

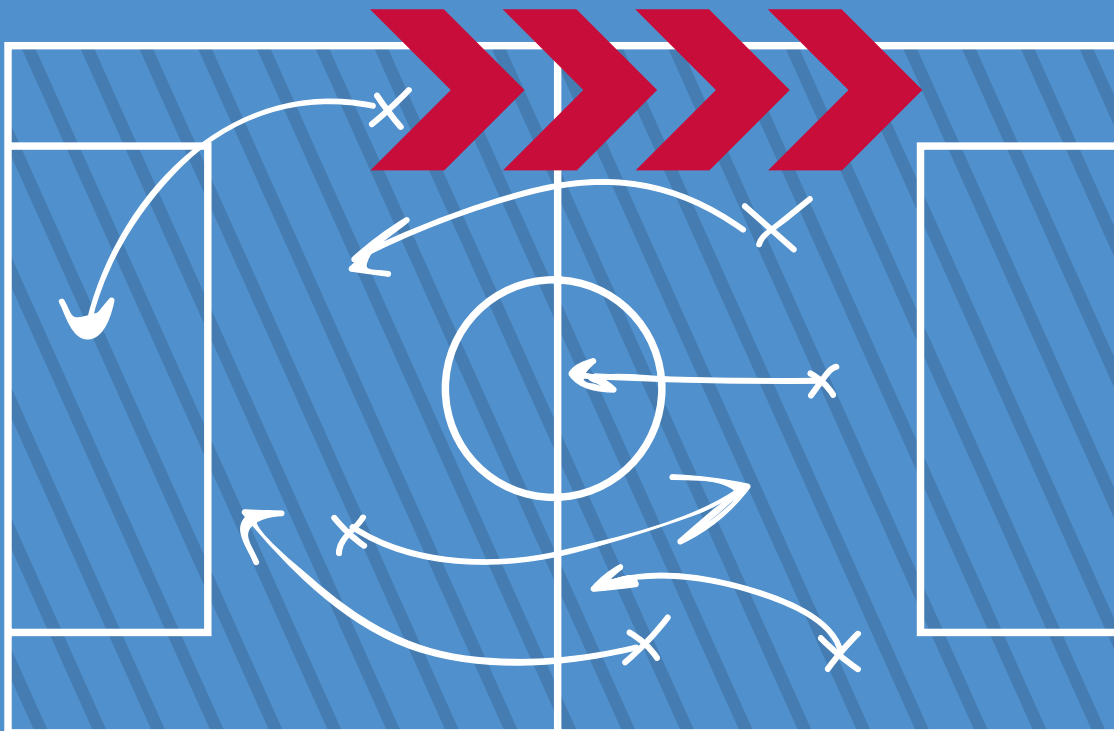


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FOREWORD



Sport contributes to peace, enables sustainable development, creates jobs and plays a vital role in promoting healthy lifestyles. It inspires, teaches and brings people, young and old, together.

But in our increasingly globalized world, sport is exposed to complex risks posed by corrupt actors who seek to exploit it for illicit gain.

Corruption strips sport of its positive, transformative power. There is widespread recognition of the negative economic and societal consequences of corruption in sport, and in particular its impact on youth. To effectively address this problem, more work is required to understand the scale, scope and manifestations of corruption in sport worldwide.

The international community is acutely aware of the need to close this knowledge gap. At its eighth session in Abu Dhabi in 2019, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption adopted resolution 8/4 on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption, which requests the UN Office on Drugs and Crime to *“develop, within its mandate, in close consultation with States parties and in cooperation with interested stakeholders, a comprehensive thematic study on safeguarding sport from corruption, including consideration of how the Convention can be applied to prevent and counter corruption in sport.”*

In response to this request, the first-ever *UNODC Global Report on Corruption in Sport* seeks to inform States parties and sports organizations on the different forms of corruption in sport, through an analysis of trends and case studies.

The Report presents policy recommendations on how to tackle the various problems identified, supported by examples of good practices. Close to 200 experts and practitioners were involved in the elaboration of this document.

The Report also highlights the need for greater international, regional, national, and local cooperation between government authorities, sports organizations, and other key stakeholders to tackle corruption in sport.

UNODC is dedicated to supporting these actors in developing and implementing coordinated responses for sport integrity, through its Programme on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption, an integral part of the Global Programme against Corruption.

I encourage all governments, sports organizations, and other key stakeholders to make full use of this Report, and of UNODC's assistance in using the international anti-corruption framework to keep sport clean, for prosperity, for development and for fairer societies.

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