



PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF SPORTS IN A REGULATED SPORTS BETTING MARKET

Any law that legalizes sports betting has to put consumer safety and sports integrity first, and recognize that without our games and fans, sports betting could not exist. These principles are essential to fair and safe sports betting:

Betting operators must report suspect betting and cooperate in investigations.

Betting operators must immediately report abnormal betting patterns and suspicious activity, cooperate with investigations by regulators and leagues, and make betting information available for integrity monitoring purposes.

Sports leagues must be able to opt-out of betting.

Certain types of bets are more susceptible to corruption and fixing than others— like in-game bets or bets on minor league games. Working with the regulators, the sports leagues know what types of betting impose the greatest integrity risks to our games.

Sports leagues should be compensated for their investments, risks, and integrity expenses.

Sports leagues spend billions of dollars to create the products that would become the subject of legalized sports betting, and would be required to spend even more to protect and ensure integrity as the amount of gambling increases. In light of these investments, additional expenses, and risk, it is reasonable for sports leagues to receive 1% of the amount legally wagered on their sports contests.

Fans who bet on sports should have reasonable protections.

Protecting consumers includes age restrictions, reasonable advertising restrictions, and self-exclusion programs for problem gamblers. Requiring the use of official league real-time data will ensure the accuracy and consistency of betting outcomes for fans.

Allow internet betting so that illegal betting shifts to legal markets.

Limiting betting to just a handful of in-person locations will allow the offshore black market to continue to flourish—defeating a major purpose of legalizing and regulating sports betting.