



# SPORT INTEGRITY THREAT OVERVIEW

## Athletics Australia

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### ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The Sports Integrity Threat Assessment Methodology incorporates advice from the National Sporting Organisation on integrity issues in relation to their sport, combined with input from law enforcement, regulators and the NISU, to produce ratings for key individual integrity threats and an overall **Integrity Threat Assessment Rating**. The threat ratings are combined with the current status of governance, oversight and financial management mechanisms within the sport to provide **Vulnerability Assessment Ratings**. The vulnerability assessment is designed to assist NSOs with treatment and mitigation strategies to reduce vulnerability in the contemporary integrity threat environment. Each vulnerability and threat criteria is rated on a scale from Negligible to Very High.

## Overview

The overall threat to the integrity of athletics in Australia is assessed as **LOW**.

The integrity of athletics in Australia is protected to some degree by the lack of a large wagering market on the various track and field events which fall under the jurisdiction of Athletics Australia.

While the sport has a low risk of match fixing or organised criminal infiltration, there is a medium risk of doping and illicit drug use, both of which create the potential for athletes to be corrupted or coerced into manipulating outcomes or contingencies.

While the IAAF has strict policies in relation to betting by athletes, the acceptance by Athletics Australia of betting by athletes on events, albeit events in which they are not involved, is inconsistent with national and international good practice and has the potential to undermine the integrity of athletics in Australia.

Despite the low threat to the integrity of Athletics Australia, there are significant vulnerabilities, particularly in relation to the oversight of athletes and officials. The exploitation of these vulnerabilities is unlikely at present given the limited wagering markets on athletics and limited motivation for organised crime to infiltrate and exploit the sport.

Should there be any significant change in the scale of wagering on athletics events, the integrity threats are likely to increase significantly given the vulnerabilities across athletics in Australia.



