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## **How to address corruption risks linked to major sports events – 16 days out from Rugby World Cup 2019**

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**DISCIPLINE**

**PASSION**

**SOLIDARITY**

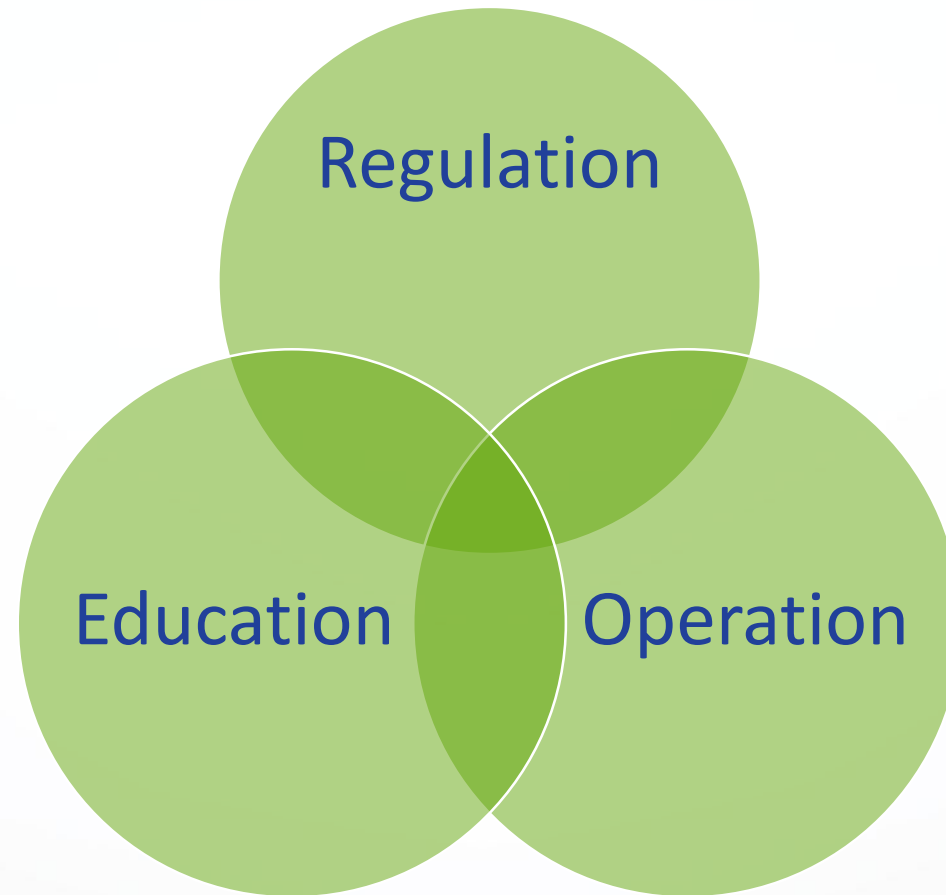
**RESPECT**

**INTEGRITY**





# Programme Pillars



# Regulations

## World Rugby Regulation 6:

- Applies to everyone involved in rugby in any capacity, not just players
- Bans betting on all rugby by persons involved at professional level (e.g. Rugby World Cup)
- Bans betting on own competitions by persons involved at amateur level
- Prohibits misuse of inside information
- Allows for provisional suspensions where *prima facie* breach
- Restrictions on use of mobile devices on match days (RWC 1 hour pre-game)
- Provides enhanced investigative powers:
  - Inspection/searches of digital devices
  - Bank records
  - Interviews
- RWC participants also contractually bound

# Education - “Keep Rugby Onside” programme

Online: [integrity.worldrugby.org](https://integrity.worldrugby.org)

- Compulsory for all RWC participants
- Multi-lingual: 13 fully-functional languages including Russian, Georgian and Japanese, other resources in 31 languages
- Includes anonymous reporting form and confidential reporting email details

In-person:

- All RWC teams/referees receive briefing from Integrity Officer on arrival in Japan
- Education process actually starts at under-age level

Can you post this message to your private social media page?



