



# Scottish Rugby

## Betting and Anti-Corruption Policy

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## FOREWORD

The benefits of participation in sport are widely recognised, not just in terms of health but in building confidence, teamwork and friendships. Scottish Rugby's Values of **Leadership, Engagement, Achievement, Enjoyment** and **Respect** apply across all areas of our sport, from mini rugby through to our international teams.

We all have a responsibility to look after the participants in our game, with their wellbeing and safety being at the centre of everything we do. Scottish Rugby's aim is that everyone who is involved with our sport has a positive experience and goes on to achieve their full potential both within the game and in life.

Scottish Rugby takes the potential impact of betting and corrupt practices on our sport extremely seriously. Inappropriate betting and corrupt practices may adversely affect the reputation of our game and can affect the health and wellbeing of all those involved. In view of this Scottish Rugby has adopted the attached Betting and Anti-Corruption Policy and the associated Regulation, SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption.

To support our Policy and Regulation, we will provide advice and guidance to players, clubs and to the volunteers who are the heartbeat of our game. We will also monitor best practice in this area and will, where necessary and appropriate, update our Policy and Regulation accordingly.

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## POLICY STATEMENT

Scottish Rugby considers that:

- inappropriate betting and corrupt practices affects fair sporting competition and may be detrimental the health and wellbeing of those who participate in rugby;
- through their actions, players and others associated with the game can influence the lives and behaviours of others; and
- inappropriate betting and corrupt practices are capable of bringing the sport into disrepute.

Scottish Rugby wishes to prevent corrupt practices and inappropriate betting by those participating in rugby. It has therefore adopted a Regulation (SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption) with a view to protecting the health and wellbeing of players and others participating in the game and to protect the image and reputation of the game.

All those under the jurisdiction of Scottish Rugby must comply with SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption.

### Key principles:

- Every participant in the game has a responsibility to ensure fair sporting competition.

- Scottish Rugby, and all those under the jurisdiction of Scottish Rugby, shall follow best practice in relation to sports betting and the prevention of corrupt practices in rugby.

- Scottish Rugby has adopted a Policy and a Regulation (SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption) in relation to sports betting and the prevention of corrupt practices, and the subsequent sanctioning of offenders. This Regulation conforms to World Rugby's Regulation 6 (Anti-Corruption and Betting).

- Scottish Rugby believes that best practice is represented by SDR 6 and World Rugby Regulation 6.

- All players, coaches, other team management members, directors, officials and others participating or involved in the game must follow the terms of SDR 6 and World Rugby Regulation 6, together with any further guidance published by Scottish Rugby in relation to sports betting and the prevention of corrupt practices in rugby.

## SCOTTISH RUGBY CORE VALUES

Scottish Rugby is the Governing Body of Rugby Union in Scotland and promotes these core values from our National Teams through to grassroots rugby.

Our core values are:

**LEADERSHIP**

**ENGAGEMENT**

**ACHIEVEMENT**

**ENJOYMENT**

**RESPECT**

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To ensure an appropriate environment in which all participants can enjoy their rugby, everyone involved in the game must work together. It is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to contribute to the wellbeing of players and others participating in the game, and to protect the integrity of the game.

### SCOTTISH RUGBY WILL:

- Develop and publish a betting and anti-corruption regulation, SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption, and ensure that the Regulation and any associated guidance is regularly reviewed and updated.
- Require that member clubs comply with the Regulation as part of the Club Minimum Operating Standards.
- Provide education materials, advice and assistance in relation to the Regulation to players and their clubs.
- Manage and respond to referrals and/or concerns in an efficient and fair manner.
- Take disciplinary action against those who breach the Regulation.

### MEMBER CLUBS WILL:

- Ensure that their players, coaches, officers and other club officials are aware of Scottish Rugby's Regulation SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption.
- Ensure that all of their club's players and club officials comply with the terms of the Regulation and any associated guidance.
- Report any suspected breaches of the Regulation to Scottish Rugby.

### PLAYERS, COACHES AND ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME WILL:

- Ensure that the game is played and run in accordance with Scottish Rugby's Core Values.
- Abide by the terms of Scottish Rugby's SDR 6: Betting and Anti-Corruption and any associated guidance.
- Take responsibility for their own welfare and that of other players.

