

PROTECTING OUR SPORT

BWF's Integrity Unit leads effort to ensure clean and fair competitions

Education and awareness, monitoring athlete behaviour and initiating investigations are core focuses for the unit.

The Integrity Unit continued to focus on sport integrity in 2018 through its anti-doping and anti-match manipulation programmes.

This operational unit of the BWF focuses on three main areas of activity – 1) education and awareness, 2) monitoring and information gathering and 3) investigations.

1. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS THE MAIN GOAL IS PREVENTION

Athletes and the entourage (coaches, trainers, and other athlete support personnel) are the main target groups. The “i am badminton” awareness campaign, integrity activations on site at tournaments, online learning, and face-to-face workshops were all part of the programme for 2018. Major outcomes included:

- Upgraded content on the BWF website.
- Eight activations at badminton and Para badminton tournaments – focus on youth.
- Promotion of e-learning platforms ADeL (WADA) and Athlete 365 (IOC).
- Two days of workshops in Kuala Lumpur in October for Member Associations – Malaysia, Thailand, India, Indonesia.
- Two days of workshops hosted by INTERPOL, the IOC and UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime).

2. MONITORING AND INFORMATION GATHERING THE MAIN GOAL IS DETERRENCE

Through its partnership with Genius Sports, the Integrity Unit continued to monitor betting patterns to identify irregular and suspicious activity that could indicate match manipulation.

In the area of anti-doping, BWF continued



“Having an intelligent and proportionate anti-doping testing programme is an essential factor for deterrence.”

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its risk-based testing programme collecting urine and blood samples. BWF's intelligence-led analysis continued through its partnership with the Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) in Oslo.

The BWF also gathers information through integrity interviews with players and coaches, and through the collection of both athlete injury records and player training and competition programmes. BWF also has a system for people to report suspect behaviour related to doping and match manipulation.

3. INVESTIGATIONS THE MAIN GOAL IS TO COLLECT FACTS AND EVIDENCE FOR INTEGRITY CASES

The large body of information received through the monitoring programmes described above is analysed and intelligence is used to guide investigations of possible doping, betting, match manipulation and other forms of corrupt behaviour.

In instances of suspected corruption, a case file is prepared and passed on to the Referral Officer, an independent legal expert who reviews the case material and decides whether it should be referred to an Ethics Hearing Panel.

In 2018, one sport integrity case was managed through this process and successfully prosecuted, with the individuals receiving significant periods of ineligibility for match manipulation.



ANTI-DOPING TESTING STATISTICS 2018

