

Sports Betting Integrity

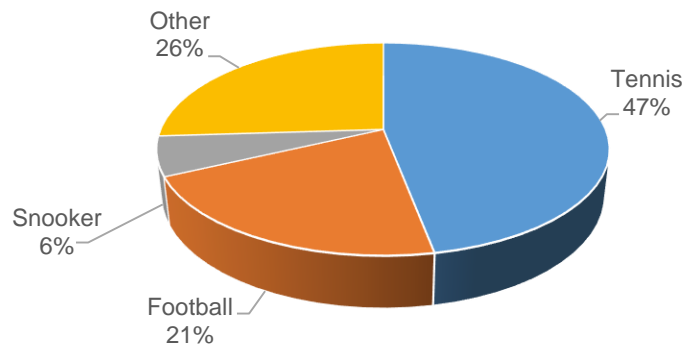
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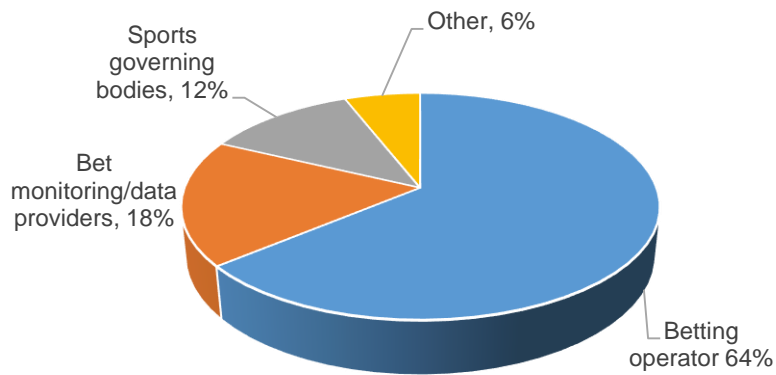
Reports to the SBIU

July – September 2017*

Which sports are being reported?



Who's reporting to us?



Sports Betting Integrity Forum Workshop

This last quarter saw us host the annual Sports Betting Integrity Forum (SBIF) Workshop along with our SBIF partners at Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea FC. The Forum, which is made up of the Commission, betting operators, sports governing bodies, law enforcement, prosecutors plus betting and player trade associations, is responsible for the delivery of the [Sport and Sports Betting Integrity Action Plan](#), which outlines Britain's strategic approach to address risks to the integrity of sport and sports betting.

We were delighted the Minister for Sport and Civil Society, [Tracey Crouch MP](#) was able to join us at the workshop. It was attended by a wide range of stakeholders including betting operators, individuals involved in sports governance roles, through to those responsible for education programmes, along with regulators, trade bodies and the Crown Prosecution Service.

A range of issues were covered throughout the day including; exploring the essential elements and key challenges faced when handling data amongst stakeholders. This was followed by a brief introduction to the [General Data Protection Regulations](#) due to come into force in 2018.

Delegates then had a choice to attend a number of sessions which included; the [International Olympic Committee](#) giving an insight into sport integrity investigations. An alternative session included promoting awareness and understanding of the misuse of inside information. The final session, delivered by [Sporting Chance](#), was aimed at raising awareness of problem gambling amongst sports professionals, the help available to them and its potential links to betting integrity.

More information about the workshop, including presentations from the day will be made available on the [SBIF website](#).



* 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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Tournament Support

As part of our ongoing work with a number of national sports governing bodies and international federations, we provided betting integrity tournament support to the [Athletics Integrity Unit \(AIU\)](#) for the IAAF World Championships London 2017, which took place from 4 – 13 August at the London Stadium.

This partnership enabled collaboration between the AIU and the Gambling Commission's [Sports Betting Intelligence Unit](#) to ensure any reports of suspicious or irregular betting activity related to the tournament were prioritised accordingly. We were pleased to confirm that no incidents of betting integrity problems were reported to the Commission during the Championships.

Tailored support was also provided to a number of other tournaments including; World Para Athletics Championships, The Open, Women's Cricket World Cup, ICC Champions Trophy and Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships.

Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement is essential to enabling us to share and acquire good practice, discuss emerging trends, engage in operational debriefs, as well as developing working relationships with relevant partners.

This quarter's engagement has included working with organisations such as; the Hong Kong Jockey Club, European Sports Security Association (ESSA), the Crown Prosecution Service, Border Force plus a number of other UK based and overseas organisations.

As part of this engagement, we have continued to play a significant role in the [Council of Europe's Copenhagen Group](#). A main aim of the group is to help implement the Macolin Convention and mobilise cooperation to protect betting integrity across Europe. On an operational level, this includes sharing of intelligence across jurisdictions, which has been initially focussed on major international tournaments, such as the IAAF World Championships.

