

## Press Release

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### PPF welcomes new Sports Betting Integrity Panel

The Professional Players Federation today welcomed the setting up of the new sports betting integrity panel by the Minister for Sport. The players are represented on the panel by Simon Barker a director of the PPF and senior executive at the Professional Footballers Association.

In August 2007, the PPF published its code on sports betting. This said that there was an urgent need for a comprehensive, well-funded education programme on sports betting for all players. In April 2009, the PPF reported that, with the exception of one or two sports, the level of education for players about betting integrity issues continued to remain substandard.

Simon Barker, director of the PPF, said

“Education must have a key role to play in helping to protect sporting integrity. I look forward to working with the members of the panel to find a way of ensuring all players are able to take part in a well funded education programme on sports betting.”

### Notes for Editors

1. The PPF Code on Sports Betting was published in August 2007 and is available on [http://www.ppf.org.uk/pdf/PPF Code on Sport Betting.pdf](http://www.ppf.org.uk/pdf/PPF_Code_on_Sport_Betting.pdf)
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