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For Information | SIA Public Disclosure | Jake Maizen [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the incident summary and talking points in relation to Australian Rugby League player Jake Maizen.

We plan to publicly disclose this sanction on our website tomorrow **Thursday 3 July 2025**.

It is highly likely that Mr Maizen's sanction will attract media attention.

Kind regards,

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Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Anti-Doping Rule Violations by athlete Jake Maizen. Mr Maizen is an Australian rugby league player for the Whitehaven RFLC in the United Kingdom.

Sport Integrity Australia is required to publicly disclose this matter in line with section s19A of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth) and Article 14.3.2 of the *World Anti-Doping Code 2021*. The update will be posted to the Sport Integrity Australia website on 3 July 2025.

Publication source

The sanction details will be placed on the [Current Violations List](#).

Pursuant to section 19A(6)(a)(ii) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth), the matter is to be published for the period of one month being until 11:59pm on 2 August 2025.

Talking points

- Inquiries about public disclosures announced by Sport Integrity Australia are best directed to the agency.
- The Australian Government has established Sport Integrity Australia to protect the integrity of Australian sport and the health and welfare of those who participate in sport.

Background

Mr Maizen was subject to an In-Competition Doping Control Test during Round 17 of the 2024 Betfred Championship against the Sheffield Eagles RLFC team on 28 July 2024. The Athlete's sample returned a positive result for a Prohibited Substance namely, **Cocaine and its metabolite Benzoylecgonine**. UK Anti-Doping (**UKAD**) is the responsible Results Management Authority in this matter.

The substance Cocaine is listed under Class S6.A (Non-Specified Stimulants) under the *World Anti-Doping Code – International Standard – Prohibited List – 2024* (2024 Prohibited List) and is a Non-Specified Substance prohibited In-Competition only. **Cocaine** is also classified as a 'Substance of Abuse' under the 2024 Prohibited List.

UKAD issued a Charge Letter to Mr Maizen on 20 September 2024. In response to the Charge Letter, Mr Maizen admitted to the breach of Article 2.1 (Presence) of the *2021 UK Anti-Doping Rules (ADR)* but denied the breach of ADR Article 2.2 (Use) and requested that the matter be referred to the National Anti-Doping Panel (**NADP**) on the basis that the ingestion was Out-of-Competition and unrelated to sport performance.

The NADP determined that, on the balance of probabilities, Mr Maizen did not ingest the prohibited substance In-Competition and was not related to sporting performance.

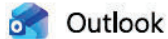
Sanction

In accordance with Article 10.2.4 of the UKAD Anti-Doping Rules, UKAD imposed a three-month period of Ineligibility on Mr Maizen commencing on 22 August 2024.

Mr Maizen was ineligible to participate in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping policy between 22 August 2024 – 21 November 2024. He was also not permitted to compete in a non-Signatory professional league or Event organised by a non-Signatory International Event organisation or a non-Signatory national-level event organisation.

Media

Mr Maizen is one of four Australian athletes, competing in rugby league or rugby union competitions internationally, to have his sanction publicised within the last two months. To date, Mr Maizen's provisional suspension has not been publicised, and on 9 May 2025 he signed with the Widnes Vikings RLFC. For these reasons, it is possible that this matter will receive media attention.



SIA – Public Disclosure – Henry O'Donnell [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ~~ACCESS=Legal-Privilege~~]

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the incident summary and talking points in relation to Australian rugby union player Henry O'Donnell.

We plan to publicly disclose this sanction on our website on **Monday 15 June 2026**.

This ban is expected to attract media attention.

Kind Regards,

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Anti-Doping Rule Violation

An Anti-Doping Rule Violation has been committed by athlete Henry O'Donnell. Mr O'Donnell is a Rugby Union athlete contracted to the NSW Waratahs.

Sport Integrity Australia is required to publicly disclose this matter in line with section s19A of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth) and Article 14.3.2 of the *World Anti-Doping Code 2021*. The update will be posted to the Sport Integrity Australia website on Monday, 15 June 2026.

