

## **TT Elite Series Integrity Policy**

#### **About TT Elite Series**

The TT Elite Series is organized by EMPE Sport Miłosz Przybylik, a company registered in Dąbrowa Górnicza, ul. Piłsudskiego 36/480, under NIP: 6292082082 and REGON: 240800884. The founder and CEO, Miłosz Przybylik, is a long-time table tennis player and coach with experience in competitions both in Poland and internationally. EMPE Sport has been operating since 2007, and the first TT Elite Series tournament was held on March 12, 2022. Currently, around 7,300 matches are played monthly, with competitions conducted across four different levels. The highest level, the Superleague, features competitors at the Polish Superliga level, including European Championship medalists, national team players, and Olympic participants. The minimum required level for participation in the TT Elite Series is equivalent to the Polish 3rd league.

## 1. Integrity of the Competition

The integrity of the TT Elite Series tournaments is crucial to ensuring fair competition, transparency, and maintaining the trust of players, spectators, and sponsors. EMPE Sport, together with its technology partner – Sportradar – takes decisive actions to prevent and combat all forms of sports corruption, particularly match-fixing.

#### 2. Pre-Entry Integrity Screening

Before being allowed to participate in the TT Elite Series, each player undergoes a thorough integrity check to assess whether there have been any previous concerns related to honesty, match-fixing, or other violations of fair play. Any individual with a history of integrity-related issues may be disqualified from entering the competition.

## 3. Betting Restrictions

- a) No player, coach, referee, team staff member, official representative, or any person associated with the tournament may participate in betting on any TT Elite Series event.
- b) It is also prohibited to encourage or enable third parties to engage in such betting, regardless of the platform (e.g., casinos, internet, mobile apps).

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## 4. Prohibition of Match Manipulation

Any attempt to influence the result of a match, its course, or other aspects of the tournament, including:

- bribery (monetary or material),
- sharing of confidential information,
- · failure to compete fairly,

is considered a serious violation and is subject to strict sanctions: from temporary suspension to a lifetime ban from the tournament.

## 5. Confidential Information

It is forbidden to disclose any non-public information related to the competition to third parties, especially when such information could be used for betting purposes.

## 6. Obligation to Report Violations

- a) Every player, coach, or person involved in the tournament is obliged to immediately report any attempted corruption, suspected match-fixing, or other violations of the regulations.
- b) Reports should be directed to the TT Elite Series manager or sent via email to: info@tt-series.com.
- c) Failure to report such an incident also constitutes a breach of the rules and may result in disciplinary sanctions.

#### 7. Detection of Violations via Sportradar FDS

Sportradar uses the Fraud Detection System (FDS) to monitor and analyze suspicious betting activity. Alerts are analyzed by experts who assess the likelihood of match manipulation.

The standard operating procedure is outlined below:

- 1. TT Elite Series receives a report of an alleged, suspected, or anticipated violation of its Sports Betting Integrity Policy. This report may originate from Sportradar, a competition stakeholder (i.e., whistleblower), a betting operator, or another source.
- 2. While TT Elite Series will intake and assess all sources of information, as appropriate, to determine whether to take action regarding an alleged rules violation, the below sources will generally be regarded as the most credible and of the highest-priority:
- Betting Patterns & Monitoring (i.e., Sportradar)
- Direct Reports from Bookmakers
- Competition Stakeholders / Whistleblowers
- Competition/Match Action

TT Elite Series will also intake and assess other sources of information, such as concerns or rumours emanating from social media or journalists, but will apply particularly strict scrutiny and filtering to such reports and allegations and will typically require some form of corroboration prior to taking action.

3. For Reports Received Before Events: If the report is from one of the high-priority sources listed above and poses a credible and serious threat to the integrity of an upcoming event, TT Elite Series should consider immediately notifying the implicated competitors of the report.

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In this instance unless the competitors are able to provide a wholly satisfactory explanation of the information contained in the report, TT Elite Series shall consider postponing/cancelling the upcoming event or rescheduling the event so as to exclude any implicated competitors from participating. Following the cancellation, rescheduling or completion of the event, TT Elite Series will conduct a thorough investigation into the matter, utilizing support from Sportradar where needed.

For Reports Received During Events: Unless it is determined that any party's physical safety may be at risk or the report is otherwise deemed to be extremely urgent, TT Elite Series will allow the event to conclude before following the approach outlined immediately below. For Reports Received After Events: If the report is deemed credible, TT Elite Series will conduct a thorough investigation, utilizing support from Sportradar where needed. Please note that TT Elite Series reserves the right to inform law enforcement or other potentially affected authorities in case of credible and serious criminal implications.

## 8. Return After Disqualification

Any player temporarily disqualified by Sportradar due to suspicion of involvement in match-fixing may only be allowed to return to play after serving the full penalty and successfully passing a lie detector test that confirms their innocence.

#### 9. Code of Conduct

Participants of the TT Elite Series are required to observe the principles of fair play, refrain from actions that could damage the reputation of the tournament, and maintain an appropriate ethical standard. Any actions undermining the integrity of the sport – such as public accusations, incitement, or illegal payments – will be punished in accordance with the regulations.

### 10. Three Key Principles

- Recognize identify manipulation attempts.
- Resist reject any benefits offered.
- Report officially inform the organizer.

## 11. Final Provisions

- Ignorance of the rules does not exempt one from compliance.
- All decisions of the organizer are final, except in cases covered by the appeals procedure.
- The organizer reserves the right to amend the integrity policy

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## **Partnership Agreement**

TT Elite Series has signed a partnership agreement with Opole Provincial Table Tennis Association. Under this agreement, both parties will support each other in organizing tournaments and promoting table tennis at the local and regional levels.

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## Statement

The Opole Provincial Table Tennis Association declares that it has signed a partnership agreement with TT Elite Series, under which they will support each other and popularize table tennis in Poland. The parties declare that under the agreement they will cooperate closely in organizing tournaments and other events promoting table tennis at the local and regional level.

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