

# THE FIX

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME  
PREVENTION PACK





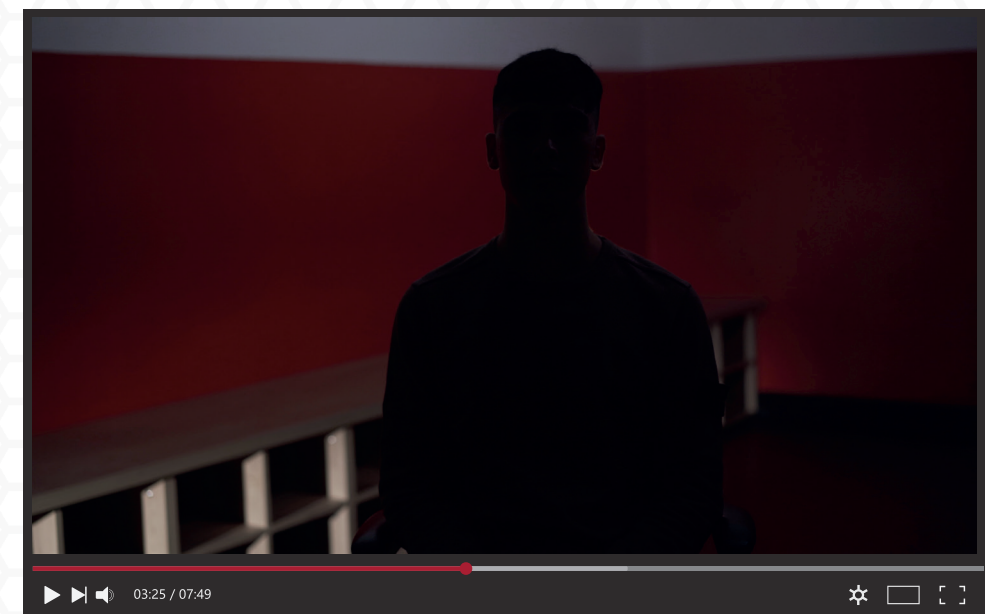


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## SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME PREVENTION PACK FOR

- Coaches and anyone involved in the coaching of young people
  - Education/safeguarding/wellbeing officers
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This teaching pack is to be utilised alongside the short film that has been created to educate young athletes to prevent their involvement in Serious Organised Crime (SOC).







Sport is an integral part of life in Scotland and across the world. It provides a huge source of entertainment and pride whilst promoting healthy living, encouraging team work and inclusivity.

Sport is not invulnerable to SOC and needs to be protected from those who wish to profit by means of exploitation and corruption at the expense of others.

I believe it is vital to make young people aware of and understand the risks and potential harms they and their sport can be exposed to by SOC. I am delighted to support this sports integrity initiative through funding from the SOC Task Force, which I believe will be hugely beneficial in diverting young people from being exploited by or becoming involved in SOC.

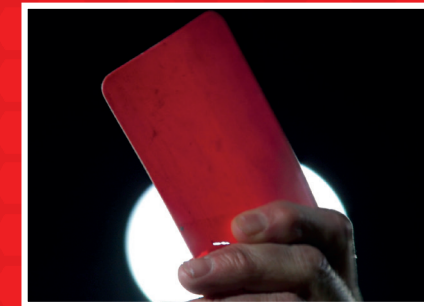
It's a good way to open a forum for discussion with young people on the threat and harm that SOC can have on their lives.

**Keith Brown**  
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans  
Scottish Government



Sport is an incredibly important part of life in Scotland. It contributes to our health and wellbeing and provides positive role models as well as fostering team working. However, sport is also a profitable business and like many others, is attractive and can be vulnerable to serious organised criminality. Police Scotland is aware that organised crime groups will take any opportunity to exploit a situation for their own gain. Sport is not immune to this. Organised crime comes in many forms and is all about generating wealth and influence at the expense of other people, businesses and communities. Throughout the last few years and across the world, there has been a growing understanding of how sport is affected by criminals. Police Scotland welcomes the opportunity to work with our partners in education to improve our collective knowledge of the risk of SOC in sport, to make young people aware of the dangers of being associated with this sort of criminality and divert them from becoming involved.