Publication source

This matter will be placed on the [Current Violations List](#).

Pursuant to section 19A(6)(a)(i) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020*, the matter is to be published for the period of Ineligibility until 11:59pm on 31 December 2026.

Talking points

- Inquiries about public disclosures announced by Sport Integrity Australia are best directed to the agency.
- The Australian Government has established Sport Integrity Australia to protect the integrity of Australian sport and the health and welfare of those who participate in sport.

Background

Mr O'Donnell returned an Adverse Analytical Finding from an In-Competition doping control test on 9 May 2025 while playing in the 2025 Super Rugby Pacific – NSW Waratahs vs Queensland Reds game at Allianz Stadium, Moore Park, NSW.

Mr O'Donnell's sample was analysed at the Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory, part of the National Measurement Institute and the presence of **D-Amphetamine** and **Methylphenidate metabolite: Ritalinic acid** were detected.

D-Amphetamine is listed under Class S6.A (Non-Specified Stimulants) of the *World Anti-Doping Code – International Standard – Prohibited List 2025 (2025 Prohibited List)*. **D-Amphetamine** is a non-Specified Substance and is prohibited In-Competition.

The substance **Methylphenidate metabolite: Ritalinic acid** is listed under Class S6.B (Specified Stimulants) and is a Specified Substance prohibited In-Competition under the 2025 Prohibited List.

Sanction

Mr O'Donnell was subject to a Mandatory Provisional Suspension from 15 September 2025 and in accordance with Article 10.13.1 of the *Australian National Anti-Doping Policy 2021 (ANADP)* the period of Ineligibility was backdated to account for delays not attributable to the athlete.

Accordingly, an 18-month Period of Ineligibility has been imposed on Mr O'Donnell, commencing on 1 July 2025 for the Presence of a Prohibited Substance/s and/or a Metabolite of a Prohibited Substance.

Any medals, points and prizes that Mr O'Donnell obtained from 9 May 2025 will be forfeited.

Mr O'Donnell is ineligible to participate in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping policy until 11:59pm on 31 December 2026. He is also not permitted to compete in a non-signatory professional league, or an event organised by a non-signatory International or National level event organisation.

Media

This will be the second of two sanctions published over a two-week period by Sport Integrity Australia, relating to stimulant substances. Particularly, stimulants that are commonly used in the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Additionally, as an athlete contracted to a high-profile rugby union team it is highly likely that this matter will attract media attention.



SIA - Public Disclosure - Moussa Kabalan [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ~~Legal Privilege~~]

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the incident summary and talking points in relation to Rugby League player Moussa Kabalan playing in France.

We plan to publicly disclose this sanction on our website **tomorrow, Friday 27 March**.

This ban may attract media attention.

With thanks

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Anti-Doping Rule Violation

Anti-Doping Rule Violation has been committed by athlete Moussa Kabalan. Mr Kabalan is an international rugby league player competing in France.

Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) is required to publicly disclose this matter in line with section s19A of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth) and Article 14.3.2 of the *World Anti-Doping Code 2021*. The update will be posted to the Sport Integrity Australia website on 27 March 2026.

Publication source

This matter will be placed on the [Current Violations List](#).

Pursuant to section 19A(6)(a)(i) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020*, the matter is to be published for the period of Ineligibility until 11:59pm on 6 January 2028.

Talking points

- Inquiries about public disclosures announced by Sport Integrity Australia are best directed to the agency.
- The Australian Government has established Sport Integrity Australia to protect the integrity of Australian sport and the health and welfare of those who participate in sport.

Background

Mr Kabalan returned an Adverse Analytical Finding from an In-Competition doping control test on 1 December 2024 while competing in the French Elite Two rugby XIII league match between RC Salon XIII and RC Lescure-Arthes XIII in Salon-de-Provence (Bouches-du-Rhone).

