

THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW OF 12th MAY 2010 FOR THE PRESERVATION OF INTEGRITY WITHIN SPORTS COMPETITIONS

The **law of 21th May 2010** concerning the opening to competition and regulation of the gambling industry and online gambling includes several provisions designed to fight against the risks associated with sports betting and to preserve the integrity of sport and its players.

○ THE CREATION OF A REGULATORY AUTHORITY : ARJEL

ARJEL is an independent administrative authority responsible for regulating the sector, and in particular:

- ✓ Issuing licenses to online game and betting operators (only licensed operators can offer online sports betting in France).
- ✓ Monitoring compliance by those operators to their legal and regulatory obligations.
- ✓ Fighting against illegal sites (which offer online gambling in France, without holding the appropriate license).

○ RESTRICTIONS ON SPORTS BETTING

After consulting with the relevant federations, ARJEL establishes for each sport:

- ✓ A **list of competitions which can be bet upon** (*list relevant to Handball*)
(Criteria: quality of the organizer, age of participants, notoriety and stakes of the competition, integrity, etc.)
- ✓ The **types of results that can be bet upon**.

○ FRAMEWORK OF AUTHORIZED FORMS OF BETTING

- Prohibition of spread betting and betting exchanges.
- Prohibition of negative betting (cards, penalties, etc.).
- Authorisation of a betting handicap for single bets made in person at FDJ points of sale.

○ PREVENTION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Each Federation or pro League has a legal obligation in its regulations to make clear to and to bring prohibitions to the attention of players in their competitions. ([Fact Sheet on the Regulations of FFHB](#))

○ COMMERSALISATION OF "THE RIGHT TO BET"

The sports federations, as organizers, are allotted a small percentage of each bet taken by licensed betting operators on competitions held in France. This sum has to go towards financing efforts towards the preservation of integrity within their competitions. ([See sports betting in numbers for info about royalties in Handball](#)).

○ CORRUPTION IN SPORTS BECOMING A CRIMINAL OFFENCE

The Penal Code punishes corruption in sport as a crime, whether active or passive, when intended to modify the normal course of a competition related to sports betting. With punishments of up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a €500,000 fine ([see Fact Sheet on the Rules and Regulations of FFHB on sports betting](#)).