



NSW Powerchair Football Association (NSWPFA)

Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to protect the integrity of powerchair football by preventing the manipulation of competition and illicit sports betting activity. Through this policy, the NSW Powerchair Football Association (NSWPFA) aims to ensure that its core values, good reputation, positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained.

Jurisdiction

This Policy applies to the Relevant Persons or Organisations listed below:

- (a) Athletes
- (b) Coaches
- (c) Volunteers
- (d) Executive and Board Members
- (e) The NSWPFA, and all Clubs and Teams.

Prohibited Conduct

A Relevant Person commits a breach of this Policy when they, either alone or with another or others, engage in any of the following conduct:

- a) Improperly alter the result or the course of an Activity in order to obtain a Benefit for themselves or others by:
 - i. Interference in the natural course of an Activity, including
 - a. intentionally conceding goals,
 - b. deliberate underperformance (also known as 'tanking');
 - c. pre-arranging the outcome, or the course of a competition, including through influencing athlete selections and strategy;
 - d. intentionally unfair or incorrect officiating
 - ii. providing modified or false information related to an athlete's identity or personal information;
 - iii. intentionally modifying playing surfaces, equipment or an athlete's physiology to improperly influence the natural course of the event;

- iv. intentionally misrepresenting abilities during Classification at any level.
- b) Place, or facilitate or assist with the making of a bet, or enter into any other form of financial speculation, on any Activity which they have a direct or indirect connection to. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - i. any bets placed by a betting syndicate or group, such as a 'punter's club', of which the Relevant Person is a member;
 - ii. an interest in any bet, including having someone else place a bet on their behalf;
 - iii. allowing another person to place a bet using a Relevant Person's account, shall be treated as if the bet was placed by the Relevant Person as an individual;
 - iv. communicating in any way that might give another person an unfair advantage if they were to engage in betting related to that information.
- c) Disclosure of Inside Information or Use of Inside Information, other than as required as part of their official duties;
- d) Accept, request, seek, offer, or provide a Benefit to incite, cause or contribute to any breach of this Policy;
- e) Facilitate, assist, aid, abet, encourage, induce, cover-up or be complicit in any Prohibited Conduct;
- f) Agree, conspire, plan or attempt to engage in any conduct which would be Prohibited Conduct if successful; or
- g) Fail to promptly report, to the fullest extent of their knowledge (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) to the NSWPFPA or responsible Relevant Organisation if they:
 - i. are interviewed as a suspect, charged, or arrested by a law enforcement body in respect of conduct that falls within the definition of Prohibited Conduct;
 - ii. have been approached by another person, whether or not that person is bound by this policy, to engage in Prohibited Conduct;
 - iii. know or reasonably suspect, that another person has engaged in Prohibited Conduct, or has been approached to engage in Prohibited Conduct;
 - iv. have, or is aware or reasonably suspects that another person has, received actual or implied threats of any nature in relation to any past or proposed Prohibited Conduct; or
 - v. have or obtain any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any possible Prohibited Conduct under this Policy, even if the Relevant Person's prior knowledge or suspicion has already been reported.

'Improperly' in this context means **not** in accordance with standard sets of behaviour accepted in powerchair football. The following situations do **not** constitute Prohibited Conduct:

- a) resting players/athletes for a legitimate competitive objective such as the development of the team or other players, or the management of player fatigue or injuries;

- b) resting players/athletes from a match to maximise team performance in the knockout stage of a competition; or
- c) not selecting a player for an entire competition to provide them with additional rest.

Examples of Direct and Indirect Connections for a Relevant Person

A Relevant Person has a direct connection to an Activity if they are:

- a) an Athlete participating/competing in the Activity;
- b) a coach or support personnel of a Team or Athlete participating in the Activity;
- c) a referee, umpire or official of the Activity;
- d) A Volunteer involved in the organisation of the Activity.

A Relevant Person has an indirect connection to an Activity if (but not limited to):

- a) the Activity is a single match or competition the Relevant Person does not directly participate in; however, it is a part of a competition the Relevant Person participates in, or is directly connected to.
- b) they are a Volunteer with a Relevant Organisation organising the Activity.
- c) the Activity includes participants competing on behalf of a Relevant Organisation and the Relevant Person is a Volunteer of that Relevant Organisation.

For the avoidance of doubt, simply being an Individual Member of a Relevant Organisation does not imply an indirect relationship to the Activity.

Reporting and Complaints

Allegations of Prohibited Conduct under this Policy should be submitted to NSWPFPA and will be managed in accordance with the NSWPFPA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy.

Reports may be made verbally or in writing and may be made anonymously, in accordance with the NSWPFPA Privacy Policy.

Other Matters

Education

In order to prevent breaches of this policy, build positive behaviours in sport and protect participants from competition manipulation and associated sports gambling threats, NSWPFPA is responsible for developing and implementing an education plan addressing the content and subject matter of this Policy.

NSWPFPA may, from time to time, direct certain Participants to undertake education, which will be relevant and proportionate to their level of participation in powerchair football and the associated integrity risks.

Information sharing

NSWPFPA may share information at any time with law enforcement, government agencies or other sporting organisations to prevent, identify and investigate alleged Prohibited Conduct, or to comply with relevant state and territory or national legislation, subject to the NSWPFPA Privacy Act.

In sharing information, the NSWPFA will act in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and NSWPFA's Privacy Policy. Relevant Persons must disclose their commercial agreements, interests, and connections with Wagering Service Providers to the NSWPFA. Requests for information shall be strictly confidential except where required by law.

NSWPFA may request information from Wagering Service Providers to identify incidents of suspicious or prohibited betting transactions that may indicate that Relevant Persons have engaged in Prohibited Conduct. To provide such information, NSWPFA may provide to Wagering Service Providers details of Relevant Persons who must not engage in Prohibited Conduct.