

International Baton Twirling Federation Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions

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PREAMBLE

- a. Acknowledging the danger to sports integrity from the manipulation of sports competitions, International Baton Twirling Federation (“IBTF”) restates its commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions as stated in Olympic Agenda 2020.
- b. Due to the complex nature of this threat, IBTF recognizes that it cannot tackle this threat alone, and hence cooperation with public authorities, in particular law enforcement and sports betting entities, is crucial.
- c. IBTF declares its commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and IBTF’s Integrity Code, and by requiring its members to do likewise.
- d. In accordance with Article ___ of the IBTF Statutes, the IBTF ____ has enacted this Code and its amendments from time-to-time.
- e. It shall be the personal responsibility of every Participant in IBTF activities and IBTF designated bodies to make himself or herself aware of this Code, including what conduct constitutes a violation of this Code, and to comply with its requirements without limitation. Participants should also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations including other regulations of IBTF. Participants must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.

Article 1 - Definitions

- 1.1 “**Benefit**” means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts;
- 1.2 “**Competition**” means any sports competition, tournament, match or event, organized in accordance with the rules of IBTF or its designated bodies or affiliated organizations or, where appropriate, in accordance with the rules of any other competent sports organization;
- 1.3 “**Inside Information**” means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to a sport or competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Competition;

1.4 **“Participant”** means any natural or legal person belonging to one of the following categories:

- a. “athlete” means any person or group of persons, participating in sports competitions;
- b. “athlete support personnel” means any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, team official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating athletes participating in or preparing for sports competitions, and all other persons working with the athletes;
- c. “Official” means any person who is the owner of, a shareholder in, an official or a staff member of the entities which organize and/or promote sports competitions, as well as referees, technical officials, and any other accredited or engaged persons. The term also covers the officials and staff of International Baton Twirling Federation, or where appropriate, other competent sports organization or club that recognizes the competition.

1.5 **“Sports Betting, Bet or Betting”** means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.

Article 2 – Violations

The following conduct as defined in this Article constitutes a violation of this Code:

2.1 Betting

Betting in relation either:

- a. to a Competition in which the Participant is directly participating; or to the Participant’s sport; or
- b. to any event of a multisport Competition in which he/she is a participant.

2.2 Manipulation of sports competitions

An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others.

2.3 Corrupt conduct

Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition or any other form of corruption.

2.4 Inside information

2.4.1 Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of sports competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant or via another person and/or entity.

2.4.2 Disclosing Inside Information to any person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of competitions or any other corrupt purposes.

2.4.3 Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.

2.5 Failure to report

2.5.1 Failing to report to the International Baton Twirling Federation organization concerned or a relevant disclosure / reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that could amount to a violation of this Code.

2.5.2 Failing to report to the International Baton Twirling Federation organization concerned or a relevant disclosure / reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another Participant to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code

2.6 Failure to cooperate

2.6.1 Failing to cooperate with any investigation carried out by the International Baton Twirling Federation or its designate in relation to a possible breach of this Code, including, without limitation, failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or access or assistance requested by the [insert sports organization or its designate] as part of such investigation.

2.6.2 Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by t International Baton Twirling Federation or its designate in relation to a possible violation of this Code, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

2.7 Application:

2.7.1 For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following are not relevant:

- a. Whether or not the Participant is participating in the Competition concerned;
- b. The outcome of the Competition on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;

- c. Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
- d. The nature or outcome of the Bet;
- e. Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Competition concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
- f. Whether or not the result of the Competition concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
- g. Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of IBTF;
- h. Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of International Baton Twirling Federation.

2.7.2 Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently.

Article 3 - Disciplinary Procedures

3.1 Investigations

3.1.1 The Participant who is alleged to have committed a violation of this Code must be informed of the alleged violations that have been committed, details of the alleged acts and/or omissions, and the range of possible sanctions. Notice to a Participant may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the Member Federation concerned. The Member Federation shall be responsible for immediately communicating the notice to the Participant.

3.1.2 Upon request by International Baton Twirling Federation, the concerned Participant must provide any information which International Baton Twirling Federation considers may be relevant to investigate the alleged violation, including records relating to the alleged violation (such as betting account numbers and information, itemized telephone bills, bank statements, internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices), and/or a statement setting out the relevant facts and circumstances around the alleged violation.

3.2 Disciplinary Actions

3.2.1 Disciplinary actions shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 3.4-to-3.15 of IBTF's Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code.

3.3 Confidentiality

3.3.1 The principle of confidentiality must be strictly respected by IBTF during all the procedure; information should only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis. Confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure

until there is public disclosure of the case.

3.3.2 Anonymity of the person making a report Anonymous reporting is facilitated through the IOC's Integrity and Compliance Hotline available at: www.olympic.org/integrityhotline.

Article 4 – Sanctions

4.1 Substantial assistance provided by a Participant that results in the discovery or establishment of an offence by another Participant may reduce any sanction applied under this Code.

Article 5 - Mutual recognition

5.1 Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by any other Sporting Organization will be recognized and respected by the International Baton Twirling Federation.

5.2 IBTF will recognize and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not a Sporting Organization.

Article 6 - Implementation

6.1 Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Olympic Charter, all Sports Organizations bound by the Olympic Charter agree to respect this Code.

6.2 IBTF accepts to be bound and guided by the Olympic Charter and therefore agrees to respect the Code.

6.3 IBTF commits to the implementation of the present Code within its own jurisdiction, including educational measures.

Article 7 – Reporting Mechanism

7.1 Reports of violations of this code can be made to IBTF's Integrity Officer: integrity@ibtf-batontwirling.org

7.2 Anonymous reporting can be made through the IOC Integrity and Compliance Hotline: www.olympic.org/integrityhotline.