

Legal regulation of matchfixing - abstract in English

This master's thesis focuses on the legal regulation of the phenomenon known as match-fixing, which is the deliberate manipulation of the outcomes of sporting events for the purpose of financial gain or other advantages. The thesis analyses and evaluates the current legal framework in the areas of administrative law, criminal law, and, last but not least, the essentially parallel structure provided by internal regulations issued by sports associations.

The work describes sports betting in a broader context and explores ways in which sporting events can be manipulated. It also discusses the possibilities and methods of investigating match-fixing, both conventional and unconventional, which are specific to match-fixing cases. Furthermore, the thesis analyses the legal regulations provided by the Czech legal system and compares them with regulations abroad, particularly in the Federal Republic of Germany. Within the analysis of the Czech legal framework, a comparison is made between the standards of criminal law and administrative law, addressing the extent to which they are interconnected and how this interconnection could be beneficial if rigorously applied.

The problem is primarily seen in the underutilization of the legal framework provided by gambling laws for cases that exhibit lower societal harm than overtly corrupt behaviour. The regulations issued by sports associations and the related disciplinary proceedings are also analysed, including international sports arbitration and key decisions passed within such proceedings. The thesis aims to highlight a problem that, despite its prevalence, is not adequately addressed and combated in the Czech Republic, and it seeks to find effective ways to address this situation. Lastly, the role of other international organizations and existing international agreements related to match-fixing is described.

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