

How politics affects... **sport**

It provides grants and financial support for sporting bodies and individuals • **regulates the issuing of work permits for sports professionals from outside Europe who want to play in the UK** • decides whether to maintain or sell off sporting facilities such as playing fields and swimming pools • **decides whether you stand up or sit down to watch football in stadiums** • says whether pupils should play competitive sport in PE lessons • **legislates to stop hooligans travelling to watch football abroad** • supports bids for the Olympic and Commonwealth games • **decides which types of companies can and can't sponsor sports** • affects UK sports teams tours of foreign countries • **decides which sport you can watch for free on TV** • sets skill levels and attainment targets for school children in PE • **decides funding for public sports facilities.**

