

## Basketball Australia Gambling and Match-Fixing Policy – Q & A

### What is Basketball Australia's position on gambling and match-fixing?

Fraudulent betting on sport and the associated match-fixing is an emerging and critical issue globally, for sport, the betting industry and governments alike. Basketball Australia, Member Organisations and Authorised Providers have zero tolerance for illegal gambling and match-fixing.

Basketball Australia recognises that while betting may be a legitimate pursuit in certain circumstances, basketball must safeguard against illegal or fraudulent betting and match-fixing.

### What is Basketball Australia doing to prevent illegal gambling and match-fixing?

Basketball Australia has established The National Integrity Framework – a suite of policies, educational materials and other resources that safeguard basketball against corruption. The Framework applies to all competitions and events conducted under the auspices of Basketball Australia or a member state/territory association, including the National Basketball League.

The Framework includes a policy regarding gambling and match-fixing. It sets the broad expectations for the conduct of all Participants, but also incorporates detailed policies to regulate behaviour and ensure action can be taken against those who fail to adhere to behavioural standards and expose the sport to undue risk.

### Who does the gambling and match-fixing policy apply to?

The Gambling and Match-Fixing policy applies to any Participant or Club involved in any Competitions or Events that attracts or is likely to attract a betting market whether domestic or overseas. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Athletes;
- Coaches;
- Officials, including but not limited to Referees, Statisticians and Score-table;
- Directors, Employees and Volunteers of Basketball Australia, Member Organisations and Authorised Providers;
- Administrators;
- Selectors; and
- Athlete and Team Support Personnel, including but not limited to, doctors, physiotherapists and team managers.

### What competitions are authorised for betting in Australia?

Betting markets are authorised for the following competitions:

- International matches (e.g. Boomers and Opals)
- NBL
- WNBL
- SEABL
- Big V State Championship
- Waratah League Championship

- QBL
- SBL (WA)
- Premier League (SA)

Basketball Australia does not authorise or endorse any other betting on the sport of basketball in Australia.

### **I play in one of these leagues, can I bet on other Australian basketball competitions?**

No. If you play in a league or competition that is subject to betting, then betting, gambling or entering into any other form of financial speculation on any Competition or on any Event, alone or in conjunction with others, is prohibited.

### **What if I'm part of a 'Punters Club'?**

No, any bets placed by a betting syndicate or group, such as a 'Punter's Club', of which you are a member, are also prohibited, even if you didn't know the bet was being placed.

### **What about the NBA and other overseas leagues, can I bet on these?**

Yes, betting on the NBA and other overseas leagues is permitted, as long as you are not using inside information to shape, influence or benefit from the outcome.

### **I can't bet on basketball but can I give my family and friends information or tips?**

No. You must not disclose inside information about your team to anyone else, unless the information is in the public domain or you are making an official disclosure to the media (e.g. as part of an interview or press conference).

### **What is Inside Information and when can I talk about it?**

It is information that is not publicly known, such as team selection, configuration, composition, tactics, the form of individual athletes or their playing or injury status. This information should be kept within the team and must not be disclosed to other people, whether for betting purposes or not, other than in connection with bona fide media interviews and commitments.

### **Can my friends and family bet on basketball in Australia?**

Yes, as long as you are not involved. Make sure they know you are not permitted to bet on basketball so they don't inadvertently involve you in any way.

### **I just play at a social level. Can I bet on the NBL and WNBL?**

Yes. If your competition is not open to betting, then you may bet on authorised Australian basketball betting markets.

### **Can I bet on other sports?**

Yes. The Gambling and Match-Fixing Policy only applies to Australian basketball.

### What is match-fixing and is it allowed?

Match fixing occurs when a match is played to a completely or partially pre-determined result, violating the rules of the game and often the law. The most common reason is to obtain a payoff from gamblers, but players may also intentionally perform poorly to gain a future advantage, such as an easier opponent in a play-off.

The Gambling and Match-Fixing Policy prohibits all forms of match-fixing in basketball.

### What is tanking and is it allowed?

Deliberately underperforming or 'Tanking', or over-performing or 'Stacking', as part of an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of, or any contingency within, a Competition or Event is not allowed under the Gambling and Match-Fixing Policy.

### What if I think someone involved is betting on games or throwing matches?

Speak up! We all have a duty to speak up when we see something that is a breach of this policy. There are six ways that you can contact the Basketball Australia Reporting Service:

- **Online:** <http://basketball.stoplinereport.com/>
- **Smartphone app:** Search for STOPline in the iTunes App Store or Google Play
- **Telephone:** 1300 30 45 50 – Australia +61 3 9811 3275 – Overseas (reverse charges)
- **Fax:** Attention: Case Manager C/O The Stopline +61 3 9882 4480
- **Email:** [basketball@stopline.com.au](mailto:basketball@stopline.com.au)
- **Post:** C/O The Stopline Locked Bag 8 Hawthorn Vic Australia 3122

When making a report you will need to include as much information as possible about the suspected misconduct as possible. All reports are kept confidential.

**For more information on Basketball Australia's Gambling and Match-Fixing policy see:**

- <http://basketball.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Appendix-2-Gambling-Match-Fixing-Policy-Effective-1-July-2017.pdf>
- <http://basketball.net.au/integrity/>

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