

Annual Report 2019



PLAY FAIR CODE

INTEGRITY WINS



**Credibility, spirit,
and responsibility
marking our steps
to new heights.**

Continuity and progress.

As 2019 draws to a close, the Play Fair Code looks back on a busy year. Thanks to consistent efforts to raise awareness while still handling our day-to-day tasks and goals, our integrity platform has achieved favorable progress this year. We had the pleasure of welcoming two new important sports federations to our members, the Austrian Handball Federation and the Austrian Tennis Association. The Play Fair Code also set a new all-time record, conducting 75 national and international education workshops in the last twelve months. Our expertise is highly regarded not only in Austria, but also on an EU level and beyond. All of this clearly highlights the unceasing and steadfast work that we do. Therefore, my special thanks go to my team, to our members, partners, and sponsors, all of who make up the backbone of the Play Fair Code.

Günther KALTENBRUNNER

PRESIDENT PLAY FAIR CODE



PHILIPP TRATTNER

LEAD OF SECTION II – MINISTRY OF SPORTS

“Like previous years, the issues of match fixing and betting fraud stayed relevant in 2019. As the responsible ministry, it is our task to set measures aimed at ensuring that sports will continue to fulfill its socio-political role going forward, and that it will remain a source of enthusiasm in Austria. This can only succeed if we cultivate and maintain credibility and a sporting spirit as the pillars supporting the sports nation. The effective partnership with the Play Fair Code, which plays a pioneering role within the EU, has proved its worth. We must work to expand on this partnership in 2020 and to reflect this in a National Platform within the meaning of the Council of Europe Convention in a timely manner. Thank you very much for the valuable work!”



CHRISTINA TOTH

SPORTS LAWYER AND PRESIDENT AUSTRIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

“Tennis is the easiest world sport to manipulate. The Austrian Tennis Federation recognized the need for active prevention against manipulation in its sport and consulted the Play Fair Code as a renowned integrity expert. It is hugely important to approach our young players offensively as well as sensitize, inform, and protect them at an early stage. Since the Federation began cooperating with the Play Fair Code, we have carried out several information events, which attracted a good deal of interest, like the one held during the national championship in Oberpullendorf.”



GERHARD HOFBAUER

PRESIDENT AUSTRIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

“Under the motto #NoManipulation, the Play Fair Code recently launched a campaign that should not be ignored by any sport, athlete, or functionary. I can therefore say with pride and conviction that, of course, the Austrian Handball Federation supports this unreservedly as well. Luckily, domestic handball has so far been spared from match fixing and betting fraud. While this is gratifying, it should not be used as a reason to ignore the issue. Thus, our Federation is very interested in having its athletes, supervisors, referees, and officials well prepared to recognize the current dangers and risks by the professional prevention work of the Play Fair Code.”

NEW APPROACHES TO COMMUNICATION. AWARENESS RAISING CAN TAKE PLACE VIA SEVERAL DIFFERENT PATHS.

Prevention work is our core competency. In the matter of match fixing,
it plays an important yet complex role.

OUR MESSAGE

Subject #NoManipulation

In the fight against match fixing and betting fraud, the **Play Fair Code** musters all forces and regularly **strikes new paths**. For some time now, we have been spreading our **messages** in numerous workshops held on site at the clubs and associations, and at symposia and lectures. The Play Fair Code is also present **through modern media channels** such as LED perimeter advertising, video wall systems and of course social media. Launched in 2019, the “#NoManipulation” campaign was specifically designed for modern media channels. The catchy and internationally easy-to-understand slogan helps us to spread **our mission** in both the **real** and the **digital world**.



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-  /playfaircode
-  /playfaircode
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MEMBERSHIP

Austrian Tennis Federation joining the Play Fair Code.



Davis Cup player Philipp Oswald was directly affected. “Money can be a brutal lure,” the Austrian tennis pro said. “When I was 22, somebody called me in my hotel room right before a challenger tournament and offered me \$15,000 if I lost. I immediately hung up the phone.”

A strong statement and exactly the right timing for the presidents of the ATF and the Play Fair Code to seal their cooperation on the occasion of the Davis Cup kick-off in Salzburg in February 2019. The Austrian Tennis Federation is the **fifth sporting discipline** and the first individual sport to join the Play Fair Code.

The Play Fair Code will hold prevention workshops for the ATF and events to raise awareness with the under 16 players and above, as well as with the Davis Cup and Fed Cup teams and the Austrian Tennis League. Furthermore, referees and officials will be trained and sensitized.

“Tennis is the world’s most easily manipulated sport,” says **Günter Kaltenbrunner**. “With numerous actually proven manipulations, tennis unfortunately tops the list of offenders. It is therefore very positive that top sport associations such as the Austrian Tennis Federation recognize the need for active prevention.”



MEMBERSHIP

Handball athletes say:
#NoManipulation

As the latest member in its sports network, the Play Fair Code will also train the **athletes of the Austrian Handball Federation and the spusu Leagues** in the future. This new cooperation was presented at the time of the historic AHF victory against European champion Spain in Dornbirn last April.

The **ways of placing bets** on handball games are manifold, and the **spectrum** of conceivable **manipulations** is **correspondingly high**. The **case** of the French **Karabatic** brothers is still fresh in the public’s memory. The two were sentenced to a suspended two-month prison sentence for their part in a betting scandal. A well-functioning **monitoring system** registered unusually high bets on a loss by the champion club Montpellier.

“Having another world sport join the Play Fair Code is a crystal-clear statement supporting the **reputation** we have managed to build up over the past seven years. Of course, we’re excited about this new partnership,” **Play Fair Code CEO Severin Moritzer** says. “But, above all, this cooperation is a commitment to follow our strategy of prevention, education and raising awareness when it comes to corruption in sport.”

NEWCOMER IN THE PLAY FAIR CODE NETWORK

HPYBET and the Play Fair Code –
A Partnership for Integrity in Football.