Mr Kabalan's sample was analysed at the French Anti-Doping Laboratory and the presence of **Boldenone and its Metabolite** were detected.

Boldenone is listed under Class S1 (Anabolic agent) of the World Anti-Doping Code – International Standard – Prohibited List 2024 (**2024 Prohibited List**). **Boldenone** classed as non-Specified Substance and prohibited at all times.

Sanction

Mr Kabalan was notified by the AFLD of the alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violations (**ADRVs**) on 26 December 2024, in accordance with the French Sports Code. He was also issued a Mandatory Provisional Suspension Letter on the same date.

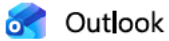
In accordance with article L. 232-23-3-10-III of the French Sports Code, where the athlete accepts the consequences of a sanction, they are eligible to receive a one-year reduction to their period of Ineligibility.

On 7 January 2025, Mr Kabalan accepted the asserted ADRVs against him and commenced his Mandatory Provisional Suspension.

As such, the AFLD has imposed a three (3) year period of Ineligibility commencing on 7 January 2025. Mr Kabalan is ineligible to participate in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping policy between 7 January 2025 and 7 January 2028. He is also not permitted to compete in a non-signatory professional league, or event organised by a non-signatory International or National level event organisation.

Media

To date Mr Kabalan's sanction has not yet been publicised. It is probable that this matter will attract some media attention.



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SIA | Public Disclosure | Akech Aliir [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good morning,

Please find attached the incident summary and talking points in relation to basketballer with the Mt Gambier Pioneers within the Australian National Basketball League 1 South conference (*NBL 1 South*), Akech Aliir

We plan to publicly disclose this sanction on our website on **Friday 5 December 2025**. It is unlikely that this matter will not attract any future media attention.

Kind regards,

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Anti-Doping Rule Violation

An Anti-Doping Rule Violation has been committed by Akech Aliir. Mr Aliir is a basketballer with the Mt Gambier Pioneers within the Australian National Basketball League 1 South conference (**NBL1 South**).

Sport Integrity Australia is required to publicly disclose this matter in line with section s19A of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth) and Article 14.3.2 of the *World Anti-Doping Code 2021*. The update will be posted to the Sport Integrity Australia website on 5 December 2025.

Publication source

This matter will be placed on the [Current Violations List](#).

Pursuant to section 19A(6)(a)(ii) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020*, the matter is to be published for a period of one month after its inclusion (until 4 January 2026).

Talking points

- Inquiries about public disclosures announced by Sport Integrity Australia are best directed to the agency.
- The Australian Government has established Sport Integrity Australia to protect the integrity of Australian sport and the health and welfare of those who participate in sport.

Background

On 15 June 2025, Mr Aliir was subject to an In-Competition Doping Control Test during the NBL1 South conference game between the Mt Gambier Pioneers and the Knox Raiders South Australia.

The sample was subsequently tested by the Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory and the presence of THC metabolite **THC metabolite: Carboxy-THC (11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid)** was detected.

The substance **THC** is listed under Class S8 (Cannabinoids) of the *World Anti-Doping Code – International Standard – Prohibited List 2025 (2025 Prohibited List)*. **THC** is prohibited In-Competition only and is a Specified Substance. **THC** is also classified as a 'Substance of Abuse' under the 2025 Prohibited List.

Sanction

Under Article 10.2.4.1 of the *Australian National Anti-Doping Policy 2021 (ANADP)*, if the Athlete can establish that any ingestion or Use of the substance occurred Out-of-Competition and was unrelated to sport performance, then the period of Ineligibility shall be three (3) months.

Additionally, the Athlete's period of Ineligibility calculated under Article 10.2.4.1 of the ANADP may be reduced to one month if the Athlete satisfactorily completes a Substance of Abuse treatment program approved by SIA.

In Mr Aliir's case, all requirements for a reduction in the period of Ineligibility under Article 10.2.4.1 of the ANADP were satisfied.

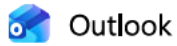
Basketball Australia imposed a one-month period of Ineligibility on Mr Aliir commencing on 28 August 2025.

