

MATCH-FIXING Questionnaire

Have you heard about match-fixing?

If you are a sport fan, you have probably heard of it. Generally, match-fixing consists of violating the rules of the game to manipulate the outcomes of a sport event, for betting or for sporting related purposes.

An international questionnaire on match-fixing

We would be happy if you could participate in this questionnaire, giving us your opinion. We are willing to have on board participants from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and United Kingdom!

Who we are

We are an international consortium from seven European countries which is conducting this study in the frame of an Erasmus+ Sport Programme.

The study is called EPOS (“Evidence-based Prevention of Sporting-related Match-fixing”) and it is coordinated by Ghent university (Belgium). The Croatian Olympic Committee is a member of the consortium and your contact point for any questions you might have (Alma Papić, alma.papic@hoo.hr).

Could you help us?

Answering to the questionnaire takes 15 minutes. We welcome respondents of 18 years or older who are/were involved in football, tennis, or basketball!

Please keep in mind that:

- *We care about **the honesty of your response**: your participation is completely voluntary and you are free to quit the questionnaire at any time without consequence.*
- *We care about **data confidentiality**: your data will be collected, processed, saved, and reported anonymously and in aggregated form only by the partners of the EPOS project.*
- *We care about **transparency**: If you have any questions or comments please contact eposm@ugent.be. A summary of the main results can be obtained on request and after completion of the project.*

More detailed information can be found in “The information letter for participants in this study.”

We greatly appreciate your input!

If you tick this box, it means that you agree to participate in our questionnaire and that you have read and understood the information above.

What betting-related match-fixing is

Match-fixing often takes place in relation to betting. **Betting-related match-fixing** entails the influencing or manipulation of the result, score or course of the game/match on which specific people have wagered money.

Did you know?

In 2013 the joint investigation between Interpol and Europol, the European Union's police agency has revealed evidence of fixing in about 380 matches across Europe and a further 300 games outside the continent between 2008 and 2011. The match-fixing activity involved hundreds of people (criminals, corrupted officials and players) generating millions of Euro in illicit profits through the gambling market. This is still the largest investigation against match-fixing in the history.

and what sporting-related match-fixing is

Alternatively, a game/match may be manipulated by another team or another player to influence the course of a competition or tournament, for example to ensure that one's own team is not relegated or that the player concerned advances to the next round. A financial inducement may sometimes be given here, or a material one (for example, a keg of beer).

Did you know?

The first mass disqualification in Olympic history happened in London (2012) during the Badminton Women's double. China and South Korea wanted to lose without looking like it was intentional, to get a weaker opponent to the quarterfinals. The same did South Korea and Indonesia an hour later. They did not succeed. The Badminton World Federation (BWF) disqualified all four teams.

1. What is your gender? (1 answer)
 - a. Man
 - b. Woman
 - c. Other
 - d. I prefer not to say

2. What is your age?
... → **only numbers allowed**

3. Listed below are a number of statements. Read each item and decide whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE.

(1 answer per statement)

	True	False
1. I'm always willing to admit it when I make a mistake.	O	O
2. I always try to practice what I preach.	O	O

3. I never resent being asked to return a favor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I have never been annoyed when people expressed ideas very different from my own.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I have never deliberately said something that hurt someone's feelings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. I like to gossip at times.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. There have been occasions when I took advantage of someone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. I sometimes try to get even rather than forgive and forget.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. At times I have really insisted on having things my own way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. There have been occasions when I felt like smashing things.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I gambled during the past year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. I have already bet on a match in which I was personally involved.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Of the following sports, my main sport is (was):

(1 answer)

- a. Football
- b. Tennis
- c. Basketball
- d. Other: ...

All of the following questions will target your experiences in your main sport.

5. How long have you been involved in this sport (in years)?

... → only numbers allowed

6. How are (were) you mainly related to this sport?

(1 answer)

- a. Athlete
- b. Coach/Trainer/Assistant coach
- c. Medical staff
- d. Referee/(Video) Assistant Referee/(Fourth) official/Jury member
- e. Board member/Assembly member/Manager of a sport club
- f. Other: ...