In early 2019, the second Austrian football league entered into a three-year naming rights partnership with HPYBET. Close enough to the mainstream, yet far enough away not to need the “big guns,” says **HPYBET CEO Andreas Köberl** in describing the current positioning of his company in Austrian football.

HPYBET, positioned as an omni-channel betting provider in Germany and Austria, is one of the **top players** in those **betting markets**. In the sense of a responsible corporate philosophy, HPYBET supports the league and especially the clubs.

According to **Köberl** it’s not just about advertising **values and visibility**. HPYBET also wants to **give something back to the sport** by sponsoring the second football league, the national ice hockey team, and other sustainable projects involving domestic sports. **Integrity** is more than just a marketing message, and HPYBET prioritizes a **true and authentic attitude to sportsmanship**.

“That’s why we are **very pleased** to have **another betting operator on board** with us,” says **Günter Kaltenbrunner**. “We are already present in six sports

disciplines with integrity workshops and efforts to prevent match-fixing efforts. Together with HPYBET, we can expand further and deepen our commitment.”

The cooperation with another betting operator, rather than being contradictory to the mission of Play Fair Code, aims to create and promote integrity awareness. Quite the contrary, it adds value to the mission.



LONG LASTING PLAY FAIR CODE SUPPORTER

Raiffeisen renewing its partnership with Play Fair Code.



Raiffeisen has been involved as a Play Fair Code partner since 2013.

By renewing this partnership, the Raiffeisen Banking Group, as one of the leading banking groups in Austria, underlines its responsibility for social and sporting subjects.

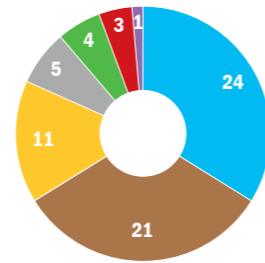
Leodegar Pruschak, Managing Director of Raiffeisen Advertising: “Our cooperation with the Play Fair Code is consistent with the Raiffeisen sports sponsorship strategy. We are therefore happy to support the Play Fair Code’s work and activities in the field of sports integrity.”

Günter Kaltenbrunner: “We are pleased that Raiffeisen continues to be a strong partner of the Play Fair Code. The commitment once again highlights our mutual interest in the importance of integrity in the world of sports and harmonizes well with our goals and objectives.”

A RECORD YEAR IN PLAY FAIR CODE TRAINING. EVEN NEW MEMBERS WERE PROVIDED A FIRST TRAINING SERIES.

Face-to-face contact with the participants is an essential element of our prevention workshops. It is the only way to reach the audience both on the cognitive and emotional level and thus to achieve an ideal awareness of the subjects of match fixing and betting fraud.

EDUCATION TRAININGS NATIONAL



- BASKETBALL**
Austrian Second League
- ICEHOCKEY**
Erste Bank Ice Hockey League
- FOOTBALL**
Austrian Third League
UEFA
Austrian Football Association
HPYBET Second League
- HANDBALL**
Austrian Handball Federation /
Handball Austria
spusu League
spusu Challenge
- SKI**
Austrian Ski Federation
- TENNIS**
Austrian Tennis Federation
- LECTURES**
Austrian Sports Betting Association
Danube University Krems
Federal Criminal Police Office



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| <p>4x BASKETBALL
<u>Austrian Second League</u>
Deutsch-Wagram
Villach
Mistelbach
Eisenstadt</p> | <p>Salzburg
Klagenfurt
Székesfehérvár -Ungarn
Linz
Villach
Znaim - Tschechien</p> | <p>Leobendorf
Neusiedl am See
Bruck/Leitha
Traiskirchen
Mattersburg
Maria Enzersdorf
Mödling
Draßburg
Stripfing
Steyr</p> | <p><u>UEFA</u>
Stegersbach
Windischgarsten
Lengau und St. Georgen
im Attergau
<u>HPYBET Second League</u>
Graz
<u>AFA</u>
Obertraun</p> | <p><u>spusu League</u>
Krems
Hard
Graz
Wien
Bregenz
Schwarz
Ferlach
Linz
Bärnbach/Köflach</p> | <p>Hollabrunn
Wien
Bad Vöslau
Bruck an der Mur
Trofaiach
Tulln</p> |
| <p>11x ICEHOCKEY
<u>EBEL</u>
Dornbirn
Innsbruck
Bozen - Südtirol
Graz
Wien</p> | <p>24x FOOTBALL
<u>Third League East</u>
Wiener Neustadt
Ebreichsdorf
Wien
Mannsdorf an der
Donau</p> | <p><u>Third League Central</u>
Graz
Gleisdorf
Ried</p> | <p>21x HANDBALL
<u>Handball Austria</u>
Wien
Graz</p> | <p><u>spusu Challenge</u>
Leoben
St. Pölten
Korneuburg</p> | <p>1x SKI
<u>ASF</u>
Innsbruck</p> |
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<u>ATF</u>
Vösendorf
Oberpullendorf</p> |

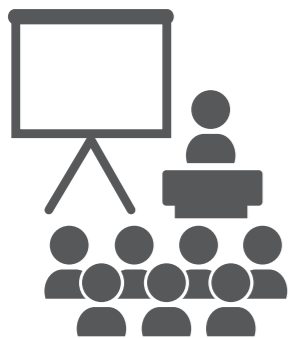
7 YEARS OF EDUCATION

16,000+ Participants

More than 16,000 athletes, coaches, referees, staff members, officials, and stakeholders participated in direct and personal training sessions so far. In addition, we also provide training content online.



550+ Training Sessions



The Play Fair Code has raised awareness on the topics of match fixing and betting fraud in 550+ training sessions nationally and internationally.



23 Countries



The Play Fair Code is active in 23 countries so far.

AT A GLANCE



6 Sporting Disciplines



In the past seven years, the Play Fair Code has built solid expertise in several sporting disciplines. So far, training modules have been developed and rolled out in six different sporting disciplines.

