

# **NICOLAS KICKER FOUND GUILTY OF MATCH-FIXING OFFENCES BY INDEPENDENT ANTI-CORRUPTION HEARING OFFICER**

## **Nicolas Kicker found guilty of match-fixing offences by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer**

Argentinian tennis player Nicolas Kicker has been found guilty of match-fixing and other offences under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (Program).

Mr Kicker, 25, was found guilty of contriving the outcome of a match at the ATP Challenger tournament in Padova, Italy, in June 2015 and a match at the ATP Challenger tournament in Barranquilla, Colombia, in September 2015.

He was also found guilty of not fully co-operating with a TIU investigation into the allegations made against him.

Independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer (AHO) Jane Mulcahy QC considered the case at a Hearing held in Miami, Florida on 20 March 2018, following an investigation by the Tennis Integrity Unit.

Having been found guilty of all charges, he will be sanctioned at a future date to be determined by AHO Mulcahy. Details of the Decision on sanctions will be made public when received.

Until that time Mr Kicker will not be granted credentials to enter or compete in any professional tennis event sanctioned by the governing bodies of tennis. The authority to withhold credentials lies with the Director of the TIU, who has the discretion to rule on matters that could affect the integrity of the sport.

Mr Kicker is currently ranked 84 in singles and has a career high of 78 achieved in June 2017.

The breaches of the Program for which he has been found guilty are:

*Section D.1.d: "No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any Event."*

*Section F.2.b: "All Covered Persons must co-operate fully with investigations conducted by the TIU including giving evidence at hearings, if requested. No Covered Person shall tamper with or destroy any evidence or other information related to any Corruption Offense."*

The Tennis Integrity Unit is an initiative of the Grand Slam Board, the International Tennis Federation, the ATP and the WTA, who are jointly committed to a zero tolerance approach to corruption in tennis.

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#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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