

BADMINTON EUROPE

DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR

Policing Sports Betting Khalid Ali



"The subject of gambling is all encompassing. It combines man's natural play instinct with his desire to know about his fate and his future" – Franz Rosenthal, Gambling in Islam, 1975

Match-fixingA threat to the integrity of sport

- White (black) Sox scandal of 1919 threatened public confidence in the integrity of sport.
- Match-fixing only enters public consciousness when a major scandal is uncovered.

Match-fixingA threat to sports books

- Match-fixing is a threat to the financial viability of sports books.
- Demand for sports wagering depends upon the perception among bettors that the contest is fair.
- Sports leagues and sports books have tremendous incentives to prevent match fixing

The need for ESSA

- Robert Hoyzer a referee in the lower German divisions was found to have manipulated the result of 6 matches in Germany.
- The German state monopoly ODDSET lost over €26 million Euros because they lacked the means to monitor betting patterns.
- The online industry was <u>not impacted</u>

The role of ESSA

- To set up lines of communication between all sports books.
- To initiate an Early Warning System.
- Offer service to the Sports Regulators free of charge.

- To create ESSA as a legally established non profit making association.
- To set up an office to monitor all unusual betting patterns or insider betting.

ESSA cooperating with the leading regulators & governing bodies in sport

ATP The Association of Tennis Professionals

DFB / Betradar Deutscher Fussball-Bund (De)

EPBF European Pool and Billiard Federation

EPFL The European Professional Football Leagues (28 Countries)

FIFA The Fédération Internationale de Football Association

IOC International Olympic Committee

ITF International Tennis Federation

NHL National Hockey League (USA)

PSA Professional Snooker Association

RBFA The Royal Belgian Football Association

SBF Swedish Basketball Federation

The FA The Football Association (UK)

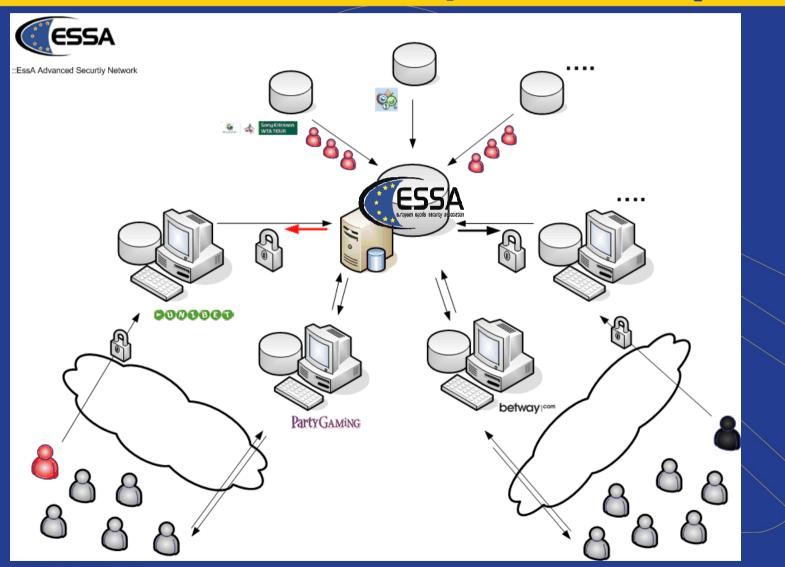
TIU The Tennis Integrity Unit

WTA Women's Tennis Association

UEFA The Union of European Football Associations

WPBSA World Professional Billards and Snooker Association

ESSA Early Warning System & Advance Security Platform (ASP)



ESSA in action

- The ability to identify irregular betting patterns within an hour of an alert being issued by an ESSA member.
- Notification to sports federations immediately.
- * Assistance in retro investigations.
- Advice to sports federations and regulators on security implementation.
- Advanced Security Platform to detect possible insider betting using large scale databases.

Safeguarding sports integrity

- Match-fixing and illegal betting is scourge for both the sport federations and the online gaming industry.
- Reputation and credibility are at stake for both sectors.
- Keeping criminals out of sport and the online gaming industry.
- Preserving the integrity, trust and reputation of all sports to ensure a safe and secure environment for everyone

Thank You!

