PLAY FAIR CODE ON TOUR

Handball



As recently as late July, this very training season was kicked off with a session at the WAT Fivers. Three months later, the first Play Fair Code education module in handball has been completed successfully.

An intense **Tour d'Autriche** of the spusu league's 20 handball teams has come to a close. Thousands of kilometers, new faces, new impressions, and insights into one another, a sixth sport – all of these will not soon be forgotten. And, above all, the lesson participants learned: "Yes, it was not only important, but also interesting."

Thomas Menzl, FIVERS WAT Margareten CEO: "The FIVERS certainly support the initiative of the Play Fair Code, as we all want to keep the sport of Austrian handball clean and fair. The entertaining and interesting lecture during our training camp urgently conveyed the dangers of match fixing and betting fraud to players, coaches, and officials. Many thanks!"

Alexander Kathrein, HC Hard CEO: "The contribution of the entire Play Fair Code organization is immensely important not only for handball but for sports as a whole. The world of sports is too often rocked by scandals. It is therefore important to take preventative measures to avoid such cases. We are very proud to be part of this with both our association and our league and thus with our club."

ROUND
ONE

PLAY FAIR CODE ON TOUR

Tennis



The Play Fair Code's training campaign in Austrian tennis got started along with the National Tennis Championships.

This **training module** was specifically researched and **tailor-made for** the sport of **tennis**. It deals with facts and figures on various match-fixing cases, disciplinary regulations on the national and international stage, including the Tennis Integrity Unit, and offers possible solutions from the player's perspective.

Marion Maruska, ATF Sports Coordinator and Fed Cup Captain: "The workshops of the Play Fair Code are both immensely important for prevention and absolutely informative for the athletes. Whether as an athlete or as a federation, we have to protect our sport and ourselves!"

Severin Moritzer: "It is a sad fact that match fixing has a significant impact on tennis! Therefore, it is the right move for the Austrian Tennis Federation to join us in walking down the road of prevention, education and raising awareness!"

16 CLUBS

Football



"A very valuable presentation, paired with vivid moderators!" said **Kevin Pauschenwein, athletic director of the SV Mattersburg farmteam.**

"We heard a very interesting lecture on manipulation and integrity in sports. Within this issue there definitely is a need for education and clear guidelines about how footballers should act," sums up **Tommy Wright, assistant coach of Admira Juniors.**

Roman Zeisel, chairman of Vienna Viktoria, added: "The feedback was extremely positive. And because we recognize the urgency, we have integrated this subject into past and this year's Code of Conduct."

There is no question that after the second round of integrity training conducted by the Play Fair Code at the 16 clubs in the Austrian Third League (East), both interest and attention were elevated.

Günter Kaltenbrunner, summarized as follows: "We would like to thank all participants of our training. **The personal exchange is and remains the most important pillar of our preventive measures.**"

ROUND
TWO

11 CLUBS

Ice Hockey



The puck is in the goal – a second workshop series in the Erste Bank Ice Hockey League has successfully been completed. Joint efforts with players and coaches of the EBEL sent another strong signal against match fixing and betting fraud to the world of hockey.

Showcasing a redesigned and interactive presentation in English including relevant cases from other leagues and international competitions, **Severin Moritzer** toured the ice rink venues in **Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Italy, sensitizing the hockey cracks** to the wide range of risks and consequences of match fixing and betting fraud.

Using **role play** – serving as a kind of dry run – the athletes were able to test and train behavior patterns linked to a **specific offer** and approach of manipulation.

Severin Moritzer: "Getting feedback from the clubs and athletes and noticing their commitment, you can definitely feel that our workshops are much more than an obligation."

FOOTBALL REFEREES ADVANCED EDUCATION

Austrian Top Referees at Play Fair Code Workshop.

THUMBS
UP

The **Austrian Football Association** hosted the referees' annual training program in June. The Play Fair Code was on site to hold an integrity workshop. The topic is of **high priority** within the AFA, not only for players, but also for referees. In a workshop for top referees in which **7 FIFA referees** and **22 Austrian Bundesliga referees** took part, the issues of match fixing and corruption in sports were examined on the basis of specific cases and later addressed with the refs in greater detail in an expert panel discussion.

The example of Ghanaian referee **Joseph Lamptey**, who was sanctioned by the FIFA with a worldwide lifetime ban for match fixing, was of particular interest for the referees. In 2016, Lamptey assessed a highly doubtful penalty during the World Cup qualifier of South Africa versus Senegal. An analysis of game scene footage and monitoring data ultimately proved the unlawful influence.

Christopher Jäger, FIFA Referee: "Educating all stakeholders on this topic is essential to protecting the image of our sport and preserving the magic of football."

Severin Moritzer: "Working with the refs is extremely important. Important, because referees can actually drive the game in a completely wrong direction. This is where and why raising awareness must start. Apart from that, it's also a challenge to talk to the absolute top experts in this field."

HANDBALL REFEREE ADVANCED EDUCATION

Handball Referees Join #NoManipulation Workshop.



In a special session held during the annual **handball referees' meeting**, almost 100 top referees, delegates, executives, and members of the Rules and Referees Commission of Austrian Handball met for an **integrity and prevention workshop**.

Severin Moritzer and Marc Orlainsky had the attending officials diving into the field of match fixing and betting fraud. They shared insights into special cases of match fixing in handball, some of them well known to the audience due to the international prominence and recognition of the characters involved.

In this context, the case **Nikola Karabatic**, one of the undisputed superstars in the sport of handball, was presented in detail. **The focus** of the workshop clearly was to highlight the importance of the referees and their enormous potential to influence the outcome of a game.

Severin Moritzer said: "It is a **very good sign for the sport** when Austrian handball takes a proactive stance in approaching and questioning match fixing and betting fraud. This points out the importance of these topics."





MEET AND GREET OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS SCENE

#NoManipulation at the “Austrian Day of Sport”.

Attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors, hundreds of athletes, and gathering 120 associations, leagues, and sports institutions in the center of Vienna, the annual “Day of Sport” is a happening showcase event for the Austrian sports scene. The Play Fair Code participated this year for the first time, raising the flag for integrity in sports.

“Face-to-face contact with sports enthusiasts in general has always been very important to us,” Severin Moritzer says, “and raising awareness for match fixing in sports is our main goal. But on this special day, it also was about upholding, cultivating, and expanding our partner network by presenting our hashtag #NoManipulation.”

Günter Kaltenbrunner, was delighted to be part of this showcase event in Austrian sports and promised: “We will continue to work hard on our topics and report back to all those interested on next year’s Day of Sport.”

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TAG DES SPORTS



UEFA WORKSHOP IN AUSTRIA



UEFA, AFA, and the Play Fair Code – Joint Effort in the Interest of Integrity.

As a partner of the Austrian Football Association, and in cooperation with UEFA, the Play Fair Code trained about 360 youngsters and staff during the qualifiers for the UEFA Women’s U17 and U19 and Men’s U19 Championships. In addition to hosting Austrian youth teams, squads from Belgium, Wales, Finland, Ireland, Gibraltar, Israel, Latvia, and Switzerland attended these six integrity workshops.

The long-standing and close partnership with UEFA ensures a consistently high quality of training with the aim of sensitizing young football players to the threats, dangers, risks, and consequences of match fixing and betting fraud at an early stage in their careers.

Andreas Baumgartner, AFA Integrity Officer: “The Austrian Football Association is proud of having such reliable partner, one who likewise equally enjoys the confidence of the UEFA. Only a handful of organizations are allowed to provide preventative training along with a national association during UEFA youth competitions.”

Severin Moritzer: “It is important to discuss the facts and specific cases in detail with the young players. Manipulation is not something abstract, but a real potential danger to which the athletes may be exposed even at a young age.”



WORLDWIDE ESTIMATED EXPERTISE. LONG-TERM TRAINING EXPERIENCE SERVES AS AN INTERNATIONAL MODEL.

The pool of knowledge resulting from the long-standing work of the Play Fair Code has already been widely used to transfer expertise across borders.

EDUCATION TRAINING/ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

On the international stage, the Play Fair Code is a valued and respected expert partner to various organizations and sports programs.



- 01 PALERMO
Erasmus+ Project Anti Match-Fixing
- 02 LJUBLJANA
Erasmus+ Project AMATT
- 03 VIENNA
Erasmus+ Project Anti Match Fixing
- 04 WARSAW
Erasmus+ Project Anti Match Fixing (Education Group)
- 05 VIENNA
UNODC Conference Safeguarding Sport from Corruption
- 06 ROME
Erasmus+ Project AMATT
- 07 COLORADO SPRINGS
Play the Game
- 08 NEW YORK
Sportradar
- 09 DORTMUND
GVC / BVB - Forum for Integrity in Sport
- 10 LAUSANNE
IOC - International Forum for Sports Integrity

ONGOING ERASMUS+ PROJECT

Erasmus+ “Anti Match Fixing Top Training” – Final Project Meeting and International Conference.



The **Salone d’Onore** on the premises of the **Italian Olympic Committee (CONI)** is a kind of sports sanctuary on the Apennine Peninsula. Here, in the “hall of honor,” athletes are honored, awards are given, diplomas are presented, and the most important media dates of Italian sports are held. In other words, nothing takes place in Salone d’Onore that is not truly of high relevance in the sports world. That includes the **closing event of the Erasmus+ project “Anti Match Fixing Top Training” (AMATT)**.



The aim of this project, which started in January 2017 by gathering renowned partners such as Transparency International (TI), CONI, and the International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA), was to develop an integrity training methodology for top decision-makers in national and international sports associations and media companies.

Severin Moritzer anchored a panel together with **Friedrich Martens** (Head of Integrity IOC), **Rute Soares** (Integrity Officer Portuguese Football Association) and **Roberto Ribaldo** (Interpol). “Every contribution is valuable,” Mr. Moritzer summarized, “and once again it became clear to us that there is not enough that can be done to raise awareness for the risks and negative outcomes of match fixing.”

ONGOING ERASMUS+ PROJECT

Erasmus+ “Against Match Fixing” – Legal Team and Research Team Deliver Results.



With participation of experts from the project partners German Sport University Cologne and the European Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (EIIR), the AMFix **research team** finalized and rolled out a survey of athletes and officials from the partner countries. In the course of this field study, the Play Fair Code collected data in professional and amateur football throughout Austria in order to assess the target group-specific level of knowledge on the subjects of match fixing and betting fraud, rules, motivation to participate in match fixing, as well as consequences.

Meanwhile, the **legal team** highlighted the situation under the law and the rules in Europe, Asia, and Australia in the context of the global problem of manipulation in football. The results of these analyses were published in the legal team’s final report as an interim project goal.

The research team’s survey results and the legal team’s final report will subsequently serve as the basis for the work of the **education team**. The education team will develop and create tailor-made prevention training materials for raising awareness among footballers, as well as informing and educating them. This final project phase will mark the completion of the Erasmus+ Against Match Fixing project in 2020.

EVALUATION



Severin Moritzer Appointed as External Auditor for the Erasmus+ Project “Sport Whistle”.

The Play Fair Code was invited to present its experiences with regard to whistleblowing and the Austrian ombudsman system at the “**International Conference on the Whistleblowing of Irregularities in Sport**” organized by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

One of the **many challenges** in combating match fixing is not only to detect, but also to **expose misconduct** in sport. Whistleblowing, the disclosure of information related to corrupt, illegal, or fraudulent activities of whistle-blowers (informers), is therefore one of the approaches aimed at securing sports integrity and transparency.

