



## ACTIVITIES REPORT 2017/2018 #6 MATCH-FIXING

Santa Clara's players received, last november, the final action under "Integrity in Football" training plan, a joint initiative promoted by the **Portuguese Players Union (SJ)**, the **Portuguese Football Federation (FPF)** and **Liga Portugal**. It was the last of the set of formations that took place with the 33 sports clubs/societies in professional football competitions in Portugal.

Its aim is to fight possible acts of corruption within match-fixing. **Rute Soares**, Integrity Officer UEFA/FPF, and **João Oliveira**, Head of the SJ Legal Office, and expert in the fight against match-fixing, took the training event, which was attended by **Sónia Carneiro**, Executive Director of the Portugal League for the legal area.

In the course of this set of actions, **SJ**, **FPF** and **Liga Portugal** intended to provide the players with knowledge and safety tools, such as "Deixa-te de Joguinhos (Don't fix it)" platform, made available online by the three entities, where athletes can report any suspicious approaches.

The platform is available at the following address:  
<http://integridade.fpf.pt>

After all the professional clubs were contacted, these actions were extended to all teams and players of **Futsal League**, during the months of January and February.

All three main responsables had positive reviews of this training action.

**João Oliveira**, head of the Legal Office of SJ:

"I am convinced that the message has passed and to this day our players are better informed and prepared to react if they are confronted with match-fixing approaches. The three entities involved in this project, Union, Federation and League, knew how to live up to their responsibilities. No one should be silent and the reporting platform created under this project is the safety channel that everyone should use. The Union will remain close to all players and is committed to maintaining a comprehensive vision of the problems they face in the context of their activity, seeking an effective response to their needs."

**Rute Soares**, Integrity Officer UEFA/FPF:

"Promoting football is also protecting it, and it is essential to convey the message of what lies behind this phenomenon. Risks that threaten the professionals, consequences



for the life of each one of them, measures adopted and defense mechanisms that should reach all involved. The availability shown by the I and II League clubs and the words we received at the end of each action were demonstrative of the interest that the theme has for everyone. FPF will continue to defend the integrity of competitions and football as a priority, in particular through the training of sports agents."

**Sónia Carneiro**, Executive Director of Liga Portugal:

"The risk of match-fixing has always existed, but a new reality associated with the emergence of the internet and the development of communications in general has boosted the growth of this phenomenon. These training initiatives are part of an institutional cooperation that can not end in these actions alone. We can now say that professional football players in NOS League and LEDMAN LigaPro became generally aware of the disciplinary and penal risks regarding approaches towards match-fixing, and last but not least, of the risk that an apparent immediate gain may become the focus of a destroyed career. This project, however, does not end here."