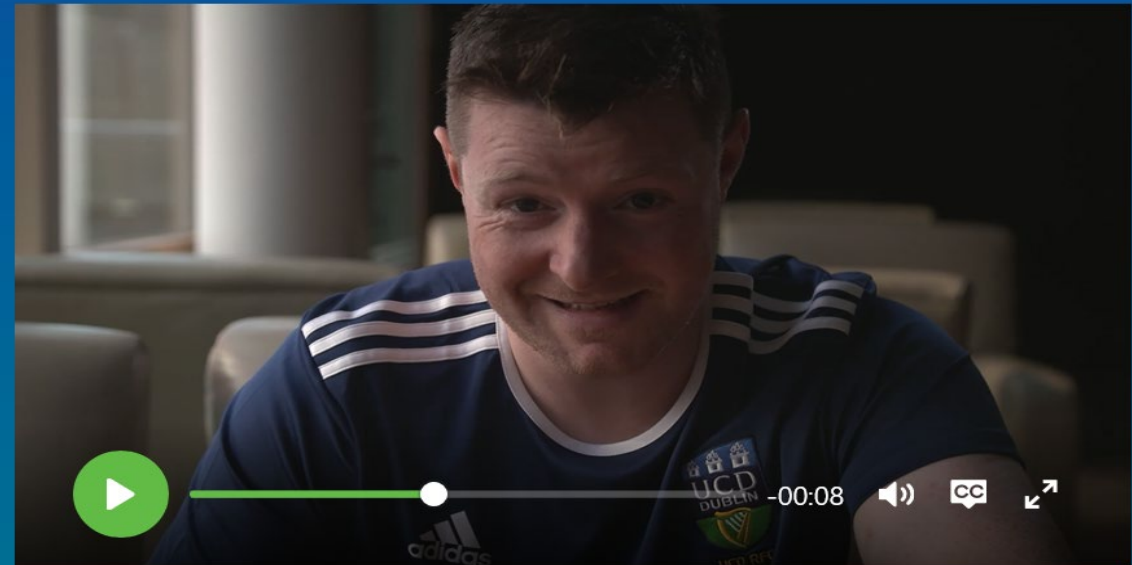
You  
Today, 10:53am

Injured in training, going to be out of the game Saturday. Gutted. 🤔



Yes. It's a private page, so only your mates will see it. They'll know you're injured anyway.

No. You can't share confidential info about games online, even with people you trust.



What do you want to say?

Tell me more.

That sounds a bit dodgy...

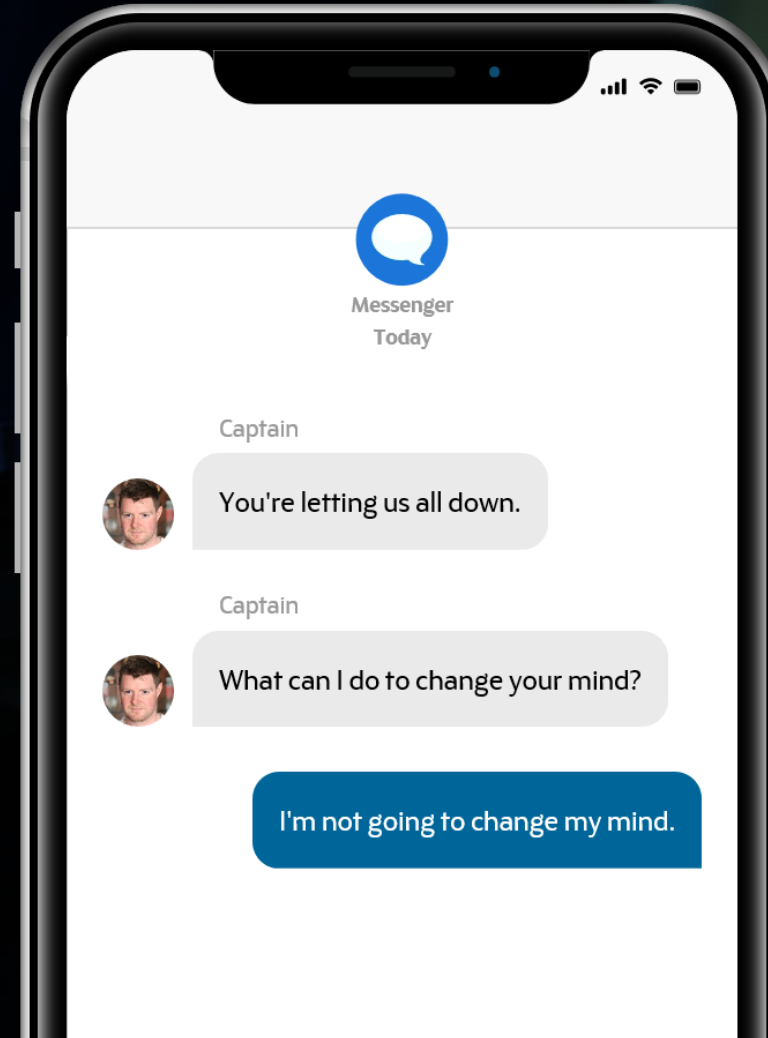
## AFTER TRAINING

The captain doesn't reply.

