UEFA’s STRATEGY ON MATCH-FIXING AND CORRUPTION

Overview

UEFA has a “zero tolerance” approach when it comes to match-fixing. As part of its fight against such corruption, UEFA uses a betting fraud detection system (BFDS) to monitor all matches played in UEFA competitions as well as first and second division matches of all of its 53 member associations and their national cup matches.

The BFDS aims to immediately detect any irregularities in betting patterns. The system is based on agreements with over 400 betting companies and a number of specialised agencies. It allows UEFA to monitor the betting patterns live and irregular configurations are subsequently investigated.

In addition, the BFDS holds dates and details for every European football competition and also saves information on players, coaches or officials who have been implicated in any way to the UEFA Intelligence Database. This data enables BFDS analysts to monitor betting fluctuations for each UEFA member association league and is a key tool in the event of an investigational process.

Proven match fixing cases lead to sporting sanctions which range from a warning or fine to possible suspension from European competition. In cases in which criminal activity is involved the relevant national police authorities may take action.

The Professional Football Strategy Council approved, in August 2010, a number of key resolutions such as the recognition of the gravity of the issue and a need for education, prevention and deterrents. It also urged political authorities to work with UEFA and national football bodies to adopt legislation, enforced by law enforcement authorities, to protect the integrity of football competitions.

In March 2011, the UEFA Executive Committee approved the establishment of a network of integrity officers around Europe involving all national associations and collaborating with state authorities. UEFA’s 2011 disciplinary regulations also foresee stronger measures in relation to match-fixing.

Key Statistics – BFDS

- In place since 2005, the system is regularly improved
- It monitors approx. 1,800 UEFA matches and 29,000 domestic matches per season
- Develops and maintains the UEFA Intelligence Database for over 1,600 teams
- Analyses over 100 million betting sets daily

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