

Case	FIFA provision	Sanction
Party: Ibrahim Chaibou Position: FIFA referee Affiliation: Nigerien Football Association	Art. 27 FCE (2018)	Sanction by the independent Ethics Committee Ban for life + CHF 200,000 fine: 18 September 2018

The case of Ibrahim Chaibou, FIFA referee, Nigerien Football Association

Matches: several international friendly matches played in South Africa in 2010 and 2011

FIFA proceedings

Following an investigation by the South African Football Association (SAFA) and after receiving the initial findings from SAFA indicating that Mr Chaibou had conspired with the convicted match-fixer Wilson Raj Perumal to manipulate various international friendly matches played in 2010 and 2011, FIFA Integrity carried out a preliminary investigation.

The investigation found that Mr Chaibou had been appointed by Mr Perumal to officiate football matches played in South Africa in 2010 and 2011, with the purpose of manipulating their results. Mr Chaibou engaged in a significant amount of email correspondence with Mr Perumal, which showed a course of collaboration to manipulate and influence the results of matches and tournaments through refereeing decisions taken by himself.

Mr Chaibou made various suspicious (and unjustified) decisions in the matches in which he officiated, in particular by awarding a number of penalties and free kicks, which resulted (or almost resulted) in the scoring of goals, thereby influencing the course and result of such matches. Finally, Mr Chaibou also accepted substantial sums of money in exchange for successfully influencing the results of a number of the matches.

Conclusion

The conclusion of the preliminary investigation resulted in the opening of ethics proceedings against Mr Chaibou. On 18 September 2018, the independent Ethics Committee imposed a lifetime ban and a fine of CHF 200,000 on Mr Chaibou for having breached art. 27 of the FCE (2018) by conspiring with Mr Perumal to manipulate the results of international matches.