7. At what level are (were) you mainly involved?

(1 answer)

- a. Professional
- b. Semi-professional
- c. Amateur

8. At what playing level are (were) you mainly involved?

(1 answer)

- a. International
- b. National
- c. Local
- d. Leisure activity

9. Check the box with your response to each statement shown in the table below.

(1 answer per statement)

Items	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Match-fixing is a real problem in my sport discipline in Croatia.	<input type="radio"/>						
It is okay to spread rumors to defend those you care about.	<input type="radio"/>						
I could be approached myself to fix a match. (regardless of whether or not you would agree to it)	<input type="radio"/>						
Taking something without the owner's permission is okay as long as you're just borrowing it.	<input type="radio"/>						
I feel somewhat uncomfortable when I hear that someone in my sporting environment has been involved in sporting-related match-fixing. (e.g. to avoid relegation of his/her team)	<input type="radio"/>						
Considering the ways people grossly misrepresent themselves, it's hardly a sin to inflate your own credentials a bit.	<input type="radio"/>						
I feel somewhat uncomfortable when I hear that someone has not been punished for engaging in sporting-related match-fixing.	<input type="radio"/>						
People shouldn't be held accountable for doing questionable things when they were just doing what an authority figure told them to do.	<input type="radio"/>						
I feel somewhat uncomfortable when I hear that someone in my sporting environment has been involved in betting-related match-fixing.	<input type="radio"/>						
People can't be blamed for doing things that are technically wrong when all their friends are doing it too.	<input type="radio"/>						
I feel somewhat uncomfortable when I hear that someone has not been punished for engaging in betting-related match-fixing.	<input type="radio"/>						
Taking personal credit for ideas that were not your own is no big deal.	<input type="radio"/>						

Participating in match-fixing to avoid relegation of my team, is acceptable.	<input type="radio"/>						
Some people have to be treated roughly because they lack feelings that can be hurt.	<input type="radio"/>						
Participating in match-fixing to make money through betting, is acceptable.	<input type="radio"/>						
People who get mistreated have usually done something to bring it on themselves.	<input type="radio"/>						

10. Do you personally know anyone who has been approached to fix a game/match?

(1 answer)

- a. Yes, I know one person
- b. Yes, I know two persons
- c. Yes, I know three or more persons
- d. No

If you answered “No” to Question 10, go to Question 15.

If you answered question 10 with one of the three “Yes”-options (i.e. a, b, or c), then think of the approached person you know best.

11. This person was a

(1 answer)

- a. Man
- b. Woman
- c. Other
- d. I prefer not to say

12. In which sport was he/she approached?

(1 answer)

- a. Football
- b. Tennis
- c. Basketball
- d. I don't know
- e. Other: ...

13. How was he/she related to this sport at the moment of the proposal?

(1 answer)

- a. Athlete
- b. Coach/Trainer/Assistant coach
- c. Medical staff
- d. Referee/(Video) Assistant Referee/(Fourth) official/Jury member
- e. Board member/Assembly member/Manager of a sport club
- f. I don't know
- g. Other: ...

14. Who approached this person?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. Athlete(s)
- b. Former athlete(s)
- c. Coach(es)/Trainer(s)/Assistant coach(es)
- d. Medical staff
- e. Agent(s) of an athlete
- f. Referee(s)/(Video) Assistant Referee(s)/(Fourth) official(s)/jury member(s)
- g. Board member(s)/Assembly member(s)/Manager(s) of a sport club
- h. Sponsor(s)
- i. Bettor(s)/Gambler(s)
- j. I don't know who
- k. Other: ...

15. Have you yourself ever been approached to fix a game/match?

(1 answer)

- a. Yes
- b. No

If you answered “yes” to Question 10 or to question 15, go to Question 16.

If you answered “no” to Question 10 and to question 15, go to Question 34.

16. Have you ever reported your suspicions or experiences of match-fixing to anyone?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. Yes, to teammates
- b. Yes, to the coach/trainer/assistant coach
- c. Yes, to the board members of the sport club
- d. Yes, to the sport federation
- e. Yes, to the police
- f. Yes, to an anonymous reporting line
- g. No
- h. Other: ...

If you answered “yes” to Question 15, go to Question 17.

If you answered “no” to Question 15, go to Question 34.

17. How many times have you been approached to fix a game/match?

(1 answer)

Notes: only count the cases which happened in your main sport.

- a. Just once
- b. 2-3 times
- c. More than 3 times

18. How old were you when you were approached to fix a match for the first time (in years)?
... → only numbers allowed

Filter: if you have been approached two or more times go to question 19. Otherwise go to question 20.

