



THE BRITISH ATHLETES COMMISSION'S GUIDE TO RULES ON BETTING FOR ATHLETES - SUPPORTED BY BETFAIR

An Introduction to the BAC and Betfair partnership

The British Athletes Commission (BAC) is delighted to have been in partnership with Betfair since 2011 working to raise awareness among elite athletes in Olympic, Paralympic and other world class sports about betting related issues and the role you can play in preventing corruption in your sports.

This document outlines what the partnership is about as well as providing some basic information to help you as an athlete understand why it's important you know the rules that govern how you, or people you know, bet on your sport and where you can find out what those rules are.

What is the BAC/Betfair partnership about?

The BAC and Betfair partnership provides information and increased understanding among the elite athlete community about betting related issues. We are sharing experience and expertise in order to help.

Why understanding the rules on betting matters to every athlete

It is vitally important that you know and understand the rules around betting for your sport. Punishments for breaching betting related rules can be severe, including lengthy participation bans. Sophisticated technology in the legal and regulated online betting industry means that any breach of betting related rules can be detected and reported to the regulators of sport.

As an example, every transaction with Betfair is recorded and easily accessible to Betfair's Integrity team who have information sharing agreements with the regulators, such as the Gambling Commission in the UK.



Some words of advice from the BAC about betting

It you want to know the specific rules on betting for your sport you should contact someone in the senior management team of your National Governing Body (NGB) as the rules are different in every sport. In some cases your sport may not have any specific rules on betting so if in doubt the BAC advises that you should stick to these basic principles:

- If you're under 18 do not bet – it is illegal.
- Know the rules on betting for your sport – check before you bet.
- Never bet on yourself or an opponent – or an event you or your team is involved in.
- Do not encourage family and friends to bet on you – this could lead to problems as they may have privileged information.
- Be careful with privileged information only you may have – do not share it with anyone.
- Never fix an event for whatever reason - it's a crime.
- If someone approaches you and asks you to fix an event tell someone – and do it immediately.
- Do not risk it – betting operators trace all of your bets.
- Abide by the code on betting for your sport – and refer to it regularly to see if it has been updated.

What should I do if I have more questions, queries or concerns about this?

Both the BAC and your NGB are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns on anything to do with betting you should contact the BAC on **0203 126 4270** or via admin@britishathletes.org or alternatively a senior member of your NGB's management team.

Any contact with the BAC will be treated with complete confidentiality and we will advise you of how best to deal with your concern.

Remember, if in doubt ASK!