Mr Aliir was ineligible to participate in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping policy between 28 August 2025 and 27 September 2025. He was also not permitted to compete in a non-signatory professional league, or event organised by a non-signatory International or National level event organisation.

Media

To date Mr Aliir's sanction or provisional suspension has not been publicised. Since serving his Period of Ineligibility Mr Aliir has been signed to the South East Melbourne Phoenix.

While the publication of Mr Aliir's sanction alone is not expected to attract any media attention, the publication of another matter relating to the use of THC within Basketball is due on 11 December 2025. For this reason, it is likely that this matter will attract some local media attention.



SIA | Public Disclosure | Thomas Deakin [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning,

Please find attached the incident summary and talking points in relation to Rugby League athlete Thomas Deakin

We plan to publicly disclose this sanction on our website **Tuesday 10 February 2026**

It is unlikely that Mr Deakin's sanction will attract media attention.

Kind regards,

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Governance and Risk Officer | Governance and Risk

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Anti-Doping Rule Violation

Anti-Doping Rule Violation (**ADRV**) by athlete Thomas Deakin. Mr Deakin is an Australian Rugby League athlete who was competing for the Huddersfield Giants in England, United Kingdom.

Sport Integrity Australia (**SIA**) is required to publicly disclose this matter in line with section s19A(6)(a)(ii) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* and Article 14.3.2 of the *World Anti-Doping Code 2021*. The update will be posted to the Sport Integrity Australia website on 10 February 2026.

Publication source

The sanction details will be placed on the [Current Violations List](#).

Pursuant to section 19A(6)(a)(ii) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020*, the matter is to be published for a period of one month after its inclusion (until 11:59pm on 9 March 2026).

Talking points

- Inquiries about public disclosures announced by Sport Integrity Australia are best directed to the agency.
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Background

Mr Deakin was subject to an In-Competition Doping Control Test on 13 April 2025 during the Betfred Super League match between Huddersfield Giants RLFC and Catalans Dragons RLFC at the John Smith's Stadium, Huddersfield, HD1 6PG, West Yorkshire, in the United Kingdom.

The sample was subsequently analysed by the Drug Control Centre, King's College London, a World Anti-Doping Agency (**WADA**) accredited laboratory in London, where the presence of **Cocaine and its metabolite Benzoylecgonine** were detected. As such, UK Anti-Doping (**UKAD**) are the responsible Results Management Authority in this matter.

Cocaine is listed under Class S6A (Non-Specified Stimulants) of the *World Anti-Doping Code – International Standard – Prohibited List 2025 (2025 Prohibited List)*. **Cocaine** is prohibited In-Competition only and is classified as a Non-Specified Substance. **Cocaine** is also classified as a 'Substance of Abuse' under the 2025 Prohibited List.

Sanction

In accordance with Article 10.2.4 of the UK Anti-Doping Rules 2021 (**ADR**) if the athlete can establish that any ingestion or Use of the substance occurred Out-of-Competition and was unrelated to sport performance, then the period of Ineligibility shall be three (3) months.

Further, under Article 10.2.4 of the ADR, the athlete may be eligible for a further reduction to the period of Ineligibility if they complete a Substance of Abuse treatment programme approved by UKAD.

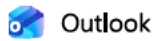
In Mr Deakin's case, the athlete opted not to complete a Substance of Abuse treatment programme and was therefore not eligible for any further reductions to his period of Ineligibility.

UKAD therefore imposed a three-month period of Ineligibility on Mr Deakin which commenced on 16 May 2025 (being the date the provisional suspension was imposed).

Mr Deakin was ineligible to participate in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping policy between 16 May 2025 and 11:59pm on 15 August 2025. He was also not permitted to compete in a non-Signatory professional league or Event organised by a non-Signatory International Event organisation or a non-Signatory national-level event organisation.