Beyond this, the **Play Fair Code** has another **special role** in this Erasmus+ project. **Severin Moritzer** was **appointed** as an **external auditor** to conduct a technical evaluation of the project implementation and the actual achievements of the project goals.



OUTLOOK 2020

The Play Fair Code – A Distinguished Partner on the International Stage.

Cooperation and various projects on the European level grew to become another essential pillar in the activities of the Play Fair Code. As a widely **recognized center of competence** in matters of sports integrity, the Play Fair Code will be partner in two additional projects as of 2020.

EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION OF SPORTING-RELATED MATCH-FIXING (EPOSM)	SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR THE INTEGRITY OF FOOTBALL CLUBS (SEE - I)	AGAINST MATCH FIXING (AMFIX)
Period of time: January 2020 – December 2021	Period of time: January 2020 – December 2021	Period of time: January 2018 – December 2020
Coordination: Ghent University (Belgium)	Coordination: National University of Sport Bucharest (Romania)	Coordination: Polish Professional Football League Ekstraklasa
Objective: Sensitization and awareness raising on strategic manipulation of sports.	Objective: Design and roll-out of workshop materials regarding match fixing, sports betting, sports ethics, and corruption, in cooperation with Southeastern European Football Leagues.	Objective: Academic and practical development of internationally applicable action guidelines to combat and prevent match fixing and betting fraud.

Severin Moritzer: “It certainly is an appreciation of our good work on the international stage that we can contribute substantially to Erasmus+. The long working days and the exciting collaboration with our partners from the European Union will continue in 2020. **Insights beyond our own borders are enormously important** for our work in Austria.”

INTEGRITY IN SPORT ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL

“We Share a Common Goal.”

The Play Fair Code is joined by one of the most prominent German Bundesliga clubs – Borussia Dortmund – and a leading sports betting provider – GVC/bwin – to address a top-level forum for integrity in sports.

Last September, participants from the sports and betting industry as well as media representatives were invited to the BVB-Arena in Dortmund. Top journalists from the Springer-Verlag, Sky, and Sport1 watched the presentations and heard from representatives of various sports institutions, all anchored by the experienced and competent ARD sports moderator Okka Gundel.

“Bwin – like the whole sports betting industry in general – is an **important partner** for us,” says **Severin Moritzer**, “and as an experienced, internationally recognized institution, it goes without saying that we want to play our part in discussing integrity in sports. Although the approaches and motivations for match fixing and betting fraud are different, **sports, economy,** and integrity



institutions such as the Play Fair Code all share a **common goal**: to contribute and to act, to guide and to work together in order to combat match fixing. Our shared responsibility is to work together with all stakeholders to the greatest extent possible, ensuring credibility at sporting events.”

The forum’s conclusion: Integrity is a **shared task** and can only be **achieved and maintained through joint efforts**. In particular, such efforts are on the shoulders of policy makers (government regulators), sports leagues, associations, and sports betting providers.

Martin Lycka, Head of Regulatory Department GVC/bwin: “As one of the world’s largest and most successful sports betting and gambling companies, we **aim to meet the highest standards in all our activities**. That clearly includes integrity in sports.”



SPORT’S INTEGRITY ON OLYMPUS

IOC – International Forum for Sports Integrity.



For the third time, the Play Fair Code played a role in the biannual top-notch International Forum for Sport Integrity (IFSI), opened by IOC President Thomas Bach and held at the International Olympic Committee headquarters in Lausanne in late October.

Severin Moritzer was a panelist on the podium in the first discussion titled “**Prevention through Regulation and Education**”. He presented an overview of the internationally recognized Austrian form of the Play Fair Code over the past few years – moderated by IOC Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer **Paquette Girard Zappelli** – with representatives from the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU), and La Française des Jeux (FDJ).

On the question of **how athletes and officials could be protected and protect themselves against manipulation, the answer was unanimous** and unsurprising: with workshops, communication campaigns, and awareness training. In a nutshell: **with prevention**.

In the closing statement, the **Olympic Movement** with its Prevention of Manipulation unit made a clear appeal for its mission and efforts to **expand and develop cooperation with all partners both within the world of sports** and outside of it on an international level.



INTEGRITY IN SPORT IN THE USA

“Play the Game”
with the Play Fair Code.

Among the various events dealing with sports and **integrity in sports**, the biannual “**Play the Game**” conference certainly stands out. Founded in Denmark, this association has set itself the task of promoting democracy, transparency, and freedom of expression in sports. Thus, in mid-October in Colorado Springs (USA), the topic once again was ethics in sports, the fight against corruption in sports, and decidedly the role and power of the athlete. Journalists, experts and scientists were invited and discussed, presented, and lectured under the heading “Athlete power on the rise.”