**Tim Mairs**  
Assistant Chief Constable  
Organised Crime,  
Counter Terrorism and Intelligence  
Police Service of Scotland



“**The Fix**” is a short film portraying a young athlete’s involvement with match fixing. The film and this teaching pack documents a sequence of events, based on real case studies, to educate and empower youth athletes to make informed choices about SOC and support.

Police Scotland developed “**The Fix**” in partnership with Scotland’s Serious Organised Crime Task Force (SOCTF) and Abertay University.







SOC affects us all and through Scotland's SOC Strategy we can all play a part in reducing the harm it causes.

Sport has a unique, high-profile position in society, and is significantly important because of its wide-ranging benefits, including physical well-being, mental well-being, individual development, social and community development and economic development.

However, the increasing number of cases of corruption in sport is threatening these potential impacts.

Integrity needs to be an essential feature of sport, and more needs to be done in this area so it climbs the priority stack in the minds of everyone who participates in, and manages, sport. Police Scotland's initiative is an excellent antidote to a current state of play, as there are so

many hidden and uncovered aspects both within sports and across society in general.

Success in sport has an increasing emphasis on the process taken to achieve the outcome, or put more simply – how success is achieved is essential. Winning medals, winning awards, being recognised as being the best at something is now meaningless unless you can demonstrate something very important - that you have achieved it with integrity.

For those who achieve recognition through corruption, bullying and lack of integrity, society is insisting that such results are rightly overturned.

Professor David Lavalley,  
Duty in Care of Sport  
Abertay University



## AIMS

The aim of this project is to complement what sports are already delivering in terms of protecting young people whilst aiming to:



Divert young people from becoming involved in SOC.



Support athletes/coaches/parents to make informed choices regarding the risk and products of SOC.



Educate young athletes and responsible persons (coaches, parents) on the risks of SOC within sport.



Promote sport as a positive experience.

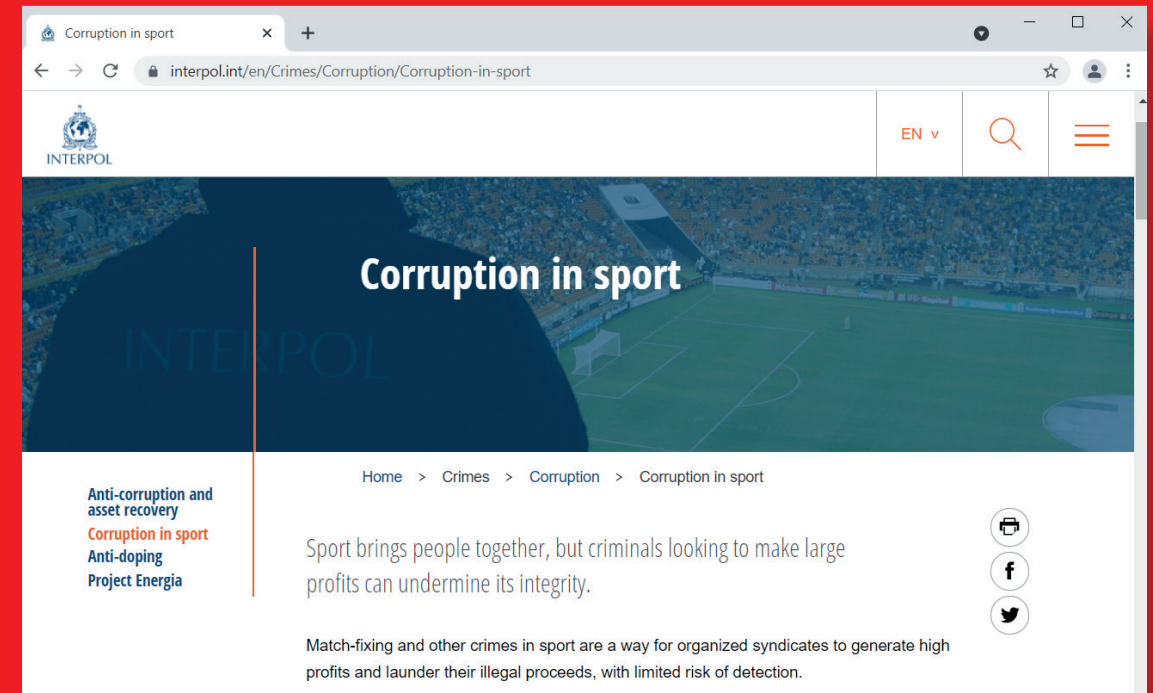
## INTERPOL

Sport is a source of unity for many around the world. Watching and playing sport transcends differences in language, culture and beliefs. But in recent years, the manipulation of sporting competitions by organised SOC syndicates has been threatening the integrity of sport.