## DEFINITIONS

### ANTI-CORRUPTION BREACH

Shall have the meaning ascribed to it in World Rugby Regulation 6, namely “any breach of the World Rugby’s Anti-Corruption Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt an Anti-Corruption breach shall also constitute misconduct.”

### BET

Shall have the meaning ascribed to it in World Rugby Regulation 6, namely “Placing, accepting, laying and/or otherwise entering into any form of wager, bet and/or financial speculation in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future occurrence related to an Event (or any aspect thereof). The foregoing shall include, without limitation, a wager, bet and/or financial speculation on a number of events or occurrences (for example, a multi or accumulator bet).”

### CONNECTED PERSON

Shall have the meaning ascribed to it in World Rugby Regulation 6, namely “Any International Player, Contract Player, International Match Official, Contract Player Support Personnel, any coach, trainer, selector, health professional, analyst, team official, administrator, owner, shareholder, director, executive, staff member and/or any other person involved with and/or engaged in relation to the Game by a Union or its National Representative Team and shall include any Union/ Association/World Rugby panel of Match Officials at International Match and/or Contract Player level, Disciplinary Personnel, any Agent and/or representative of an International Player, Contract Player or Contract Player Support Personnel and/or family member and/or associate of any of the foregoing (to the extent that such family member/associate falls under the jurisdiction of a Union, Rugby Body and/or World Rugby) and/or any other individual or entity involved in the organisation, administration and/or promotion of the Game at International Match and/or Contract Player level and/or the training of persons participating in the Game at International Match and/or Contract Player level. “

### DISCIPLINE MANAGER

The person, having appropriate knowledge and expertise, who is appointed by Scottish Rugby to act on its behalf in this capacity in matters arising under this Regulation.

### DISCIPLINARY RULES

The Scottish Rugby Disciplinary Rules, as issued from time to time by Scottish Rugby.

### FIX

Shall have the meaning ascribed to it in World Rugby Regulation 6, namely “Fixing, contriving in any way and/or otherwise influencing improperly the outcome of an Event and/or any aspect of an Event and/or being party to any effort to fix, contrive in any way and/or otherwise influence improperly the outcome or any aspect of an Event. The foregoing shall include, without limitation, improperly ensuring that a particular incident(s) takes place or does not take place during an Event(s) or at a particular time or juncture during an Event(s) and improperly manipulating the scoring or any other aspect of an Event(s). “

### INSIDE INFORMATION

Shall have the meaning ascribed to it in World Rugby Regulation 6, namely “Any non-public information relating to any Event including any aspect thereof that a Connected Person possesses by virtue of his position within the Game. Such information includes, but is not limited to, relevant information regarding a Participant(s), conditions, tactic(s) and/or strategy(ies), selection, injury(ies), and/or any other information relating to the likely performance of a Participant(s) and/or outcome of an Event including any aspect thereof, and/or any other relevant information in relation to an Event which is known by a Connected Person(s) but which is not already published or a matter of public record, which is not readily acquired by an interested member of the public and/or disclosed according to the rules and regulations governing the Event.”

### MISCONDUCT

Shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Scottish Rugby Disciplinary Rules.

### PROHIBITED BETTING

Means any Bet placed in contravention of clauses 5.4 to 5.6 of this Regulation.

### SCOTTISH RUGBY

Means Scottish Rugby Union Limited.

### WORLD RUGBY

The international governing body for the sport of Rugby Union.

### WORLD RUGBY REGULATIONS

The World Rugby Regulations Relating to the Game, as issued from time to time by World Rugby.

