

**THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED  
BY ARMENIA**

***PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN SPORT AND MITIGATING  
THE RISK OF CORRUPTION***

**ARMENIA(SEVENTH MEETING)**

**Question 2. The protection of integrity in sport by promoting good governance in sport and mitigating the risk of corruption that sport faces.**

**Legislation and policy**

Legal acts regulating the sports field which mitigate the risk of corruption are given below;

1. RA Law on Child and Youth Sport,
2. № 15 protocol decree of the RA Government dated on 18th of April 2013 on “Approval of the projects on development of disability sport, physical culture and sport in RA for 2013-2017 years and the list of events for the implementation of programs”,
3. RA Government decree № 1428-N dated on 1st of September 2005 on “Adoption of minimum standards of necessary conditions for children and adolescents for involving in physical education and sport”,
4. RA Government decree № 798-N dated on 16th of July 2015 on “Approval of official salary, bonus calculation and payment procedure for coaches-pedagogues and management staff working in child-juvenile sports school funding by State budget of the Republic of Armenia”,
5. RA Government decree № 1486-N dated on 17th of December 2015 on “Defining additional payment to official salaries of the employees of the sports organizations of RA state institutions in the field of physical culture of sport and funding from RA State budget”.

**Risks of corruption are also mitigated;**

1. By the existence of the aforementioned legal acts in the web site of the RA Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs,
2. by the specialist studying the training process of the sports schools according to the schedule approved by order of the RA Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs every year
3. by analysing citizens’ applications and complains, identification of problems and preceding them,

**Partnerships and inter-institutional coordination**

1. In order to determine conditions and equipment saturation of the sports halls, sports fields in RA secondary schools and child-juvenile sports schools inter-stitutional committee was established by RA Government decree № 1153-A dated on 2nd of December 2015 on “Establishing inter-stitutional committee and approving its staff”,

2. By the order of RA Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs № 1-N dated on 2nd of February 2009 committee was established that implements activities in order to select and nominate candidates for RA Presidential nominal stipend for athletes achieving high results in RA National teams' staff during Olympic, Paralympic, Deaflympic Games, World and European Championships and their coaches.

### **Mitigating of the risks of corruption and promoting of good governance**

For mitigating the risks of corruption and promoting of good governance audit division operates within the structure of the Ministry which conducts inspections in national sport federations that reduces the risk of corruption.

### **Examples of sport crime cases:**

The international ranking football arbiter Mr. A.A. and his second assistance H.A, being informed that they will serve the football game "Inter Tarku" vs "Vikingur Gota" of 11 July, 2013, in the "Veritas" sport filed of Tarki city of Finland, organized in the scope of the first qualifying round of the European Football League Championship, took bribe from G.H. on July of the same year, before leaving for Finland. G.P. and E.S intermediated for the bribery. The reason of bribe was to create favourable conditions for one of the teams for bookmaking purposes.

On 7 August, 2013, Criminal case N 69107713 was initiated by RA Police for violation of Article 201 parts 1 and 7, and A.A. and H. A were arrested the same day.

The investigation revealed that getting information that Mr. A.A. and his second assistance H.A, being informed that they will serve the football game "Inter Tarku" vs "Vikingur Gota" of 11 July, 2013, in the "Veritas" sport filed of Tarki city of Finland, organized in the scope of the first qualifying round of the European Football League Championship, G.H., E.S. and G.P offered them bribe in amount of about 40000 USD, having intention to make a bet on a football game in a bookmaking company and get favorable results. Mr. A. A. and Mr. H.A. agreed on taking the bribe and promised to ensure favorable result of the game.

Some hours prior the game the parties agreed to make a bet on "one goal for each side" option. Therefore, in order to give opportunity each team to score one goal A.A. declared totally unfounded 11-meter penalty kicks in 77th and 79th minutes of the game.

So, A.A. and H.A committed criminal offences envisaged by the Article 201 Part 1 of RA Criminal Code.

On 10 August, 2013 A.A and H.A were accused for committing crime provided by Article 203 part 3 of Criminal Code and were detained as a precautionary measure. A.A. and H. A asked to imply RA National Assembly's Decision of 3 October, 2013 on

declaring amnesty. Accordingly, the investigation against them was stopped and the precautionary measure was eliminated.

Based on the same Amnesty act, the investigation was stopped against G.H., E.S. and G.P.

On 7 november, 2013 a decision to discontinue the proceedings was adopted.

On December 21, 2015 criminal case N58218215 was initiated in the National Security Service of RA for violation of Article 201 part 1 and 3 of RA Criminal Code.

Particularly, The manager of "Ulis" football club – Mr. A.A. informed an employee of "Toto" bookmaking company - Mr. E.P that he will previously know the result of the games "Ulis Yerevan" vs. "Ararat" taking place on 28 November, 2015, as well as the results of the game "Ulis Yerevan 2" vs. "Ararat 2" taking place on November 30, 2015. They agreed on making bets and earning illegal money on it.

The illegal income received from 1000-3000 USD betting E.P gave to A.A who distributed it among the informed football players and the assistant trainer R.A for receiving favourable results.

Investigation is being conducted for final disclosure of this case.

There are no any trainings directed to enhancement of exclusively the sport crime investigation skills.

However, the permanent qualification enhancement and professional training courses for prosecutors organized by the Academy of Justice included lectures or seminars on combating corruption, identification of corruption crimes, judicial practice.

The prosecutors actively participate in the seminar discussions, consultations, similar other events including aimed at international practice exchange and cooperation.

The representatives of the Department against Corruption and economic crimes and other departments during 2015 participated in various events on combating corruption. For example, the representatives participated in Transparency international's event on launching the National Integrity System Assessment Report, or the 69th plenary meeting of GRECO, and in some other events.

There is no a special unit prosecuting particularly sport crimes in the structure of RA prosecution. However, the Departments against Corruption and economic crimes and Department on cases being investigated in National Security bodies, related to illegal circulation of drugs and cybercrimes, conduct supervision on investigation process of these crimes.

Therefore, based on the General Prosecutor's order N82 of November 19, 2008, the crimes envisaged by the Article 201 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia has been considered to be a corruption crime.

And the supervision on the investigation process of this crime conducts the department against corruption and economic crimes of the General Prosecution of RA. If the sport crime has any details of money laundering or organized crime, or it is being investigated by the National Security service attached to RA Government, the prosecution is carried out by the Department on cases being investigated in National Security bodies, related to illegal circulation of drugs and cybercrimes.