With large profits to be made and a limited risk of detection, competition manipulation has become attractive to criminals.

Tackling match-fixing and other crimes in sport requires national and international cooperation between sport, public authorities, betting regulators, the gambling industry and law enforcement. We help bring all these stakeholders together to counter crimes in sport.

<https://www.interpol.int/en/Crimes/Corruption/Corruption-in-sport>





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## FILM CONTENT

“The Fix” is a fictional story from real life case studies of match fixing across numerous sports. This film depicts football but it is representative of a risk from match fixing across all sports.

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## POTENTIAL DISCLOSURES

The content of the film deals with many sensitive issues, which may result in disclosures that give cause for concern and may need to be acted on. It is essential that all trainers involved in the teaching of this material have an awareness of how to manage such a disclosure. All trainers should know their policy on child protection and ensure they know what action to take in such an event.

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## INTRODUCTION

The film depicts Jack, a young person who has a positive start to his sporting life, progressing in his team sport and being seen as a role model to his peers. Jack’s social media profile highlights this progress and celebrates his successes. This social media profile provides an avenue for Serious Organised Criminals to identify and approach Jack and he is gifted an expensive pair of football boots apparently as a reward. At this time Jack does not appreciate the risk in taking this gift. Jack is then contacted by this criminal and is offered cash to take a yellow card in a game. Jack makes the decision to do this just once, weighing up the risk and impact on himself and his team with the opportunity to make some easy money. Jack soon learns that this is not a one off and he is now told by this criminal to take a red card in an important game. This is a step too far for Jack but he now realises he has no choice. He must then commit a sending off offence in a cup game, directly leading to his team losing the game and grim personal outcomes for Jack when he is arrested by police and banned from his sport for match fixing.

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## OFFENCES ASSOCIATED WITH MATCH FIXING:

### Gambling Act 2005 S42

- (1) A person commits an offence if he/she-
- (a) cheats at gambling, or
  - (b) does anything for the purpose of enabling or assisting another person to cheat at gambling.

### Fraudulent Scheme

An illegal enterprise carried out for profit.





## DELIVERY

### Age Group

This session is designed to be used with young people aged between 12 and 19 involved with sport at an elite, academy level and the routes into these levels. The session is discussion based and the level of discussion will vary according to the age and stage of the young people.

### Method

Group work, watching the film leading to a supported discussion.

The suggested questions provided in the PowerPoint Presentation will help draw out the learning outcomes.

### Time

There is no upper limit to this session and leaders should take account of the age of the young people. The session can be delivered successfully in 40-60 minutes.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the session young people will be able to:

- 1) Understand why criminals involved in SOC engage in match fixing.
- 2) Understand the positive and negative effects of an open social media account.
- 3) Understand the reasons and motives behind any gifts they may be offered and the importance of being honest and transparent.
- 4) Understand the legal and personal risks and consequences of match fixing and gambling in sport.
- 5) Develop a plan to make sure their integrity and that of their sport is not compromised.
- 6) Reflect on the responsibility to themselves, their peers/teammates and wider sport.
- 7) Identify trigger points when a young person makes a wrong decision.

## CONCLUSION

At the end of the session the young people can be provided with information about who they can talk to for advice or to report any crimes/suspicious activity/peers.

The following mechanisms are in place to assist:

1. Speak to coaches/peers/parents/trusted adult for advice.
2. Provide details for any club or sport reporting process including any Integrity Lines.
3. Report to Police Scotland on 101 or in the case of an emergency dial 999.
4. Contact [www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org) (link to fearless) either by phone call (0800 555 111), or secure online form. Fearless is part of Crimestoppers and their target audience is primarily the under 18's. All information given to Crimestoppers or Fearless is anonymous – this means you don't have to give your name, where you live or any personal details. The telephone calls aren't recorded or traced, and they can't track where online forms have come from. You won't have to give a statement, and you don't have to go to court. They just want to know any information about a crime that has happened or is being planned. They are available 24/7, 365 days a year. However, it is important to know, neither Crimestoppers nor Fearless are emergency services. They cannot respond to emergency situations.
5. Child Line 0800 1111.



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