

The FA imposes a worldwide ban on professional football players in England betting on football



At their 111th Annual General Meeting at Wembley Stadium on 21 March, FA shareholders imposed a worldwide prohibition on all those involved in football at Premier League, Football League and Football Conference levels (as well as the top two divisions in each of the Northern, Southern and Isthmian leagues) on betting, either directly or indirectly, on any football match or competition that takes place anywhere in the world.

The prohibition which will come into force on 1 August 2014 at the start of the 2014/15 season will also effect a worldwide prohibition on betting on any other football-related matter. The FA gives as examples, betting on the transfer of players, employment of managers or team selection.

Currently, FA Rules state that no participant can bet on a match or competition in which they are involved that season, or which they can influence, or any other football-related matter concerning the league that they play in. They also prohibit participants from using or passing inside information for betting. These current prohibitions will be retained after 1 August 2014 in respect of participants involved in the game below Step 4 of the National League System. These are the only participants who will not be subject to the worldwide ban.

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