# SCOTTISH DOMESTIC REGULATION 6 : BETTING AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

## 1. POSITION STATEMENT

- 1.1 Scottish Rugby considers that:
  - 1.1.1 every participant in the game has a responsibility to ensure fair sporting competition;
  - 1.1.2 through their actions, players and others associated with the game have the ability to influence the lives and behaviours of others; and
  - 1.1.3 the use of inappropriate sports betting and corrupt practices are capable of bringing the game into disrepute.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Scottish Rugby wishes to prevent inappropriate sports betting and corrupt practices by those participating or involved rugby and has developed this Regulation (SDR 6 : Betting and Anti-Corruption) with a view to:
  - 2.1.1 protecting the health and wellbeing of players and others involved in the game; and
  - 2.1.2 protecting and promoting the integrity and image of the game of rugby football.
- 2.2 These objectives shall be effected through:
  - 2.2.1 educating those involved in the game about the risks and dangers of inappropriate sports betting and corrupt practices;
  - 2.2.2 providing positive examples for young players and others in the rugby community;
  - 2.2.3 providing effective deterrents to inappropriate sports betting and corrupt practices; and
  - 2.2.4 protecting and promoting the image, reputation and interests of the game, its players, clubs, teams, sponsors and other stakeholders.

## 3. WORLD RUGBY REGULATION 6

- 3.1 Scottish Rugby acknowledges that it is obliged to comply with those Regulations Relating to the Game issued from time to time by World Rugby.
- 3.2 Scottish Rugby recognises that World Rugby has issued a specific Regulation in respect of Anti-Corruption and Betting (World Rugby Regulation 6). Scottish Rugby has adopted World Rugby Regulation 6 to the fullest possible extent as Scottish Rugby's own domestic regulation in relation to betting and anti-corruption matters.
- 3.3 This, Scottish Domestic Regulation 6, should therefore be read in conjunction with the World Rugby Regulation 6 and supplements the provisions of that document.

## 4. APPLICATION

- 4.1 This Regulation shall apply to all persons and all bodies subject to the authority of Scottish Rugby.
- 4.2 Players and other participants in the game, including any player or other person participating for a Scottish Rugby representative team irrespective of their home Union, must observe and comply with this Regulation. Violations of this Regulation shall be dealt with in accordance with clause 6 (Sanctions) below.

## 5. OBLIGATIONS

### Roles and Responsibilities – All Participants

- 5.1 All participants in the game in Scotland shall be bound by this Regulation as a condition of their participation or other involvement in the game of rugby football in Scotland.
- 5.2 All participants must to the greatest extent possible:
  - 5.2.1 be knowledgeable of, and comply with, all of the requirements applicable to them under this Regulation;
  - 5.2.2 seek to reinforce positive education messages in relation to not participating in Prohibited Betting or any other Anti-Corruption Breach; and
  - 5.2.3 act in a discreet and confidential manner in discharging their obligations under this Regulation.
- 5.3 Participants must not commit an Anti-Corruption Breach, including but not limited to:
  - 5.3.1 Prohibited Betting (as further outlined in clauses 5.4 to 5.6 below);
  - 5.3.2 corruption related to Fixing;
  - 5.3.3 misuse of Inside Information; or
  - 5.3.4 general corruption offences as detailed within World Rugby Regulation 6.

### Prohibited Betting and Corrupt Practices

- 5.4 Professional/Semi Professional Rugby: All those involved within the designated levels of the game listed in clauses 5.4.1 to 5.4.4 below (whether as a player, coach, team management member, administrator, match official or otherwise), together with their Connected Persons, are prohibited from betting on any aspect of any rugby union match or competition on a worldwide basis. For the purpose of this Regulation the designated levels shall be:
  - 5.4.1 Scotland male/female squads: Scotland, Scotland 7, Scotland “A” and Scotland U20;
  - 5.4.2 Edinburgh Rugby and Glasgow Warriors (including Academy players);
  - 5.4.3 Super 6 licensee teams; and
  - 5.4.4 Teams participating in the club Premiership.
- 5.5 Other international and representative rugby: all those involved with any other Scotland age grade team, the Club International team or any other Scottish Rugby representative team are prohibited from betting on any match or competition in which their team is involved (irrespective of whether they have been selected for that match or whether the tournament match concerned involves their team);
- 5.6 Club and grassroots rugby: at levels of the game other than as noted in clauses 5.4 and 5.5 above, participants must not bet in relation to any aspect of any match with which they or their club are involved.
- 5.7 Participants are reminded that the provisions of the Regulation extend beyond the act of betting and include other prohibited corrupt practices, such as but not restricted to fixing, bribery, misuse of inside information, general corrupt or dishonest practices.

