ACTIVITY REPORT: IPACS COOPERATION TASK FORCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The "Task Force on Cross-Sector Cooperation" is co-chaired by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Task Force aims to enhance cooperation between criminal justice authorities and sports organisations. The high risk of corruption in sport calls for effective action at the local, national, regional and international levels. The complexity of the phenomenon requires governmental action and coordination with sports organisations to protect the integrity of sport effectively.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS

Guide on the prosecution of bribery in sport

The Cooperation Task Force's "Guide on the Prosecution of Bribery in Sport" was officially launched during the 11th Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in Doha in December 2025. The final guide was the result of a series of consultations with the Task Force experts that took place in 2025. In early 2026, French and Spanish translations of the guide were subsequently also published.

Webinar on Prosecuting Bribery in Sport: From Guidance to Practice

Following on from the webinar organised with the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) on 26 September 2025 that discussed the then-upcoming guide as well as IPACS more generally, a new webinar was co-organised on 7 July 2026 by the IOC and the UNODC with the support of the IAP.

The webinar, "Prosecuting Bribery in Sport: From Guidance to Practice", was held under the auspices of the Cooperation Task Force, and saw expanded participation from members of the IAP, UN and Council of Europe networks. More than 100 attendees participated, mainly with law enforcement and prosecutorial backgrounds. Speakers from the IAP, IOC and UNODC highlighted the new guide, IPACS and cross-sector cooperation in general, while speakers from Norwegian law enforcement and the Biathlon Integrity Unit focused on a practical case study.

3. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

In terms of next steps, the Task Force will:

- Further disseminate the Guide on the Prosecution of Bribery in Sport;
- Explore the development of other tools in the area of cross-sector cooperation;
- Proceed with discussions on the development of more permanent cooperation mechanisms between sports organisations and criminal justice authorities.