Media

Mr Deakin's sanction was publicised by UKAD in December 2025 and subsequently attracted coverage by specialised Rugby websites. To date, the matter has not attracted any local media coverage and it is therefore unlikely it will attract further media attention following Sport Integrity Australia's publication.



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SIA | Public Disclosure | Thomas Fancutt | Monday 13 October 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached the incident summary and talking points in relation to tennis player Thomas Fancutt.

This sanction will be publicly disclosed on SIA's website on **Monday, 13 October 2025**.

It is unlikely that Mr Fancutt's sanction will attract any media attention.

Kind regards,

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Anti-Doping Rule Violation

Anti-Doping Rule Violation by athlete Thomas Fancutt. Mr Fancutt is an Australian tennis player with a career doubles high ranking of 107 in 2024.

Sport Integrity Australia is required to publicly disclose this matter in line with section 19A of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth) and Article 14.3.2 of the *World Anti-Doping Code 2021*. The update will be posted to the Sport Integrity Australia website on 13 October 2025.

Publication source

The sanction details will be placed on the [Current Violations List](#).

Pursuant to section 19A(6)(a)(i) of the *Sport Integrity Australia Act 2020* (Cth), the matter is to be published until the end of the Period of Ineligibility.

Talking points

- Inquiries about public disclosures announced by Sport Integrity Australia are best directed to the agency.
- The Australian Government has established Sport Integrity Australia to protect the integrity of Australian sport and the health and welfare of those who participate in sport.

Background

Mr Fancutt was found to have breached Article 2.2 Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Method of the *World Anti-Doping Code* on 3 December 2024.

Following a full investigation by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA), which included evidence gathering and an interview with the player, Mr Fancutt admitted to the breach, and the ITIA accepted that the breach was not intentional.

Mr Fancutt admitted to receiving an intravenous infusion over the accepted limit of 100ml in a 12-hour period (Prohibited Method) on 3 December 2024 and entered into a voluntary provisional suspension on 19 March 2025 in acceptance of the alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

Sanction

In accordance with Articles 10.2.2 and 10.6 of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (TADP), the ITIA imposed a ten-month period of Ineligibility on Mr Fancutt commencing on 19 March 2025.

Mr Fancutt is ineligible to participate in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping policy between 19 March 2025 – 18 January 2026. He is also not permitted to compete in a non-Signatory professional league or Event organised by a non-Signatory International Event organisation or a non-Signatory national-level event organisation.

Media

Mr Fancutt's provisional suspension and subsequent sanction decision have already received heavy national and international media attention. Mr Fancutt has addressed the matter publicly and maintains that the breach was unintentional. It is unlikely that this matter will receive further media attention following this publication.

Integrity issues in Australian sport

ISSUE: Working to protect athletes and the sporting community from integrity threats such as s 22(1)(a)(ii) competition manipulation, s 22(1)(a)(ii).

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Key Facts:

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- On 2 April 2026 the Albanese Government announced “Strong action to tackle gambling harms” to make match-fixing criminal offences consistent across Australia, improving the integrity of Australian sport and lessening its appeal as a target for criminal infiltration.

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Key points:

Funding

	2025-26 Estimated actual \$'000	2026-27 Budget \$'000	2027-28 Forward estimate \$'000	2028-29 Forward estimate \$'000	2029-30 Forward estimate \$'000
Departmental	42,657	43,627	23,654	23,352	23,383
Administered	4,609	4,873	5,340	5,403	5,527
Total government funding	47,266	48,500	28,994	28,755	28,910

Sport Integrity Australia Overview

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- SIA leads the response to competition manipulation and sports wagering issues that threaten the integrity of Australian sport.