### What should you do now?

Nothing - you've refused to take part, and that's enough.

Report it - even though you risk getting your team in trouble...





# Integrity Officer briefings



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## KEEP RUGBY ON INSIDE

You could be banned from Rugby or even go to jail, so:

1. Never bet on Rugby and never ask anyone to bet for you
2. Never intentionally perform below your best
3. Never reveal confidential information
4. Report anything suspicious to [confidential@worldrugby.org](mailto:confidential@worldrugby.org)

## don't GAMBLE with your CAREER



Clamoroso al proceso Dirty Soccer: la Procura cambia le conclusioni e chiede per L'Aquila 31 punti



MEET THE OTHER MIDDLETON  
L'AFFAIRE DSK: THE WIFE'S STORY

English cricket in bung scanda  
Les frères Karabatic condamnés à deux mois de prison avec sursis en appel pour paris truqués

Maro Itoje agent banned for 22 months for breaching betting regulations



Ex-Rocket admits to fumbling for \$500

Ex-Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge suspended for giving brother betting tips



A MAFIA DO APITO

Nicolás Kicker, suspendido por arreglo de partidos



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By Natalie Shoebridge



Mitsubishi banned for life for match-fixing

London - Juno Mitsubishi, who reached a career ranking high of No. 28 in 2009, was banned for life Tuesday for match-fixing and fined \$50,000.

The Tennis Integrity Unit said in a statement that Mitsubashi was found guilty of "making corrupt approaches to other players, betting on tennis matches and refusing to co-operate" with the TIU investigation.

The 27-year-old Mitsubashi asked Joshua Chetty, a player he used to coach, to approach another player in an ITF Futures tournament in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in November 2015.

Cricket Australia anti-corruption unit sanctions three players for gambling

Former Leicester Tigers defence coach Phil Blake banned for placing eight separate bets on his own team

Blake placed the bets over two matches and made money in game that saw Leicester lose 23-8 to Toulon

Match fixers stumped: CSA to charge five Ram Slam players

¡Un partido arreglado se juega de nuevo!

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# Operations – RWC 2019

- 20 countries
- 620 players
- 300 - 400 team staff
- 23 Match Officials
- 44 days
- 12 venues
- 12 cities
- 48 matches
- 21 education sessions
- Estimated €480M+ bets
- 7 Integrity Officers
- Law enforcement liaison

## The venues



**Fukuoka**  
Hakatanomori Stadium

**Kobe**  
Misaki Stadium

**Sapporo**  
Dome

**Iwate**  
Kamaishi Recovery Memorial Stadium

**Saitama**  
Kumagaya Rugby Grounds

**Tokyo**  
Tokyo Stadium

**Yokohama**  
International Stadium

**Shizuoka**  
Shizuoka Stadium

**Kumamoto**  
Kumamoto Stadium

**Osaka**  
Hanazono Stadium

**Aichi**  
Toyota Stadium



# RWC 2015 recap – blueprint for 2019

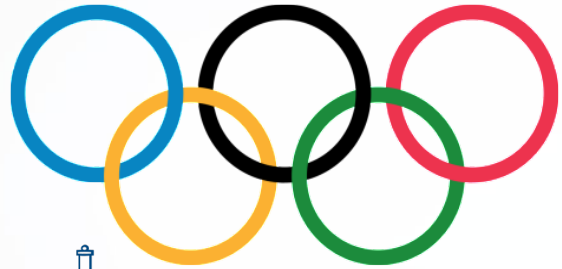
- Memorandum of Understanding with Gambling Commission (and through them national and local police)
- Monitoring by Sport Radar
- Protocols in place with Gambling Commission / police for investigations and media
- Interaction with LOC security team and reporting protocols for team hotels/venues
- Integrity Officer team delivered education and available to receive reports of any approaches from players/referees
- Sport Radar and Gambling Commission reports confirmed no corruption/manipulation



# RWC 2019 operational plan

- Online education completed by all teams/officials
- 21 in-person briefings around Japan by an Integrity Officer for each team/referees
- Integrity Officers regularly around teams and at matches to facilitate reporting of any approaches
- Anonymous online reporting form and confidential reporting email
- Sport Radar monitoring of all games
- Other betting industry information-sharing partnerships
- Law enforcement liaison with senior Japanese national police officer embedded in LOC/RWC offices and pre-agreed standard operating procedures for investigations and media
- Reporting protocols in place for any suspicions at team hotels/venues

