SPORT INTEGRITY UNIT

- Investigations Support
- Capacity Building
- Specialised Training
- Monitoring
- Whistleblowing
In the framework of its Sport Integrity Unit (SIU), the ICSS provides, upon request, support to various stakeholders including governments, law enforcement agencies and sport organisations in conducting complex investigations to protect sport within the scope of their respective national legislation and in line with international standards and norms.

The SIU has a focus on the identification of criminal networks involved in the transnational manipulation of sport’s results and competitions, sport betting fraud, human trafficking, abuses and other forms of crimes that might happen in the context of sport.
As a part of its efforts, SIU operates the global Sport Integrity Hotline for athletes, officials and the public, to be able to safely report allegations of misconduct, abuse and integrity violations in sport, making sure that no serious breach to the integrity of sport, including but not limited to violations of children’s rights, is ignored.

The Hotline is backed by an independent and third-party ethics management provider that operates a global 24/7/365 reporting hotline and case management system in over 220 languages.

The Hotline is a tool developed to support victims, witnesses or informants who might face difficulties accessing the available national or local reporting systems, due to fear or other adverse effects. Depending on the case, SIU provides assistance in case follow-up with relevant sport bodies and law enforcement agencies, both at the international and local levels, as well as connecting victims with the ICSS’ global network of pro-bono legal assistance resources.
Staffed by a team of senior experts in international law enforcement and sport integrity, the SIU is committed to prevention and countering breaches of integrity in sport, such as:

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SERVICES

Supported by an international network of investigators and sport integrity specialists, SIU works with different stakeholders to ensure the implementation of relevant mechanisms and the identification of risks that pose a threat to the integrity of sport, through the provision of the following services:

CUSTOMISED SPORT INTEGRITY HOTLINES

Upon request, SIU provides assistance to stakeholders, such as sport federations, leagues, clubs or sport governing bodies, in the construction and implementation of customised whistle-blowing hotlines, providing 24/7/365 monitoring with the provision of weekly case summaries and analysis of the reported cases.

The SIU uses state-of-the-art CLUE case management platform, a key software system used by most relevant international sporting and law enforcement organisations to manage cases, in line with the highest industry standards and data protection legislation.

ADVANCED TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The SIU provides capacity building activities and training to strengthen stakeholders’ abilities in conducting investigations and in raising awareness about the threats that could jeopardise the categories at risk. Such services can be provided both to law enforcement agencies, sport bodies and relevant professional sport leagues, encompassing the following core areas:
Upon official request from governments, law enforcement agencies and other authorised stakeholders, the SIU can deploy its experts to provide support in complex investigations, with a strategic focus on the identification of transnational organised criminal networks involved in the manipulation of international sport.

The SIU operates both a prevention-based and reactive investigative and analytical support capabilities against the current and emerging threats.

**INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT**

**SPORT BETTING MONITORING**

With the global sport betting appetite ever-increasing, the world of sport is attracting unwanted attention from organised crime groups, for the purposes of manipulating sport for illicit financial gain through sport betting fraud.

To combat this issue, the SIU can provide sport betting monitoring services, complimented by investigative, information and intelligence analysis and integrity alerts to safeguard sport, and to detect anomalies in the betting markets and the field of play.
ABOUT US

The International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) is an independent and non-profit organisation established in 2010 to contribute to the safeguarding of sport in terms of safety, security, integrity and good governance, while protecting the opportunities sport can generate in the socio-economic domain.

In the field of sport integrity, the ICSS is an active member of the UNESCO’s Working Group on Action 3 (Sport Integrity) of the Kazan Action Plan (KAP), the UNESCO’s Working Group on Action 3 of the KAP, the Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)’s Consultative Committee, the European Union’s Expert Group on Sport Integrity (XG Integrity), the Europol Platform for Experts, the European Parliament’s Intergroup on Sport, and has been an Official partner of European Week of Sport (EwoS) since its inception.

In 2018, the ICSS has incubated and co-founded the Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA), jointly with sports governing bodies, governments, anti-corruption NGOs, inter-governmental organisations and commercial partners.

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