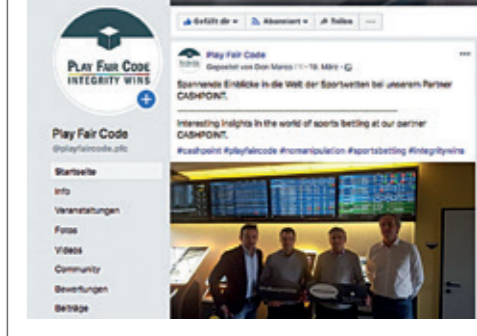
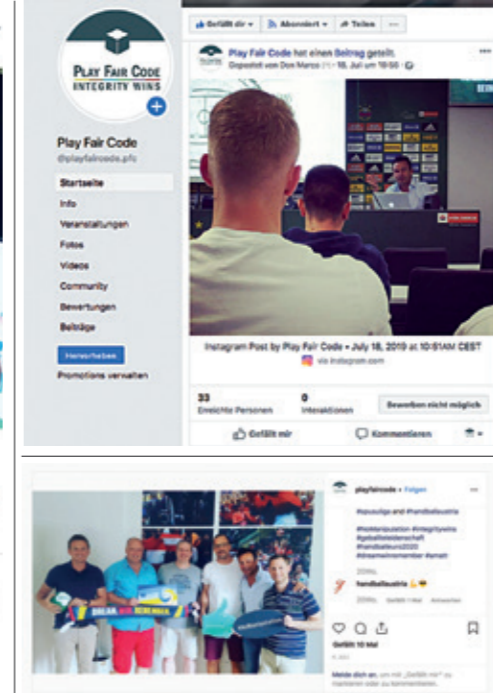
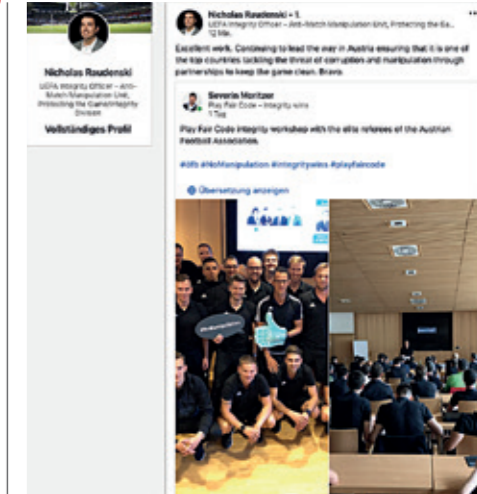
The Play Fair Code was invited to contribute with a **presentation titled “Play Fair Code – One Best Case”** outlining its expertise in this area and focusing on its core **approach** to increasing integrity in sports: **education and raising awareness**.

“Sharing experiences with other like-minded colleagues in sports is essential to broadening our own horizons,” said **Severin Moritzer**.

MEDIA PRESENCE IN ANNUAL REVIEW.

REPORTS RANGED FROM LOW BLOWS TO ACCOLADES.

Even this year, we would have hardly reached the level of media relevance without articles and contributions on the subject of match fixing and betting fraud. And from a media perspective, the coverage was not always FAIR, although there was some praise.



MEDIA REVIEW

SPORT

Ob LASK oder Rapid (v. l.), alle Fußball-Bundesligisten sind dem Spielersitzensitzung des Play Fair Code.



Es war im Jahr 2013, als der „Pill Tag“ dem österreichischen Fußball bis ins Mark erschütterte. Ein Fußballer, der absichtlich schlecht spielt, schlicht um sich zu bewegen und mehr Geld zu verdienen – eine echte Bedrohung für die Integrität des Sports. In Nachzügen gewohnt aber auch ein Schmaus vor den Jugen nach rechts. Denn während es in weiten Teilen Europas heute regelmäßig Schlagzeilen mit Wettpöhlern gibt, ist in Österreich relativ ruhig um das Thema. Was auch ein Verdienst des Play Fair Codes (PFC) ist, einer Organisation, die sich auf die Fäden geschrieben hat, einen neuen „Pill Tag“ unter allen

VON MARKUS GRÖGLER

Umständen zu vermeiden. „Wir wissen natürlich nicht, wie viele Fälle wir mit unserer Arbeit wickeln verhindern haben“, sagt Präsident Günter Kaltenbrunner. „Wir wissen sehr wohl, dass wir eine Sensibilität für das Thema geschaffen haben und dass wir in jeder Weise, welche Gefahren damit verbunden sind.“

Intensive Schulungen

Wenn der 76-Jährige frühere Fußball-Profi und Rapid-Fußballer von „unserer Arbeit“ spricht, meint er in erster Linie zwei ausgiebige Schulungsaktivitäten im Präventionsbereich, die von Geschäftsführer Severin Moritzer und seinem Team durchgeführt werden. Jede Woche werden Vereine besucht und Seminare abgehalten, in denen genau erklärt wird, wie Sportler für Manipulationsversuche angeworben werden. Dazu gehören Videos, in denen Wettpöhlern oder gefährlichen Sportwetten ausgedrückt, genauso wie Informationen, wie man sich im Falle einer Abzweigung zu verhalten hat. „Man kann davon ausgehen, dass jeder in Österreich ausgebildete Fußballer schon zweimal oder öftermal mit uns Kontakt hatte. Ob böses oder böses ist das schon wieder machen! Ich sehe das als ganz Zeichen, weil es zeigt,

INTEGRITÄT

„Wir gelten als Best-Practice-Beispiel“

Sie haben lange nichts mehr von Wettmanipulationen im österreichischen Sport gehört? Gut so! Auch ein Verdienst des seit 2012 für Integrität kämpfenden Play Fair Code, der auch von Raiffeisen oder Uniqa unterstützt wird.



eines einzelnen zu sein. Das ist auch der Grund, warum selbst einige Verbände wie die UEFA (Europäischer Fußballverband) oder die IOC (Internationale Olympische Komitee) auf das Know-how aus Wien bauen. „Wir gelten als Best-Practice-Beispiel und werden oft eingeladen, unser Modell vorzustellen und Hilfestellungen zu leisten“, sagt Kaltenbrunner. Zwischen Portugal und Griechenland war man bereits in 29 Ländern vor Ort, um über die Erfahrungen zu berichten.

Was auch eine Bilanzzeitquelle ist, um den für die Schulungen benötigten Aufwand zu finanzieren. Dazu kommen die Gebühren der kooperierenden Verbände sowie Sponsoring, dessen Thema aus diesem Bericht. Zu denen gehören auch Uniqa und Raiffeisen, wobei die seit 2013 bestehende Partnerschaft mit der ABL erst vor Kurzem bis 2022 verlängert wurde. „Die Zusammenarbeit mit dem Play Fair Code ist eine ständige Ergänzung der Raiffeisen-Sportsozial-Aktivitäten, weshalb wir die Aufgaben und Ziele des Play Fair Code zum Thema Integrität im Sport gerne unterstützen“, sagt Leodiga Prusack, Geschäftsführer der Zentralen Raiffeisen Werbung. Und gibt damit eine Stütze an Günter Kaltenbrunner: „Wir freuen uns, dass Raiffeisen dem Play Fair Code auch weiterhin als starker Partner zur Seite steht. Das Engagement unterstützt einmal mehr die Integrität und das Wohlbefinden der Spieler und die Integrität im Sport und harmonisiert sehr gut mit unseren Zielen und Aufgabenstellungen.“

