

# **CODE OF PROTECTION OF SWISS BASKETBALL'S INTEGRITY**



**SWISS  
BASKETBALL**

The undersigned member<sup>1</sup> is aware of and respects the following basic rules aimed to protect the Swiss Basketball integrity:

1. **Intelligence:** be aware of the rules
2. **Security:** never bet on Basketball games
3. **Caution:** never share confidential information
4. **Integrity:** never manipulate a Basketball game
5. **Transparency:** immediately inform of any instigation to manipulate a game

1. **Intelligence: be aware of the rules**

Be regularly informed about the rules in force to protect the integrity of Swiss basketball and more generally of Swiss sport. If you violate these rules, which are described in this code, you could face severe disciplinary sanctions such as suspension for several years or even for life. Such sanctions may affect your career or your functions within the sports institutions to which you belong. Depending on the circumstances, you may even be prosecuted.

Article 53 of the Swiss Basketball Legal Regulations is an important measure regarding the integrity of games and competitions. This provision prohibits any conduct likely to affect or that affects the integrity of games and competitions organized by Swiss Basketball, in particular any commitment, offer, donation, request or acceptance of any services, other advantages or gifts, either in cash or in any other form, with the aim of affecting or distorting the outcome of a game, except where a club provides its own players and staff with services.

2. **Security: never bet on a Basketball game**

Never bet directly or indirectly (through relatives, friends, etc.) on basketball games, whether you or your team are involved.

Never encourage others to bet on Basketball matches in which you or your team are involved. Never assist third parties with such bets.

Never ensure that a particular incident on which bets could be placed will happen.

3. **Caution: never share confidential information**

As an athlete or close to sporting institutions, you have access to confidential information that is not accessible to the general public. This includes, for example, knowing that a key player on a team is injured or that the coach is sparing some players. Such inside information could be used by third parties to grant themselves an unfair advantage when placing bets and thereby achieve a financial benefit.

Therefore, never open discussions with people outside your club or the association to which you belong about confidential information that could be used for sports betting.

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<sup>1</sup> Whether he is a player, referee, commissaire, reviewer, table official, manager or has any other activity within or in connection with a club and/or a sports association.

**4. Integrity: never manipulate a Basketball game**

Behave honestly and correctly and never manipulate a basketball game or sequences of it.

Malicious people could try to develop a relationship with you based on favors, trust or by playing on your emotions and then try to use this relationship in possible match manipulations. This can already start with proposals for gifts, money or support. Immediately reject such offers.

Always give the best possible performance. Do not try to negatively influence the natural course of a game or episodes of a game for any reason whatsoever. The manipulation of matches or episodes of matches is a violation of the rules and ethics of sport.

Avoid addictive behavior and debts that could give unscrupulous people the opportunity to make you the instrument of match manipulation. Get help before things get out of control.

**5. Transparency: immediately inform of any instigation to manipulate a game**

If you hear anything suspicious or if someone incites you to manipulate a game or an episode of it, inform Swiss Basketball (info@swissbasketball.ch or +41 (0)26 469 06 00) or your club immediately (if necessary by calling a trusted person).

The same holds true if someone offers you money or material benefits to obtain confidential information. Report threats and any suspicions of corrupt behavior. Keep all the evidence related to these actions (messages, email) and forward it to Swiss Basketball.

Place and date

Member's signature and  
if necessary, from his adviser  
(player, agent, lawyer, etc.)  
Signature of the legal representative  
(for underage members)

Signature of employer or club  
Second signature  
(if necessary)