

ALEKSEENKO BROTHERS BANNED FOR LIFE FOR TENNIS MATCH-FIXING OFFENCES

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Independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer finds Gleb and Vadim Alekseenko guilty of multiple match-fixing offences, together with links to corrupt betting

Ukrainian twin brothers Gleb and Vadim Alekseenko have been banned from tennis for life and each fined \$250,000 after being found guilty of multiple match-fixing and associated offences.

The case against the brothers, 35, was adjudicated by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Prof Richard H McLaren and based on an investigation by the Tennis Integrity Unit.

In a decision announced today, Prof McLaren found them guilty of multiple match-fixing offences committed at a number of ITF Futures tournaments played in Romania, Russia, Germany and Turkey between June 2015 and January 2016.

In addition, they were found to have solicited a third party to wager on matches in which they contrived the outcome.

The findings of guilt and imposition of the lifetime suspensions means that with immediate effect both players are prohibited from playing in or attending any sanctioned events organised or recognised by the governing bodies of the sport.

The breaches of the 2015 and 2016 Tennis Anti-Corruption Program they were found to have committed are as follows:

D.1.b. No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any other person to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other tennis competition. For the avoidance of doubt, to solicit or facilitate to wager shall include, but not be limited to: display of live tennis betting odds on a Covered Person website; writing articles for a tennis betting publication or website; conducting personal appearances for a tennis betting company; and appearing in com

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

Vadim Alekseenko is currently ranked 1113 in singles and reached a career-best of 497 in June 2014. Gleb Alekseenko is currently ranked 1724 in singles with a career-high of 609 in May 2011.

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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