Und so besteht weiterhin die Hoffnung, dass es so schnell keinen weiteren „Pill Tag“ geben wird. Zudem kann sich niemand vorstellen, wie sich alles dafür unterstützen zu haben. „Integrität ist im Fußball, wie in allen Sportarten, essentiell. Denn gilt es zu bewahren“, sagt Thomas Höller, Generalsekretär des ÖFB. „Das war auch der Grund, die Initiative von Anfang an intensiv zu unterstützen. Es ist sehr zu begrüßen, wie sich das Projekt in den letzten Jahren national und international entwickelt hat.“



Severin Moritzer und Günter Kaltenbrunner setzen alles daran, einen neuen „Pill Tag“ zu verhindern.

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Günter Kaltenbrunner

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Schwere Vorwürfe | Sanel Kuljic: "In Österreichs höchster Liga werden weiterhin Spiele manipuliert"

Die Österreichische Fußball-Bundesliga, der Österreichische Fußball-Bund (ÖFB) und der SV Mattersburg werden rechtliche Schritte gegen die öffentlich erhobenen Vorwürfe von Sanel Kuljic einleiten.

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Der ehemalige und wegen schweren Betrugs, Erpressung und Nötigung verurteilte Spieler hatte der „Kronen Zeitung“ gesagt, dass „in Österreichs höchster Liga weiterhin Spiele manipuliert“ würden.



Sanel Kuljic bei seinem Gerichtsprozess am 8. August 2014 © AP

Dabei nannte Sanel Kuljic sogar konkret zwei Parteien aus der abgelaufenen Saison mit Mattersburger Beteiligung – die ÖS-Heimniederlage vom 18. August 2018 gegen den WAC und das 1:3 vor eigenem Publikum am 16. September 2018 gegen den LASK. „Aber es sind mehr“, betonte der 41-Jährige.

„Diese Äußerungen wurden der Österreichischen Fußball-Bundesliga ausschließlich über heutige Medienberichte zugezogen. Eine sofortige Rücksprache mit dem Österreichischen Fußball-Bund, dem SV Mattersburg, dem Play Fair Code und insbesondere dem Bundeskriminalamt hat ergeben, dass absichts der Medienberichte keinerlei Informationen vorliegen, welche die Aussagen von Sanel Kuljic bekräftigen“, hieß es in einer Bundesliga-Aussendung am Donnerstagmorgen. Das Bundeskriminalamt (BK) kündigte gegenüber der APA an, man werde sich die genannten Spiele „zusammen mit unseren Partnern genauestens anschauen“.

„Wahrnehmung zählt“

- Die Causa Kuljic brachte natürlich auch den Play Fair Code ins Spiel
Geschäftsführer Severin Moritzer erklärt sein Präventions-Modell

Wenn Severin Moritzer den Namen Sanel Kuljic hört, wird der Geschäftsführer des Play Fair Code – gelinde gesagt – unruhig. Der gefällige, ehemalige Fußballstar, seit Freitag wegen des Verdachts des Drogenhandels in Haft, hatte im Zuge seiner jüngsten Manipulationsvorwürfe Moritzer mangelnde Kooperation und Desinteresse vorgeworfen. „Es gibt von ihm nichts, was wir hätten verwenden können“, erklärt die treibende Kraft, hatte im Zuge seiner jüngsten Vorwürfe im Keim erstickt will. Moritzer legt Wert darauf, dass er auch besten Willens und Gewissen handelt. „... vor allem in Form von Schulungen, die ihn durch ganz Österreich und Europa führen. Neben dem Fußball zählen mittlerweile



Dichter Termin-Plan: Moritzer und sein Schulungskalender



WAC-Test Freitag in Laibach! „Pfeiff“ neuer Co beim U 20-Team

Der Fight beginnt gegen die beste Frühjahrself



Die ABL um „Vize“ Arnold Tuider (Mitte oben) verurteilt Villach (links) vorzeitig Wettpöhl, zweitligist Villach (rechts) wehrt sich.

Was für ein Auftakt! Gegen die Admira, die zweitbeste Frühjahrself, hat der WAC den Grunddurchgang beendet – gegen die absolut beste startet er in exakt elf Tagen in die Meistersrunde: Der LASK muss sich am 31. März in Wolfsberg Seibauer & Co. stellen!

„Dass wir mit einem Heimspiel starten, ist positiv. Mit dem LASK kommt das Team der Stunde – eine große Herausforderung für uns“, heißt WAC-Cheftrainer Chris Ilzer gestern vom Trainerkurs in Lindabrunn verbannt. Ein Sieg über die absolute Nummer eins im Frühjahr (vier Spiele, vier Tore, 9:1-Tore) hätte gleich doppelt Gewicht – immerhin sind die „Wölfe“ gegen die Linzer in drei Heimspielen noch ohne „Dreier“, haben von bislang sechs Elfmeter-Duellen ein einziges gewonnen!

Basketball spezial

Wettpöhl? Liga meldet Villach bei „Play Fair Code“
Wir wurden informiert – es bestehen derzeit nur viele Vermutungen. Auch die Liga muss dem genauer nachgehen, erklärt Sportchef Niño Gross und betont: Wir stehen für sauberen Sport, wollen bei der Aufklärung helfen. Wir können nichts dafür, wenn ein Spieler solchen Blödsinn macht!

