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ANTI-MATCH FIXING

The importance of integrity

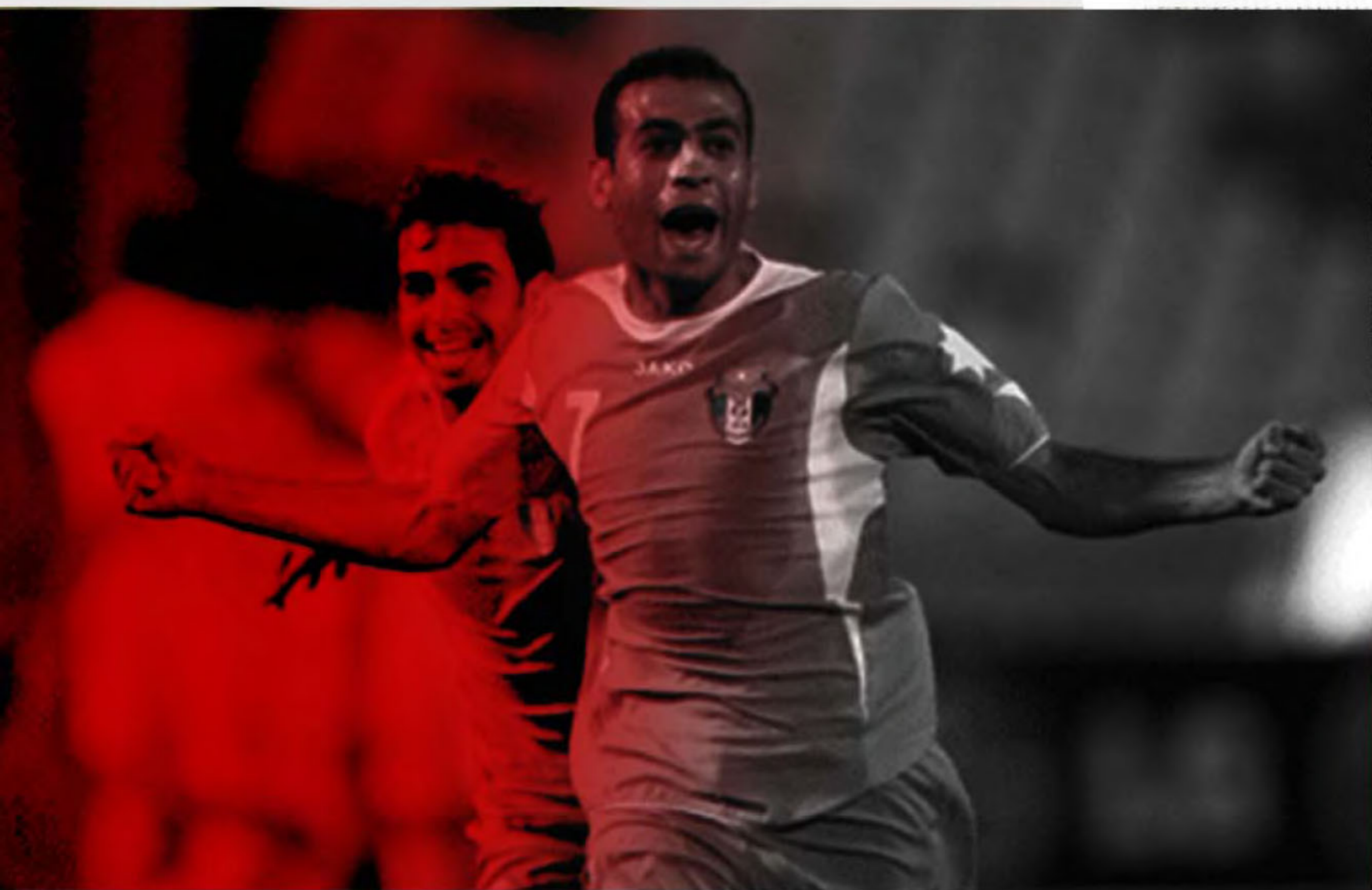
BACKGROUND

This booklet provides a guide and advice to all Players, Coaches, Match Officials and Administrators on the issues relating to the integrity of football in West Asia.

This document is proof of West Asian Football Federation's commitment to protecting the integrity of sport and should be read in line with the code of conduct and disciplinary code of WAFF, which can be downloaded from www.the-waff.com

PURPOSE

The purpose of this booklet is to briefly outline the risks of match-fixing or competition-manipulation in football and to help you understand the importance of always acting with the utmost integrity. This is to protect yourself, teammates, competitions, relevant stakeholders and ultimately the reputation of West Asian Football Federation and the sport as a whole.



INTEGRITY VALUES

- West Asian Football Federation believes the integrity of its competitions is paramount
- West Asian Football Federation wants to protect stakeholders and participants from inadvertently falling foul of the rules and jeopardising their careers



MATCH-FIXING

What is match-fixing?

Match-fixing is the act of influencing or altering the course, result or any other aspect of a football match or competition, and therefore violating the rules of the game and often the law. Match manipulation can be committed for financial gain, sporting advantage or other purposes.

Below are potential match manipulation examples:

- Conspiring to fix the outcome and result of a football match
- Purposefully performing below their ability on the football pitch
- A referee or other match official deliberately making incorrect decisions during the game
- Accepting, offering, receiving or requesting money or other incentives for to manipulate of football matches

Who might be a fixer?

Whilst match-fixing is orchestrated by criminal organisations with a network of members across the world, sources of corruption can also be from ‘fans’, family members, former athletes or competitors, sports officials or club owners/executives.

How do fixers work?

There is no set way in which fixers operate but below are potential methods a fixer might use to manipulate the outcome of a match:

- Offering gifts in return for favours
- Blackmail, direct intimidation or a business proposal
- Encouragement to share inside information to exploit betting markets
- Direct messages on social media

Which matches may be targeted?

All matches can be susceptible to fixing. However, matches with less media coverage and fewer viewers may be more appealing for fixers.

Which stakeholders may be targeted?

Any player, coach, administrator, or match official is a potential target to assist in match-fixing, but a fixer may approach those stakeholders with specific roles within the team to avoid raising suspicion.

How can match-fixing affect you?

- If you do not comply with your duty to report any match manipulation approach or incident, you can be sanctioned
- Being involved in match manipulation can lead to a lifetime ban from any football activity
- Match manipulation may have direct links with organised crime
- One wrong decision can put yourself, your team or your family members at risk and ultimately negatively affect the integrity of football



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Inform football authorities if you are approached in connection with match-fixing activities
- Report to football authorities any information you have related to match-fixing activities
- Do not bet on football matches or have someone bet on your behalf
- Do not share information that is not publicly available and that could potentially damage the integrity of the game
- Be careful what you share on social media, you never know who has access to your information

DUTY TO REPORT

Any involvement in match-fixing activities is a threat to both yourself and the people around you in the short and long-term. If you are approached to manipulate a match or be involved in a match-fixing activity, make sure you:

RECOGNIZE : That something is wrong

RESIST : Say “NO” immediately

REPORT : Immediately report any approach, bribery or match manipulation

Reports can be made directly via email to the following email address [integrity@the-waff.com]. All information received will be treated confidentially.



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CONSEQUENCES

If you are found guilty of match-fixing, you will be punished:

- Banned from involvement in football
- Fines
- Imprisonments
- Suspensions
- Contract termination

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

FIFA Integrity - Digital Flyer :

<https://fifa.fans/2Wj9ihf>

AFC Match-Fixing - Digital Booklet :

<https://bit.ly/3z9MPSE>

AFC Integrity – Mobile Application

Scan QR code to download the app

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