



## PREVENTION OF THE MANIPULATION OF COMPETITIONS POLICY

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### PREAMBLE

World Strongman (WSM), recognizing that:

- The integrity of strongman competitions must be upheld at all costs.
- While sports betting is a legitimate industry, fraudulent or illegal betting can harm athletes, the sport, and its reputation globally.
- National legislation varies regarding betting operators' contributions to the financing of sports.
- Fair play principles should ensure a fair return from betting operators for the development of strongman competitions and events.

WSM is committed to preventing competition manipulation and ensuring fair play within all sanctioned events.

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### ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

**1.1 Benefit** – Receiving money, gifts, or other advantages related to betting activities, excluding official prize money, sponsorships, and appearance fees.

**1.2 Participant** – Any individual involved in strongman competitions, including athletes, coaches, managers, and officials.



**1.3 Competition** – Any strongman event, contest, or championship organized under WSM regulations.

**1.4 Inside Information** – Confidential details about a competition that could influence betting markets, such as injury reports or strategy plans.

**1.5 Official** – Any individual involved in the administration, regulation, or officiation of WSM competitions.

**1.6 Sports Betting, Bet, or Betting** – Any stake of monetary value placed on the outcome of a strongman event.

**1.7 Match Corruption** – Any intentional act to manipulate the outcome of a strongman competition for financial gain.

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## **ARTICLE 2: REGULATIONS**

**2.1 Prohibition of Betting** – WSM prohibits all participants from betting on strongman competitions.

**2.2 Prohibition of Match-Fixing** – Participants must not influence competition outcomes unethically.

**2.3 Prohibition of Disclosing Inside Information** – Participants must not disclose confidential competition details for betting purposes.

**2.4 Code of Conduct on Sports Betting Integrity** – All participants must sign WSM's betting integrity code before competing.

**2.5 WSM Representative** – A designated WSM official will oversee all matters related to match-fixing and betting.

**2.6 Confidentiality** – WSM ensures confidentiality regarding allegations of match-fixing until proven.

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## **ARTICLE 3: OFFENCES**

The following actions constitute offences under WSM regulations:

- a. Participating in or promoting betting on strongman competitions.
- b. Deliberately underperforming in exchange for a benefit.
- c. Encouraging others to place bets on strongman events.
- d. Manipulating specific competition elements to benefit a bet.
- e. Sharing inside information for betting purposes.
- f. Failing to report match-fixing attempts or suspicious betting activity.



- g. Obstructing investigations into potential betting violations.
  - h. Destroying evidence related to match-fixing investigations.
  - i. Covering up match-fixing activities committed by other participants.
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#### **ARTICLE 4: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

- Any breach of these regulations will be subject to WSM's disciplinary process.
  - Sanctions may include event disqualification, temporary or permanent bans, financial penalties, or demotions.
  - Participants have the right to a fair hearing and appeal.
  - WSM will recognize and enforce sanctions issued by other sports organizations and public authorities.
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#### **ARTICLE 5: GUIDELINES CONCERNING FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH BETTING OPERATORS**

- WSM's name, logo, or branding must not be used in unauthorized betting activities.
  - Betting will not be permitted on youth or amateur-level strongman events.
  - WSM will only engage with betting operators that comply with integrity monitoring systems.
  - There must be a fair economic return from betting operators to support the development of strongman competitions.
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#### **ARTICLE 6: COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM**

- WSM will implement educational programs for athletes and officials to raise awareness of betting integrity and the risks of match-fixing.
- Awareness campaigns will be conducted through digital platforms and events to ensure all stakeholders understand the importance of fair competition.



- A confidential reporting system, the **WSM Whistleblower Box**, will be available on the **official WSM website** for individuals to report any suspicious betting activities or match-fixing concerns.
- WSM will ensure that information submitted through the **WSM Whistleblower Box** is securely transmitted to the appropriate investigative bodies while maintaining strict confidentiality.
- WSM will collaborate with the broader Olympic Movement and relevant sports organizations to uphold integrity and best practices in safeguarding the sport.

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#### **ARTICLE 7: COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

- WSM will work with national authorities and sports integrity units to tackle match-fixing and betting corruption.
- Relationships with law enforcement agencies such as Interpol and Europol will be established to share intelligence on betting-related corruption.
- WSM will advocate for stronger legal measures to combat fraudulent betting activities.