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## “Athletes Counsellors Against Match Fixing”

### *Module 5: Athletes*





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## Module 5: Athletes as a main actors in the fight against match-fixing

<b><i>Unit 1</i></b>	<b><i>Recognize, resist, report</i></b>
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# Modules: Learning Outcomes of the course

## Modules : “Athletes as a main actor in the fight against match-fixing”

**Introduction text: In this module, we will look at the tools available to athletes to take action against match-fixing. Using the threefold principle of "recognise, resist, report", we will develop a line of defence and attack against this phenomenon.**

### **Knowledge**

- How can athletes fight against match-fixing?
- What tools do they have?

### **Skills and competencies**

- Be familiar with certain best practices so that they can be applied to different contexts
- Apply a system of action to publicise match-fixing.

# Topic 1: Recognize o raising awareness

Recognize a situation is when somebody comes up to you offering you money for not doing your best in your sport. If you recognize something wrong is going on, then resist !

The EPSOM project realised workshop in order to raise awarness about match-fixing and its consequences. Leading to a better knowledge of the phenomenon, athletes are more able to recognize illegal behaviour.



## Topic 2: Resist - Making match-fixing less attractive

Make a stop sign ! Don't follow up this conversation, get out of this situation and concentrate on your sport again.

Keeping in mind that without the support of athletes, coaches and referees, cheats can no longer influence the game!

As we said, some athletes are particularly vulnerable to match-fixers. Be aware of their particular situation can allow to help us to not be tempted by match-fixing. It is important to give to every sportmen/sportwomen the possibility to renounce to the "easy" winnings.

# Topic 3 : Report

Reporting is very important ! It can lead to the end of a criminal network of match-fixing.

The Finnish Footballer Players' Association developed a mobile app to encourage athletes to denounce match-fixing. The mobile app called "Players Red Button" offers the players an anonymous alert notification and module to education and prevention about match-fixing.

## How the Red Button works:

1. The player makes an anonymous notification through the Red Button. It is easy to use and the player can find the Red Button on his personal mobile.
2. The player can make a notification with trust and in a safe envi-

ronment. There is no way to track the origins of sent messages.

## To whom players report:

Based on the test period and negotiations with stakeholders during that period:

1. All reports are directly transferred to a 24/7 security company. Information is being handled anonymously and confidentially by a security professional. No-

- one else sees the information including the player union.
2. The information will only be given to the police authorities when the nature of information is serious. The information will be sent to the police without any changes.

3. The police collect information from different sources. They do not investigate the case if the information is based on one source only. The decision on any further action will be made by the police.

<https://fifpro.org/media/pn4g3wne/don-t-fix-it-good-practice-guide.pdf>



# Topic 4: Quiz

How are called the athletes participating in match-fixing ?

- Fixers
- **Insiders**
- Cheaters

In the research “Fix the FIXING”, how many athletes were aware of at least one match fixing in the last 12 months ?

- **20%**
- 40%
- 60%

Who can pay the consequences of match fixing ?

- **All the athletes**
- Only who was found guilty
- Nobody

What the “3R”s theory is?

- Respect, Reciprocity, Results
- Resilience, Reconstruction, Reliance
- **Recognize, Resist, Report**

Which fundamental value must be reinforce among athletes to fight against match-fixing ?

- Self-confidence
- Tolerance
- **Fair play**