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Stronger Action to Tackle Gambling Harms

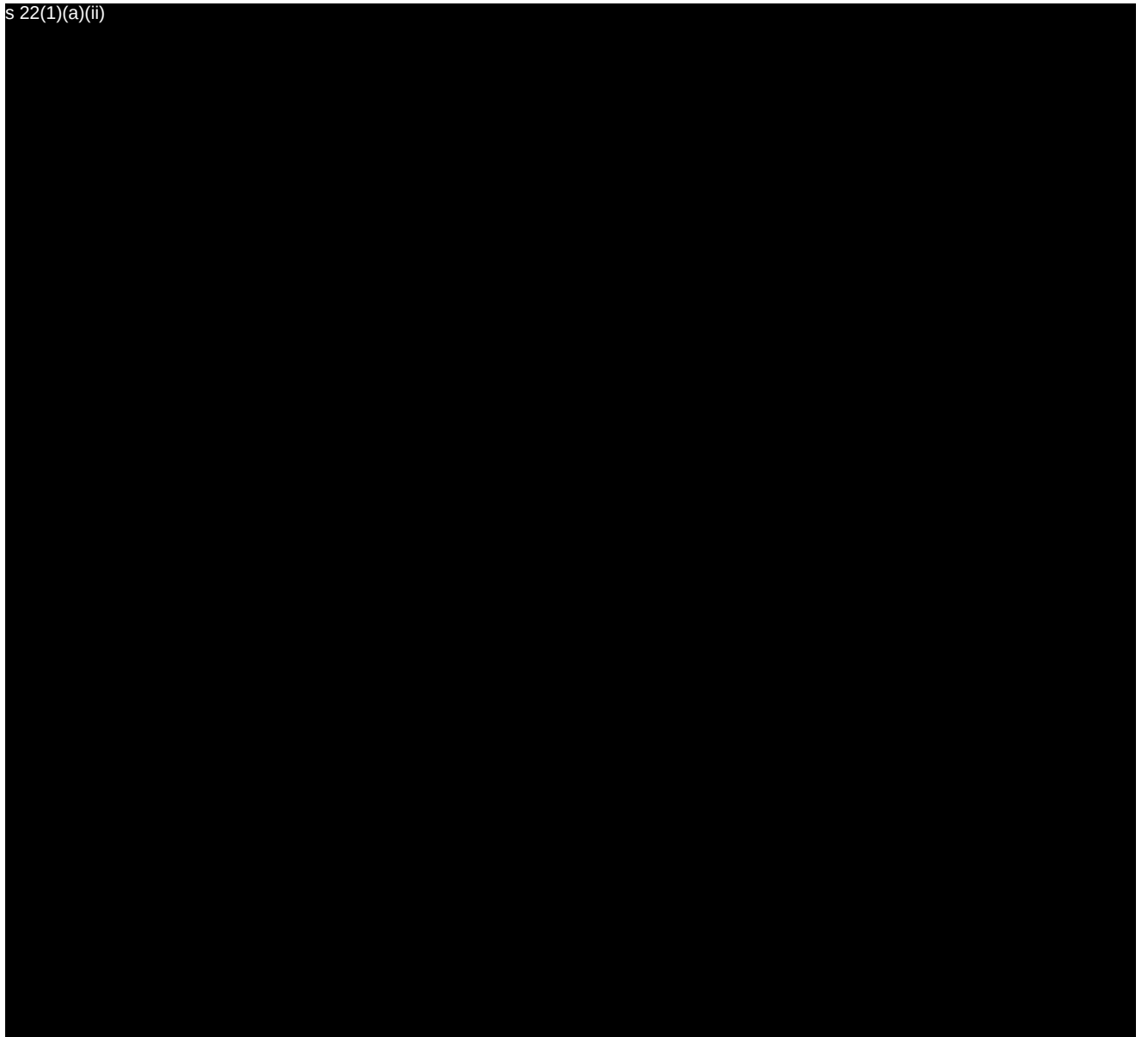
- As part the gambling reforms the Government will introduce the *Criminal Code Amendments (National Sport Integrity Offences) Bill* to create new National Sport Integrity Offence provisions into the *Criminal Code 1995* to address competition manipulation and related corruption in sport.
- This will enable Australia to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention).