19. How old were you the last time you were approached to fix a match (in years)?
... → only numbers allowed

The following questions apply to the last time you were approached to fix a match .

20. How were you related to the sport, at the moment of that proposal?

(1 answer)

- Athlete
- Coach/Trainer/Assistant coach
- Medical staff
- Referee/(Video) Assistant Referee/(Fourth) official/Jury member
- Board member/Assembly member/Manager of a sport club
- Other: ...

21. At what level were you involved at that time? (1 answer)

- Professional
- Semi-professional
- Amateur

22. At what playing level were you involved at that time? (1 answer)

- International
- National
- Local
- Leisure activity

23. Who approached you?

(1 answer)

- Athlete(s)
- Former athlete(s)
- Coach(es)/Trainer(s)/Assistant coach(es)
- Medical staff
- Agent(s) of an athlete
- Referee(s)/(Video) Assistant Referee(s)/(Fourth) official(s)/Jury member(s)
- Board member(s)/Assembly member(s)/Manager(s) of a sport club
- Sponsor(s)
- Bettor(s)/Gambler(s)
- Other: ...

24. The people who approached you, were affiliated with:

(1 answer)

- a. The opponent
- b. Your own club/team
- c. I don't know
- d. Other: ...

25. What was the motive of the people who approached you?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. To earn money by betting on the manipulated game/match
- b. To prevent a specific club or player from being relegated
- c. To enable a specific club or player to win the championship
- d. To determine who the next-round opponent would be
- e. To make the competition or tournament more exciting
- f. I don't know
- g. Other: ...

26. What were these people seeking to influence?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. The outcome of the game/match (who wins/loses)
- b. The exact result of the game/match (e.g. 2-0 in football, 0-6 in tennis)
- c. Specific events during the game/match (e.g. who gets the first yellow card, who serves the first double fault)
- d. I don't know
- e. Other: ...

27. What did these people try to make happen on the sport field / during the manifestation of the manipulation?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. Deliberate underperformance
- b. A specific event during the game/match (e.g. first yellow card, first double fault, first throw-in)
- c. Manipulation of personal information (e.g., gender, age, weight)
- d. Manipulation of the equipment (e.g., manipulation of the ball)
- e. I don't know
- f. Other: ...

28. Where did the proposal take place?

(1 answer)

- a. Croatia
- b. Other: ...

29. Were you offered money to fix the game/match?

(1 answer)

- a. Yes, less than €100
- b. Yes, between €100 and €500
- c. Yes, between €500 and €1000
- d. Yes, between €1000 and €5000
- e. Yes, more than €5000
- f. No

30. Were you promised other material inducements to fix the game/match?

(e.g. an iPhone, a voucher to buy online, tickets for sport events, special discount in shops, a keg of beer)

(1 answer)

- a. Yes
- b. No

If you answered “no” to Question 30, go to Question 32.

31. Which inducements were you promised?

(please specify)

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32. Were you threatened or pressured to fix the game/match?

(1 answer)

- a. Yes
- b. No

33. Did you consent with the proposal to fix the match?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. Yes, because of the money and/or other material inducements offered
- b. Yes, because I experienced financial difficulties at that time
- c. Yes, because I was pressured by those who approached me
- d. Yes, because I was pressured by my own team
- e. Yes, in the interests of my own club
- f. Yes, as a friendly gesture toward another club or athlete
- g. Yes, out of sympathy for the person who made the proposal
- h. No, I did not consent with the proposal
- i. Other: ...

Applicable to all respondents.

34. Are you still involved in a sport club in this sport?

(1 answer)

- a. Yes
- b. No

If you answered “no” to Question 34, go to the end of the questionnaire.

35. Does your own club pay attention to match-fixing, and if so, how?

(multiple answers possible)

- a. Yes, there is a code of conduct/ethics with statements on match-fixing in the sport club
- b. Yes, the sport club provides information (sessions) / training about match-fixing
- c. Yes, the sport club gives explicit warnings on match-fixing
- d. Yes, there is a confidential adviser in the sport club to whom cases and/or suspicions of match-fixing can be reported
- e. Yes, there is a ban to bet on matches within our own competition imposed by the sport club
- f. Yes, any suspicious acts are reported to the police by the sport club
- g. No, my sport club does NOT pay attention to match-fixing
- h. I don't know
- i. Other: ...

Thank you very much for your participation in our survey!