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Capital Football Club Presidents

Sent via email

### **Football Match Fixing, Gambling and Integrity**

Dear Colleagues,

We write further to recent public comment about off-shore gambling activities incorporating amateur sports matches in Australia.

Notably, Capital Football competitions were highlighted in an article by the ABC in which matches in the Capital Football National Premier League appeared on off-shore gambling websites.

Our official legal partner Snedden Hall & Gallop have provided some advice to assist clubs identify any potential breaches of the Sports Betting and Match Fixing guidelines at their venues.

We would appreciate you please reading the attached advice and sharing it with your senior players, coaches, committee members, and volunteers to help them identify any irregular or inappropriate behaviour at your venues.

If you have any questions or see something you believe needs to be reported please contact our Head of Participation Glenn Armstrong in the first instance.

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Kind Regards



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## Snedden Hall and Gallop (SHG) Capital Football Match-fixing Alert Reminder

Dear football community,

Recent [ABC reports](#) have highlighted the risks of match-fixing posed to our game here in Canberra caused by an increased interest by online gamblers. Off-shore and international betting markets are now offering NPL and lower level football matches for gamblers to bet on. This includes both televised matches, and matches where people, sent by the gambling operators, are sending back real-time match statistics for unregulated and under-regulated markets to offer our games to bettors.

As you know, under FIFA and FFA rules, players and officials are not allowed to bet on football matches. Any information that may influence a betting market also cannot be shared. The FFA has developed really useful '[Sports Betting and Match Fixing Guidelines](#)' to explain what you can and can't do under the rules. The Capital Football Code of Conduct can also be found [here](#).

It is up to everyone in the football community to remain vigilant to any attempt to manipulate our matches, and all offers or inducements for information or to alter in play or outcomes of a matches **must** be reported to [Glenn Armstrong](#), Head of Participation, Capital Football.

Anyone suspected of reporting match statistics onto an unauthorised gambling operator, should be ejected from the stadium or field, as '[court siding](#)', as it is known, is in breach of entry and ticketing provisions. The identity of the person ejected should be noted, and this should also be reported so that a stadium ban can be enforced throughout the ACT.

For more information, please listen to the recent ABC Radio National program on the encroachment of gambling operators into amateur sport in Australia: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/2017-06-18/8612644>