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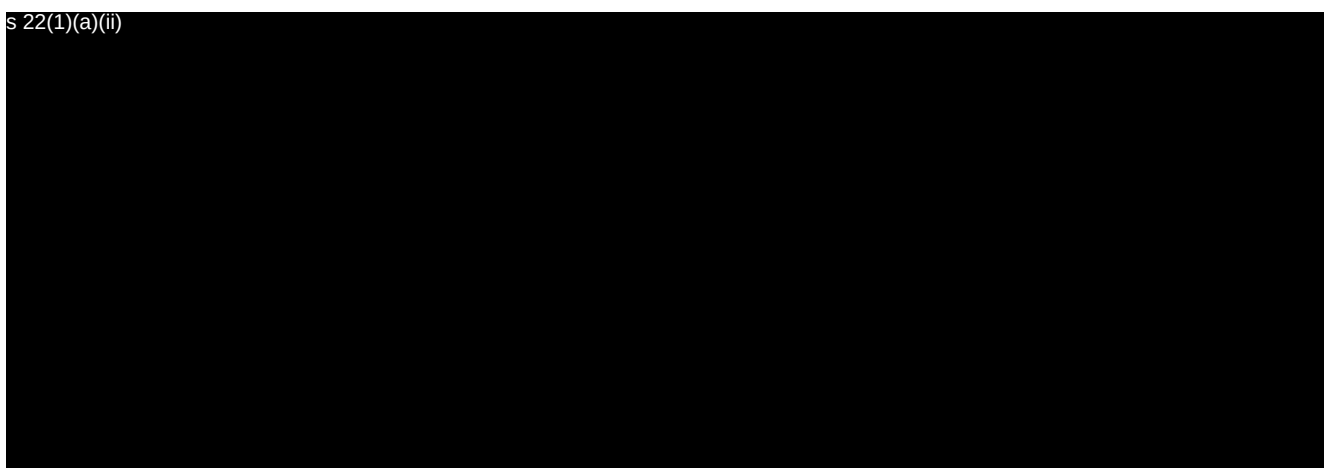
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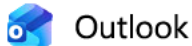
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Media:

- [WADA's Executive Committee discusses issue of National Anti-Doping Organizations' operational independence | World Anti Doping Agency](#) WADA Website, 16 June 2026
- [Sport Integrity Australia to widen drug-testing amid illicit peptides boom](#) – ABC, 21 May 2026
- [All sides of politics backed ambitious gambling reforms. The government's response is half-hearted at best](#) The Conversation, 13 May 2026
- [Peptides pose serious anti-doping and health risks](#) - SIA Website, 14 May 2026
- ['Not harmless': Australia's fresh peptide warning](#) AAP, 14 May 2026
- [Albanese government accused of burying 'cowardly' gambling reforms response on budget day | The Australian](#) The Australian, 13 May 2026
- [Strong action to tackle gambling harms | Prime Minister of Australia](#) PM Website, 2 April 2026

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Competition Manipulation Case Studies

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Good afternoon § 22(1)(a)(ii) and § 22(1)(a)(ii)

It was great to catch up yesterday, as flagged, attached are some case studies we have pulled together and suggested linkages to proposed reforms.

This humanises the impacts on our athletes of the porous legislative landscape in relation to match fixing in Australia.

Let me know if this helps and if you need anything else.

Kind regards
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Gambling Addiction and Match-Fixing: The athletes perspective

The stories of young athletes reveal the devastating impact of gambling addiction and match-fixing on lives and careers.

These cases underscore the urgent need for national sport integrity offences to protect the integrity of sports. Additionally, they highlight the broader issue of gambling addiction and the necessity for comprehensive gambling advertising reform.

Impact of gambling addiction: A gateway to match fixing

In 2011, former NRL player Ryan Tandy was convicted of match-fixing in 2010. His gambling addiction throughout his career led him to fix a match for betting purposes. Tandy's agent and other players were charged, but the charges were dropped due to the lack of specific match-fixing laws in NSW at the time. Tandy died of a suspected drug overdose in 2014.

