

FFHB RULES AND REGULATIONS ON SPORTS BETTING

○ THE 5 REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS ON SPORTS BETTING

- Article 32 of the Law of 12th May 2010 imposes upon delegated sports federations to prohibit sports betting in order to preserve the integrity of competition and protect those involved (see Fact Sheet on legislation).
- **Article 84 of the FFHB's General Regulations and Chapter 2 of the LNH's Rules and Regulations regarding integrity** forbid anyone involved in sporting competitions from:

1. **Engaging either directly or through an intermediary in sports betting**, online or in stores (FDJ network), covering all relevant handball competitions in France.
2. **Disclosing any inside information** on competitions obtained while performing ones professional duties to a third party before it is made public knowledge, with the intention of betting.
3. **Making predictions on sports** when contractually bound to or sponsored by a sports betting operator.
4. **Holding a stake in any operator** offering betting on handball competitions held in France.
5. **Modifying or attempting to modify the normal and fair outcome of a competition.**

○ PERSONS AND COMPETITIONS CONCERNED BY THESE RESTRICTIONS

- The **list of all parties concerned** jointly agreed upon by the FFHB and LNH includes:
 - ✓ Professional players and those who work in training centres
 - ✓ Managers and employees belonging to club (UCPH, UPCD1F), player (AJPH) or coach (7Master) unions
 - ✓ Members of the coaching and/or medical staff at clubs in France
 - ✓ Referees and Match Officials
 - ✓ Elected officials at FFHB and LNH (members of each Executive Committee)
 - ✓ Members of FFHB and LNH commissions with decision-making powers
 - ✓ Personnel and trainees of FFHB, LNH, Leagues and Committees
 - ✓ Sports Agents
- The prohibitions apply to **all competitions organized by the FFHB and/or LNH** on which sports betting is offered.
- **The prohibitions are not limited to competitions in which a handball player is involved.** For example, a player who plays in ProLigue cannot bet on LFH and vice versa.

○ CLUB OBLIGATIONS – LFH, ProLigue and LIDL Starligue

These specific regulations of LFH, Prologue and Lidl Starligue are imposed upon all clubs in each division:

- ✓ The appointment of an **Integrity Advisor**, whose identity and contact information must be given to the FFHB and LNH each July for the upcoming sports season.
- ✓ The establishment, in conjunction with the FFHB or the LNH via the integrity advisor, of **awareness-raising initiatives about the risks threatening the integrity of competitions** especially related to sports betting. These must be provided to players, coaches, members of the technical and medical staff, management, volunteers, etc.

○ DISCIPLINARY AND PENAL SANCTIONS

- **Any violation** of the prohibitions outlined in the LNH or FFHB Rules and Regulations **by any actor within handball results in the following disciplinary sanctions:**

Offender	1st Offence	1st Probation Period	1st Reoffence	2 nd Probation Period	2 nd Reoffence
Player Coach Referee Manager Licencee	2 years max	1 year	Striking off		
Legal Entity (club, etc.)	€30.000 max		€60.000 max	3 years	Striking off

(Table accompanying the disciplinary regulations of FFHB and LNH).

- According to articles 445-1-1 and 445-2-1 of the Penal Code, **a crime constitutes:**
 - ✓ The **promise or offer**, directly or indirectly, of any gifts or benefits to an actor within a sporting event linked to sports betting, so that it alters, by an act or failure to act, the normal and fair outcome of an event.
 - ✓ Any actor within a sporting event generating betting activity to **accept**, with a view to modify the outcome of a bet, gifts, donations or any benefit for oneself or another to alter, by act or failure to act, the normal and fair outcome of the event.
- Penalties incurred can be up to **5 years imprisonment and a €500,000 fine**. Penalties may also be imposed on clubs.