Corruption, Mafia Power and Italian Soccer

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Whilst corruption and organised crime have been widely researched, they have not yet been specifically linked to sport. *Corruption, Mafia Power and Italian Soccer* offers an original insight into this new research area. Adopting a psycho-social approach based mainly on Pierre Bourdieu's praxeology, the book demonstrates approach based mainly on Pierre Bourdieu's praxeology the Italian sociothat corruption and the mafia presence in Italian soccer reflect the Italian sociopolitical and economic system itself.

Supported by interviews with security agency officials, anticorruption organisations and antimafia organisations, and analysing empirical data obtained from a case study of 'Operation Dirty Soccer', this important study explains why mafia groups are involved in soccer, what the links are to political corruption and what might be done to control the problem. It also examines the mechanisms that make it possible for mafia groups and affiliates to enter the football industry and discusses how mafia groups exploit and corrupt Italian football.

This is important reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students, researchers and academics working in the areas of sociology, criminology, policing, anthropology, and academics working in the areas of sociology, criminology, policing, anthropology, and academics working in the areas of sociology, criminology, policing, anthropology, and academics working in the areas of sociology of sport, sport deviance, sport management and organised crime. It is also a valuable resource for practitioners in the football industry.

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