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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

(Bill No. 5 of 2026)

THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

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A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Sports Act and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as Sports (Amendment) Bill, 2026. Short title.

2. The Sports Act, (in this Act referred to as the “principal Act”) is amended in section 2 by inserting the following new definition in its proper alphabetical sequence— Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 223.

“manipulation of a sports competition” means an intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue advantage for oneself or for others.

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 54— Insertion of a new section into Cap. 223.

Investigation of manipulation of a sports competition. **54A.** (1) Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a person has committed the offence of manipulation of a sports competition under this Act, the matter shall be investigated by—

- (a) the Directorate of Criminal Investigations in accordance with this Act and any other applicable law; and
- (b) the relevant sports organization to which the person belongs, in accordance with its constitution, rules, regulations, codes of conduct or disciplinary

procedures.

(2) The investigations under subsection (1) shall be independent of each other and neither investigation shall be dependent upon the commencement, progress, suspension, conclusion or outcome of the other.

(3) For the purposes of an investigation under this section, a relevant sports organization may—

- (a) require any athlete, coach, technical official, referee, administrator, club, league, intermediary, support personnel or any other person subject to its jurisdiction to provide information, records or explanations relevant to the investigation;
- (b) interview any person subject to its jurisdiction;
- (c) cooperate and exchange information with law enforcement agencies, regulatory bodies, betting regulators, sports organizations and other competent authorities, subject to any applicable law relating to confidentiality and data protection; and
- (d) take any other reasonable investigative measures authorized by its rules and regulations.

(4) The imposition of a disciplinary sanction by a relevant sports organization

under section 64A shall not prevent the Directorate of Criminal Investigations from investigating any criminal liability arising from an act of manipulation of a sports competition.

(5) In conducting investigations under this section, both the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the relevant sports organization shall afford any person under investigation the right to be heard before any adverse finding or sanction is made, except where interim measures are necessary to protect the integrity of a sports competition.

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 64—

Insertion of new section into Cap. 223.

Offence and penalties for manipulation of a sports competition.

64A. (1) A person who participates directly or indirectly or aids, enables or assists in the manipulation of a sports competition commits an offence.

(2) A person who commits an offence under this section shall, on conviction, be liable to—

- (a) a fine not exceeding three times the value that was the subject of a manipulation of a sports competition or ten million shillings, whichever is higher; or
- (b) imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years; or
- (c) both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Despite subsection (2), where a relevant sports organization finds that a person committed the act of manipulation of a sports competition, the relevant sports organization may impose such disciplinary

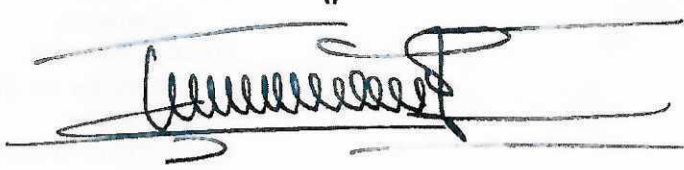
sanctions as may be provided under its rules and regulations, including—

- (a) reprimands or warnings;
- (b) fines;
- (c) suspension from participation in sporting activities;
- (d) temporary or permanent bans from participation in any sport or sports-related activity;
- (e) de-registration or cancellation of registration;
- (f) re-registration subject to such conditions as the organization may determine;
- (g) forfeiture of any proceeds or benefits gained as a result of the manipulation of a sports competition; or
- (h) any other disciplinary measure authorized under its governing instruments.

(4) Where the act of manipulation of a sports competition is committed by a sports club or sports association, the sports club or sports association may be sanctioned with the forfeiture of the outcome of the match that was the subject of the manipulation.

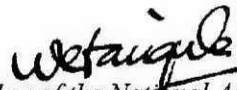
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Clerk of the National Assembly

Endorsed for presentation to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders.



Speaker of the National Assembly