

SANCTION GUIDELINES – BETTING CASES CHARGED UNDER FA RULE E8 (b)

	<b>Bet placed on any aspect of any football match anywhere in the world, but not involving Participant’s Club competitions.</b>	<b>Bet placed on Participant’s competition but not involving his Club (including spot bet).</b>	<b>Bet placed on own team to win.</b>	<b>Bet placed on own team to lose.</b>	<b>Bet placed on particular occurrence(s) not involving the player who bet (spot bet).</b>	<b>Bet placed on particular occurrence(s) involving the player who bet (spot bet).</b>
Financial Entry Point – Any fine to include, as a minimum, any financial gain made from the bet(s)	Warning / Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine
Sports sanction range	Suspension n/a	Suspension n/a where Participant has no connection with the Club bet on*	0-6 months to be determined by factors below	6 months - life to be determined by factors below	0 – 12 months	6 months - life
Factors to be considered in relation to any increase/decrease from entry point	<p>Factors to be considered when determining appropriate sanctions will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall perception of impact of bet(s) on fixture/game integrity;</li> <li>• Player played or did not play;</li> <li>• Number of Bets;</li> <li>• Size of Bets;</li> <li>• Fact and circumstances surrounding pattern of betting;</li> <li>• Actual stake and amount possible to win;</li> <li>• Personal Circumstances;</li> <li>• Previous record – (any previous breach of betting Rules will be considered as a highly aggravating factor);</li> <li>• Experience of the participant;</li> <li>• Assistance to the process and acceptance of the charge.</li> </ul>					

\*A suspension equivalent to betting on own team may be appropriate where a Participant has recently been on loan at the Club bet on.

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The assessment of the seriousness of the offence will need to take account of the factors set out above. A key aspect is whether the offence creates the perception that the result or any other element of the match may have been affected by the bet, for example because the Participant has bet against himself or his club or on the contrivance of a particular occurrence within the match. Such conduct will be a serious aggravating factor in all cases. A further serious aggravating factor will be where the Participant played or was involved in the match on which the bet was made.

Betting offences are separate and distinct from charges under FA Rule E5 which concerns match fixing. It should be noted that save in exceptional circumstances a Participant found to have engaged in fixing the outcome or conduct of a match would be subject to a lifetime ban from the game. Where it can be proved that a bet has actually affected a result or occurrence within the match then such conduct will be specifically charged rather than treating the incident as a betting offence.

SANCTION GUIDELINES – INSIDE INFORMATION CHARGED UNDER FA RULE E8 (d) OR (e)

	<b>Providing inside information where Participant could not reasonably have known it was likely to be used for betting.</b>	<b>Providing inside information where Participant should reasonably have known it was likely to be used for betting.</b>	<b>Providing inside information knowing it was likely to be used for betting.</b>	<b>Using or providing inside information for the purpose of betting.</b>
Financial Entry Point – Any fine to include, as a minimum, any financial gain made from any bet(s)	NFA / Warning	Fine	Fine	Fine
Sport sanction range	Suspension n/a	0 – 3 months	3 months - life	6 months - life
Factors to be considered in relation to any increase/decrease from entry point	<p>Factors to be considered when determining appropriate sanction will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall perception of conduct on fixture/game integrity;</li> <li>• Player played or did not play in fixture(s) concerned;</li> <li>• Number of Bets;</li> <li>• Size of Bets;</li> <li>• Fact and circumstances surrounding pattern of betting;</li> <li>• Actual stake and amount possible to win;</li> <li>• Personal Circumstances;</li> <li>• Previous record – (any previous breach of betting Rules will be considered as a highly aggravating factor);</li> <li>• Experience of the participant;</li> <li>• Assistance to the process and acceptance of the charge.</li> </ul>			

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SANCTION GUIDELINES – FAILURE TO REPORT AN OFFENCE UNDER FA RULE E14

	<b>Failure to Report an Offence Under E14 made to the Participant themselves.</b>	<b>Failure to Report an Offence Under E14 made to a third party which a Participant becomes aware of.</b>
Financial Entry Point	Fine - to be not less than any financial benefit the Participant accrued in relation to the matter.	Fine - to be not less than any financial benefit the Participant accrued in relation to the matter.
Sports sanction range	[6 months - 5 years]	[0 months - 2 years]
Other sanction considerations	Consideration must be given as to whether a mandatory education order be made.	Consideration must be given as to whether a mandatory education order be made.
Factors to be considered in determining appropriate sanctions	<p>Factors to be considered when determining appropriate sanctions will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The involvement of the Participant in any actual or potential corrupt activity relating to the offence;</li> <li>• The credibility of the approach made to the Participant;</li> <li>• Assessment of any threats made to personal safety of Participant or any other person should a report be made;</li> <li>• The Participant’s personal circumstances;</li> <li>• Participants previous record – (any previous breach of reporting/betting/integrity Rules will be considered as a highly aggravating factor);</li> <li>• Age and/or experience of the Participant;</li> <li>• Assistance to the process and acceptance of the charge;</li> <li>• Overall impact on reputation and integrity of game.</li> </ul>	<p>Factors to be considered when determining appropriate sanctions will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The involvement of the Participant in any actual or potential corrupt activity relating to the offence;</li> <li>• The credibility of the approach made to the third party;</li> <li>• Assessment of any threats made to personal safety of Participant or any other person should a report be made;</li> <li>• The Participant’s personal circumstances;</li> <li>• Participants previous record – (any previous breach of reporting/betting/integrity Rules will be considered as a highly aggravating factor);</li> <li>• Age and/or experience of the Participant;</li> <li>• Assistance to the process and acceptance of the charge;</li> <li>• Overall impact on reputation and integrity of game.</li> </ul>