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DEFINITIONS

Match Fixing :

Match fixing can be defined as attempts made by one or more people to influence a match result or the occurrence of any events during a match by means of actions or omissions that run counter to the sporting objective.

Its objective may be :

- Purely “sporting” to guarantee positive results in order to secure a higher league position, qualify for a competition, etc:
- Linked to sports betting ; to win bets placed on fixed matches and/or to launder money.

Sports Betting :

There are different types of betting on football :

- Traditional betting on results (1 X 2 , or exact score);
- Betting on the number of goals scored in a match;
- Betting on the goal margin between the two teams;
- Betting on events within the match (which team kicks off, first or next yellow card, first or next foul, etc.).

THREATS TO THE INTEGRITY OF COMPETITIONS :

In general

The growth of sports betting, particularly online betting, increases the risk that criminals will try to fix football match results in order to win sums of money that can be very large.

Criminals also use sports betting to launder illegally obtained money. In doing so they too can be tempted to fix the matches on which they bet.

These criminals are often linked to organised crime networks whose geographical base (e.g. Asia ,Balkans) does not necessarily correspond to the location of the matches they try to fix.

Bets are being placed anywhere in the world.

People Involved:

Usually , match fixing is instigated by one or more people from outside or inside the teams involved, i.e. criminals who look for people who can directly influence the result. ft