

Case	FIFA provision	Sanction
Party: Oden Charles Mbaga Position: Referee Affiliation: Tanzania Football Federation	Art. 11 FCE (2009)	Sanction by the independent Ethics Committee Ban for life + CHF 200,000 fine: 25 January 2019

The case of Oden Charles Mbaga, referee, Tanzania Football Federation

Matches: several international matches

FIFA proceedings

Mr Mbaga engaged in email exchanges with the convicted match-fixer Mr Wilson Raj Perumal between March 2010 and February 2011, which came to the attention of FIFA and led to the opening of a preliminary investigation into the matter by FIFA Integrity.

The investigation found that Mr Mbaga had been appointed by Mr Perumal to officiate, under instructions, a series of international matches with the aim of manipulating their results for betting purposes. He engaged in several direct email correspondences with Mr Perumal, conspiring to manipulate and influence the results of the international matches in exchange for financial compensation for himself by accepting bribes from Mr Perumal.

Additionally, he conspired with Mr Perumal in order to approach and recruit Tanzanian players (as well as players from other African countries) in order to manipulate several international matches.

Conclusion

The conclusion of the preliminary investigation resulted in the opening of ethics proceedings against Mr Mbaga. On 25 January 2019, the independent Ethics Committee imposed a lifetime ban as well as a fine of CHF 200,000 on Mr Mbaga for having breached art. 11 of the FCE (2009) by conspiring with Mr Perumal to manipulate the results of international matches.