### Roles and Responsibilities – Scottish Rugby

- 5.8 Scottish Rugby will:
  - 5.8.1 adopt, implement and comply with this Regulation;
  - 5.8.2 publish the Regulation on the Scottish Rugby website and make it available on request;
  - 5.8.3 develop or make available (via the Scottish Rugby website) betting and anti-corruption education materials; and
  - 5.8.4 maintain confidentiality as required under this Regulation.

## 6. SANCTIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with the provisions of World Rugby Regulation 6 and this, SDR 6, Scottish Rugby's Discipline Manager (or their nominee) shall act as Scottish Rugby's Anti-Corruption Officer.
- 6.2 Breaches of the Regulation, including breaches of any obligation imposed under World Rugby Regulation 6, shall constitute an act of Misconduct under the Scottish Rugby Disciplinary Rules.
- 6.3 The Discipline Manager (or his nominee) shall investigate potential breaches in accordance with the Misconduct provisions of the Disciplinary Rules. Where the Discipline Manager (or their nominee) determines that there is a case to answer they may either:
  - 6.3.1 refer the matter to a Scottish Rugby Disciplinary Committee; or
  - 6.3.2 request that World Rugby appoint a Disciplinary Committee to consider the matter.
- 6.4 Sanctions – In the determination of any sanction to be imposed in relation to any betting or corruption offence the Disciplinary Committee shall take account of the sanctioning guidance provided in World Rugby Regulation 6.
- 6.5 Additional Offences - Notwithstanding anything else in this Regulation, a failure by a player or other person to comply with any requirement or sanction noted in this Regulation shall be deemed to constitute a separate and additional act of Misconduct for the purposes of this Regulation.
- 6.6 Appeals – The duration and terms of any period of ineligibility and of any other sanction imposed in consequence of this Regulation, may be appealed in accordance with the Appeal provisions of the Disciplinary Rules.

## 7. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED DISCLOSURES

- 7.1 Information in relation to potential Anti-Corruption Breaches must not be disclosed to any person unless expressly authorised under this Regulation. For the avoidance of doubt disclosure to Scottish Rugby is expressly permitted under this Regulation.
- 7.2 Scottish Rugby has agreed to co-operate with World Rugby and other relevant authorities in order to combat breaches of this Regulation and World Rugby Regulation 6. This may include the sharing of intelligence and information in relation to specific cases. Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent or preclude Scottish Rugby or any individual or person from sharing information as to potential Anti-Corruption Breaches with the Police or other appropriate authority.
- 7.3 World Rugby Regulation 6 imposes obligations on Scottish Rugby to disclose information to third parties, including, without limitation, World Rugby itself. The Discipline Manager (or his nominee) may also require to disclose such information to others for the orderly management of the Regulation and of the game in Scotland. As a condition of their participation, each player and other person covered by the Regulation agrees to the collection, processing and disclosure of such information (including special category personal data and potentially confidential or sensitive personal information) as may be required to properly implement this Regulation.
- 7.4 Should a player or other person covered by this Regulation disclose details of any potential act of Misconduct, or where such information becomes known in the public domain other than through the actions of Scottish Rugby, Scottish Rugby shall be free to comment on it.
- 7.5 Scottish Rugby may disclose details of any findings by the Disciplinary Committee of Misconduct and of any sanction applied by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 7.6 Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent Scottish Rugby from disclosing statistical information in respect of its betting and anti-corruption program.

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## USEFUL RESOURCES

World Rugby Regulation 6: Anti-Corruption and Betting:

<https://www.world.rugby/organisation/governance/regulations/reg-6>

World Rugby Anti-Corruption training resources:

<http://integrity.worldrugby.org/>

Scottish Rugby betting and Anti-Corruption Resources:

<https://www.scottishrugby.org/rules-and-regulations/discipline/betting-and-anti-corruption>

## RAISING A CONCERN

Where a concern arises in the relation to potential Anti-Corruption breaches, or where there is concern that best practice is not being followed, the matter may be referred in confidence to Scottish Rugby's Discipline Manager.

## CHANGE APPROVAL PROCESS

Changes to SDR 6 shall be approved by the Scottish Rugby Board.



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