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# **The Swedish Gambling Authority's regulations and general advice regarding restrictions and bans on certain forms of betting to prevent the manipulation of results (e.g. match fixing) within sports as well as the reporting of suspected manipulation;**

adopted on 14 September 2020.

The Swedish Gambling Authority is prescribing<sup>1</sup> the following pursuant to Chapter 16, § 6, paragraph 1, and § 11, point 2, of the Gambling Ordinance (2018:1475), and is adopting the following general advice.

### **Chapter 1. Scope and expression**

**1 §** These regulations and general advice contain supplementary provisions to the Gambling Act (2018:1138) and the Gambling Ordinance (2018:1475). The regulations apply to betting on sports carried out in Sweden for those who have a licence to provide betting according to Chapter 8 of the Gambling Act.

**2 §** The expressions and terms used in the regulations have the same meaning as in the Gambling Act (2018:1138) and in the Gambling Ordinance (2018:1475).

For the purposes of these regulations and general advice, "sport" refers to individual performance or team performance with a competitive element that is often associated with physical activity and which requires skill, and is determined both by skill and by luck, where the skill of the participants varies and affects the performance to a large extent, and is often of a competitive nature, such as e.g. floorball, basketball, e-sports, football, equestrian, golf, ice hockey, motor racing, skiing, shooting or tennis.

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<sup>1</sup>See Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

## **Chapter 2. Ban on betting on certain sanctions and the performance of minors**

**1 §** Betting may not be offered on sanctions for violations of the rules in connection with a match, competition or tournament.

*General advice:*

Sanctions could be a red or yellow card, free throw, penalty shot, penalty kick, sending off, warning, disqualification or similar.

**2 §** Betting may not be offered on individual performance in a match, competition or tournament by a participant who, at the time of the offer of betting, is below the age of 18.

## **Chapter 3. Specific information regarding the restriction of and ban on betting on football**

**1 §** Betting on football, bearing in mind the restrictions set out in Chapters 1 and 2, may only be offered only on

- the four highest league levels in the Swedish league system,
- matches between teams at international club level where the teams are included in one of the four highest league levels in each country,
- matches in the Swedish Cup where the teams are included in one of the four highest league levels in the Swedish league system, and
- matches involving national teams from U21 level up to the full national team.

Betting may not be offered on training or friendly matches other than in cases involving national teams from U21 level up to the full national team.

*General advice:*

Matches between teams at international club level could include matches in the European cup competitions played in Sweden, for example.

## **Chapter 4. Reporting of recorded, suspected manipulation of sports results that are the subject of betting**

**1 §** No later than 31 March each year, a licence holder must send the Swedish Gambling Authority a report of the previous year's recorded, suspected manipulations of sports results that are the subject of betting according to Chapter 8, § 1, paragraph 3, of the Swedish Lottery Inspectorate's regulations and general advice (LIFS 2018:8) regarding technical requirements, as well as the accreditation of bodies for the person who will be checking, testing and certifying gambling activities.

Any recorded, suspected manipulation of results must include the date of the suspected manipulation and information regarding what the suspected manipulation relates to.

*General advice:*

Reporting of recorded, suspected manipulations of results should only relate to matches, competitions or tournaments. As far as possible, no personal data relating to suspected manipulations should be included in the report. A licence holder should compile suspected manipulations of results on an ongoing basis.

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These regulations and general advice will enter into force on 1 January 2021.

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