In 2017, NRL player Tim Simona was deregistered for betting on NRL games, including betting against his own team. Although there was no evidence, he altered his performance to ensure his bets won, it was inferred that he manipulated outcomes. Despite earning a high salary, Simona's gambling addiction negatively impacted his financial security.

Problem gambling among athletes is a significant issue, affecting both competition integrity and athlete wellbeing. Research shows that elite athletes are more likely to gamble due to factors like income and pressure.

A Tough Lesson in Integrity: The Case of Oliver Anderson

In 2016, Oliver Anderson was a rising star in Australian tennis. He had just won the Australian Open Boys' title and had sponsorships lining up. But then came an injury and with it, financial strain and stress.

At just 19, desperate to earn money and keep his dreams alive, he was persuaded by a fellow player to take part in spot-fixing a form of match manipulation where he'd deliberately lose just the first set, while still winning the overall match. Oliver went along with it, thinking it was a way out.

The bet placed on that match triggered red flags with betting agencies. Authorities were alerted. Oliver was investigated, convicted, and banned from tennis for 19 months.

The fallout for Oliver:

- His once-promising career stalled.
- His relationships and reputation took a massive hit.
- Sponsor walked away. His income vanished.
- The media exposure was global and unforgiving.

This wasn't just a personal mistake. It sent shockwaves through the tennis world and highlighted just how vulnerable young athletes are to manipulation especially when fame, pressure, and money collide.

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Oliver discusses the circumstances and impacts of his decision to manipulate the match [here](#).

Adam Green: When gambling addiction and sport collide

Adam Green was once a rising star in Australian table tennis. What started as a teenage hobby, gambling at just 14 years old, eventually led him down a path that destroyed his career.

After retiring from competition, Adam used his inside knowledge of the sport to bet successfully, until he didn't. When the pandemic hit and most sports shut down, a wave of obscure Ukrainian table tennis matches became a hot target for betting around the world. Desperate to keep winning, Adam used connections to get insider info on games that were being fixed. With this corrupt edge, he placed more than 1,100 bets and helped generate over \$400,000 in illegal profits for an international syndicate.

The system caught up, betting operators spotted suspicious activity. Police investigated. Adam was charged and convicted of betting-related crimes, banned from table tennis clubs, and sentenced to three years of correctional orders and community service.

The Fallout for Adam

- He's no longer allowed to play or affiliate with table tennis in Australia
- His connections in the sport, built over a lifetime, have mostly disappeared
- The case made national news, and Adam's name is now tied to corruption
- He's banned from having any betting accounts for three years

To hear Adam talk about his story and the impact match-fixing has had on his life click [here](#)

Linking the athletes experience to National Sport Integrity Offences:

The stories illustrate the devastating impact of gambling addiction and match-fixing on athletes' lives and careers. These cases underscore the urgent need for national competition manipulation offences to prevent such behaviour and protect the integrity of sports.

There are 107 licensed interactive gambling providers in Australia offering markets on domestic and international sporting competitions. There are also a number of offshore betting operators offering markets on Australian sporting competitions.

It is important that Australia has a robust, well-regulated domestic sports wagering environment, which endeavours to keep Australian punters onshore and betting with Australian licensed gambling providers.

Lack of visibility of offshore betting on Australian sports makes it difficult to identify suspicious betting patterns and potential corruption of Australia sports as well as compromising our ability to understand the scale of problem gambling within the Australian community.

Link to Broader Gambling Advertising Reform:

These stories also highlight the severe consequences of gambling addiction, which can be exacerbated by the pervasive presence of gambling advertising. By implementing national sport integrity offences, we can create a legal framework that deters unethical behaviour and protects the integrity of sports. This framework can serve as a pillar in the broader response to gambling advertising reform, ensuring that athletes are safeguarded from exploitation and that the public health issue of gambling addiction is addressed in a more comprehensive manner.