Was Villach zum Verdachtsmomenten konfrontiert worden und mussten daher unverzüglich aktiv werden. Obmann Rudi Gross: „Wir hatten Ende Jänner gemutmaßt, dass einer unserer Legionäre wissenschaftlich trennte man sich sofort von besagtem Akteur (Name der Redaktion bekannt). Wir haben zwei, drei Sachen gehört, dann auch das Verdachtsmomenten melden. Moritzer: „Wir besprechen das die weiteren Schritte, meistens führt der Weg zum Bundeskriminalamt.“ Das schließlich entscheidet, ob weiter ermittelt wird. Wie aktuell in der Causa Kuljic, dessen Glaubwürdigkeit aufgrund der aktuellen Entwicklung nicht gerade gestiegen ist.

GOOD PRACTICES

Austria
Austrian Tennis Federation joining the Play Fair Code
After the Austrian Football Association, the Austrian Football, the Austrian Skiing Association as well as Erste Bank Ice Hockey League and Admiral Basketball League (ABL), the Austrian Tennis Federation joined the Play Fair Code being the fifth sporting discipline and the first individual sporting discipline.

ATF President Werner Klausner said: "The manipulation of individual sports is growing. It is enormously important that we confront our young players with a forward strategy and sensitize, inform and protect them at this early stage."

The Play Fair Code will carry out prevention and awareness trainings for the ATF with the under 16 age group and above as well as with the Daviscup and Fed Cup teams and the Austrian Tennis League. Furthermore, referees and officials will be trained and sensitized.

"Tennis is the world's most easily to manipulate sport," said Play Fair Code President Günter Kaltenbrunner. "With more than 200 suspected cases worldwide and numerous actually proven manipulations – see the recent arrests of 28 professional tennis players in Spain – tennis is unfortunately the negative leader. Tennis is enormously popular in Austria. It is therefore very positive when top sports associations such as the Austrian Tennis Federation recognize the need for active prevention. Our thanks go to the entire ATF Board and in particular to President Werner Klausner."

„Geld ist ein brutaler Köder“

Auch der Österreichische Tennisverband ist kürzlich dem Play Fair Code beigetreten, um der steigenden Anzahl an Manipulationsversuchen im Tennis den Garau zu machen.

Dieser Tage ist auch der Österreichische Tennisverband (ÖTV) Mitglied des Play Fair Code (PFC) beigetreten, um die abstrakten Manipulationsversuche im Sport zu bekämpfen. „Tennis ist die am leichtesten zu manipulierende Wertsportart“, betont ÖTV-Präsident Günter Kaltenbrunner und verweist auf weltweit über 200 Verdachtsfälle und zahlreiche tatsächlich nachgewiesene Manipulationen jährlich. „Neben dem ÖTV haben mittlerweile auch der ÖFB, die Bundesliga, der ÖCV sowie die Erste Bank Eishockey Liga und die Admiral Basketball-Liga diese Herausforderung angenommen und sind dem PFC beigetreten.“



Auch Daviscup-Spieler Philipp Oswald hat Manipulationsversuche erlebt.

HPYBET & Handball

Mit Wettanbieter Hpybet sowie dem österreichischen Handballverband gibt es zwei neue Mitglieder beim Play Fair Code.

VON MICHAEL FIALA



HPYBET-CEO Andreas Köberl (v. l.) unterschreibt die Vereinbarung mit Play Fair Code Präsident Günter Kaltenbrunner

Der Play Fair Code hat in den vergangenen Wochen sein Netzwerk um zwei neue Partner erweitert: Einmal mehr kam aus der Wirtschaft mit Hpybet der neue Sponsor der 2. Liga hinzu. Außerdem ist der Handballverband neues Mitglied.

HPYBET GOES PLAY FAIR CODE

HPYBET muss sich als Anbieter mit dem Top-Playern im Segment der Wettanbieter in Deutschland sowie Österreich und unterstützt damit die Liga und vor allem die Vereine im Sinne einer verantwortungsvollen Unternehmensebene. Es geht aber nicht nur um Werbeverträge und Visibility, sondern auch Hpybet-CEO Andreas Köberl hat sich darum, dass Hpybet bei den Investitionen in die Richtung des Sport auch, IT-

HANDBALL GOES PLAY FAIR CODE

Auch der Handballverband hat sich dem neuen globalen Wettanbieter Netzwerk mit Play Fair Code angeschlossen. „Hetzutage hat es in unserem Sport bisher keinen Fall von Manipulation oder Wettpöhl gegeben“, sagt Gerhard Hofbauer, Präsident des Österreichischen Handballverbands (ÖHB). „Dieser Umstand gibt uns Anlass zur Freude, soll aber nicht dazu führen, nachlässig zu werden. Wir sind glücklich darüber, in unserem Bestreben nach sauberen, integren Sport nunmehr auf die Expertise des Play Fair Code zählen zu können. Wir streben auf der nächsten Seite, mit dem richtigen Partner.“

In der Tat ist der Play Fair Code innerhalb von wenigen Jahren zu einer festen Größe des nationalen und auch internationalen Sportnachrichtens geworden, wenn es um Themen wie Spielmanipulationen und Wettwöhl, Ethik und Integrität gibt. Über 500 Schulungen mit rund 15.000 Teilnehmern und Präventionsmaßnahmen werden bis zum Jahresende durchgeführt. Bei Projekten von Erasmus+ ist die Expertise des Play Fair Code ebenso gefragt wie bei Einzelfachbereichs des Internationalen Olympischen Komitees (IOC), der UEFA oder der Europäischen Union.

In Österreich arbeitet die Initiative für einen sauberen Sport gemeinsam mit dem Sportministerium und Sportfachverbänden bzw. Ligen im Fußball, Basketball, Eishockey, Skisport und Tennis auch im Handball zusammen. Ab dem September werden die Mitglieder der 20 Teams der beiden höchsten Spielklassen (gerade Liga und ungerade CHALLENGE) bzw. der ÖHB-Nationalmannschaften in Schulungen zu Themen wie Spielmanipulation und Wettwöhl einbezogen, dabei werden Gefährdung, Konsequenzen und Schutzmaßnahmen aufgeführt.



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