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**CORRUPTION IN SPORT**

Any illegal, immoral or unethical activity that attempts to deliberately distort the results of a sporting contest for the material gain of one or more parties involved in that activity. Sport is a multi-billion dollar business. It has ties to political and private interests. Therefore, this presents opportunities for corruption.

**FORMS OF CORRUPTION IN SPORTS**

Match fixing

Bribery

Doping

Gambling

Vote rigging

Points shaving

Embezzlement

### **MANAGEMENT CORRUPTION**

Involves non-competition decisions made by sporting officials and governing bodies.

For example:

Awarding of host city status for major sporting activities

Negotiation and allocation of rights e.g. broadcasting rights, merchandising.

Awarding of contracts for construction of sporting venues.

### **COMPETITION CORRUPTION**

Involves activities by athletes and/or those officials who have a direct responsibility for the outcome of a sporting contest i.e. a referee.

For example:

- Doping
- Match fixing
  - Points shaving



### **CORRUPTION SCANDALS IN SPORT**

#### **AMANTLE MONTSHO**

Botswana's former world 400m champion, Amantle Montsho tested positive for methylhexanamine at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth games. She was banned for two years.

## **KENYAN ATHLETES BANNED**



### **E. CHEBET**

Kenya topped the medal table at the 2015 World Championships in Beijing with seven gold medals.

But the country has become mired in doping and bribery allegations.

Since 2011, more than 40 of its athletes have failed drugs tests:

- As of January 2016, 18 Kenyan athletes were suspended for doping;
- Those 18 athletes are serving bans totalling 55 years;
- The best known is Rita Jeptoo, who has won the Boston and Chicago marathons;
- Lilian Moraa Mariita was given the longest b- eight years for taking steroids.

Three senior officials at governing body Kenya Athletics have also been suspended following accusations they were involved in corruption linked to Doha's successful bid for the 2019 World Championships.

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### **GREATER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES:-**

Transparency International has released its results for 2015. Below is a list of the CAACC members and their ratings over the last 4 years. Botswana tops the list at number 28 with a rating of 63, whilst Kenya and Uganda are bottom both at number 139 with a rating of 25. This is out of a total of 168 countries.

## Corruption Perception Index 2015

Rank	Country	2015	2014	2013	2012
28	Botswana	63	63	64	65
44	Rwanda	54	49	53	53
45	Mauritius	53	54	52	57
45	Namibia	53	49	48	48
40	Seychelles	55	55	54	52
56	Ghana	47	48	46	45
61	Lesotho	44	49	49	45
61	South Africa	44	44	42	43
76	Zambia	38	38	38	37
112	Malawi	31	33	37	37
112	Mozambique	31	31	30	31
117	Tanzania	30	31	33	35
119	Sierra Leone	29	31	30	31
130	Cameroon	29	31	30	31
136	Nigeria	26	27	25	27
139	Kenya	25	25	27	27
139	Uganda	25	26	26	29

### **CORRUPTION SCANDALS:-**

**Republic of South Africa :** The highest court in South Africa has ruled that President Jacob Zuma violated the constitution when he failed to repay government money spent on his private home. It gave the treasury 60 days to determine how much he should repay. (Source BBC News)

**Uganda :**Uganda election: Ruling party accused of bribery, intimidation and terrorisation ahead of vote. An electoral observer said Uganda's ruling party, the National Resistance Movement (NRM), has been bribing and intimidating members of the public to support President Yoweri Museveni in the run-up to the 18 February presidential elections. Many people have received enormous amounts of money to vote for the current president. Others were even given motorbikes by the NRM. (Source: International Business Times)

Uganda's opposition leader has been arrested in Kampala as the country wraps up voting for the presidential election, which the opposition alleged has been rigged in favour of the incumbent Yoweri Museveni.

Two units of Massachusetts-based software company PTC Inc will pay a total of \$28 million to resolve probes into whether they gave more than \$1 million in recreational travel to officials from China. The Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission announced settlements with PTC to resolve possible bribery charges under the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), a 1970s law that bars bribes to foreign government officials. (Source: Reuters)

**Malaysia** Transparency International (TI) has expressed grave concern that Malaysia is moving rapidly towards autocracy and disregarding its international commitments, such as the UN Convention against Corruption and the Asean Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, to fight corruption. TI's expression of grave concern comes with moves being taken by the Malaysian government to clamp down on whistle-blowers and curb the ongoing investigations into the state investment fund 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB). (Source: BBC)

**Malaysia** About \$4bn (£2.8bn) may have been stolen from a fund owned by the Malaysian state. The 1MDB fund was set up in 2009 to pay for major new economic and social developments in Malaysia. Last year, Swiss authorities opened an investigation into 1MDB after it amassed more than \$11bn (£7bn) of debt. (Source: BBC)

**Nairobi** – Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has suspended Supreme Court Judge Philip Tunoi and formed a seven-member tribunal to investigate a KES 200 million bribery claim against him. (Source: News 24)

**Palestine**- The head of the Palestinian anti-corruption body said he has clawed back \$70m in five years from officials who used state money to strike business deals abroad and then pocketed the profits. But Rafiq al-Natsheh, chairman of the Palestinian Anti-

Corruption Commission, told the Reuters news agency in an interview late on Tuesday that "tens of millions of dollars" still needed to be tracked down. ( Source: Reuters)

### **WHO IS SAYING WHAT?**

Thuli Madonsela, South Africa's Public Protector's 7 year term is coming to an end in October 2016. This is a woman who has served the nation without fear or favour. Her unwavering stand on the Nkandla issue has proven that she is one who took her oath to serve seriously. Her replacement is there vital and whoever will replace her should take cue from her leadership.

**Corruption Watch** has embarked on a nationwide public awareness campaign that aims to provide the following:

- **AWARENESS:** our public awareness campaign will highlight the role of the Office of the Public Protector, its functions and responsibilities, as well as illustrate how the public can help to nominate candidates for the position.
- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** we will create avenues for people to participate in the appointment of the new public protector through new media technologies and traditional mobilising methods.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** we will campaign to ensure that candidates are properly vetted, that they are qualified and suitable for the post, and that the entire process takes place in the public spotlight. (Source: *Corruption Watch website*)

### **G- VISITS / WELCOMINGS:-**

1. The Centre visited the Botswana National Sports Commission. The purpose of the visit was to discuss corruption in sports with emphasis on match-fixing. The Commission's management warmly received us and welcome the idea of collaborating with the Centre. Training programmes have to be held for sports personnel like players, coaches, referees, matches etc.

2. Ms Katherine Ellis and Malcolm Dingwell-Smith from the Commonwealth Secretariat's Youth Affairs Division paid the Centre a courtesy call on the 3rd March 2016.

3. The Commonwealth Secretariat's Deputy Secretary General for Economic Affairs and Development Mr. Deodhat Maharaj paid a courtesy call to the Centre on the 11th March 2016.