# World Rugby Integrity Partners



**UNODC**  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

**GAMBLING COMMISSION**



**警察庁**  
National Police Agency



**INTERPOL**

**spOrtradar**



**AFP**  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE



**NCA**  
National Crime Agency



**betfair**



Canada



international betting integrity association



**ICAC**



**CPB** SINGAPORE  
CORRUPT PRACTICES INVESTIGATION BUREAU  
Swift and Sure



New Zealand **POLICE**  
Nga Pirihimana O Aotearoa

**NEW ZEALAND RACING BOARD**



International Cricket Council



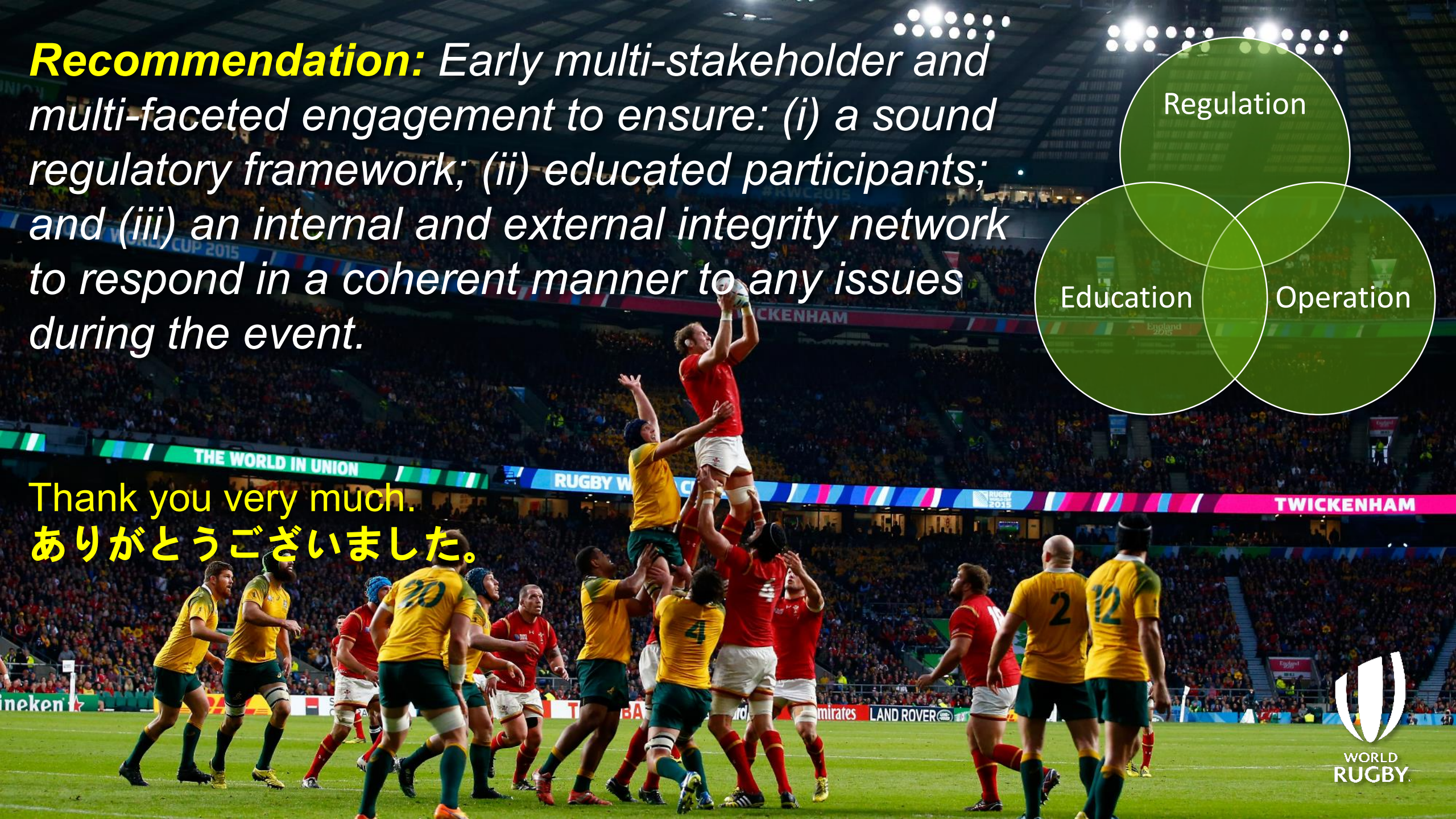
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**Recommendation:** Early multi-stakeholder and multi-faceted engagement to ensure: (i) a sound regulatory framework; (ii) educated participants; and (iii) an internal and external integrity network to respond in a coherent manner to any issues during the event.



Thank you very much.  
ありがとうございました。





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