounts, thus allowing vulnerable people to gamble.

Bradley Wood (Lincoln City)

The footballer Bradley Wood has been banned from football for six years after intentionally fixing the player to be carded betting markets while playing for Lincoln city in the FA cup. Wood deliberately got himself yellow carded in Lincoln City's matches against Ipswich Town and Burnley which took place in January and February of 2017. It was discovered that several individuals that bet on Wood to be yellow carded were known to him. In total Wood was found guilty of committing 25 breaches of the FA's Integrity and betting rules.

