



## Guide to National Policy on Match Fixing in Netball

Oakdale Netball Club aims to raise awareness about the associated issues with Match Fixing in the sport and recognises that betting is a legitimate pursuit, however illegal or fraudulent betting is not. Fraudulent betting on sport and the associated match-fixing is an emerging and critical issue globally, for sport, the betting industry and governments alike.

Match-fixing involves the manipulation of an outcome or contingency by competitors, teams, sports agents, support staff, referees and officials and venue staff. Such conduct includes:

- the deliberate fixing of the result of a contest, or of an occurrence within the contest, or of points spread and deliberate underperformance;
- withdrawal (tanking)
- an official's deliberate misapplication of the rules of the contest
- interference with the play or playing surfaces by venue staff; and
- abuse of insider information to support a bet placed by any of the above or placed by a gambler who has recruited such people to manipulate an outcome or contingency.

All Australians expect that the sport they watch or participate in is played honestly and to the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship. Oakdale along with Netball Australia and its Member Organisations have a major obligation to address the threat of match fixing and the corruption that flows from that.

Oakdale has adopted and is guided by the National Policy on Match Fixing in Netball that we as a club have an obligation to have zero tolerance for illegal gambling and match fixing. The national policy contains details of concerning offences, reporting processes, investigations, hearings, appeals, and penalties.

Oakdale aims to:

- Protect and maintain the integrity of netball.
- Protect against any efforts to impact improperly the result of any match.
- Establish a uniform rule and consistent scheme of enforcement and penalties.
- Adhere to the '**National Policy on Match Fixing in Sport**' as agreed by Australian Governments ➤ Keep the sport honest, encourage its members to seek a further understanding of what match-fixing is, its consequences, how to recognise it and report it.

For further information please refer to the '**Netball Australia Policy Document, National Policy on Match Fixing in Netball**', effective 15 March, 2012 Revised Jan 2023 NA website.

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