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Danail Tarpov given suspended sanction for breach of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program

Bulgarian tennis player Danail Tarpov has received a suspension of three months and a Euros 5,000 fine after admitting to a betting-related offense under Section D of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (Program)*.

Both the sanction and fine are suspended for a period of two years on condition that the player commits no further breach of the Program during the two year period.

Mr Tarpov, 27, is currently ranked 1,109 in singles and achieved a career-high ranking of 989 in September 2015.

A Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) investigation found that in September 2013 Mr Tarpov set up and registered an online betting account with Bet365, for use by the son of his then coach Novolai Ivanchev.

He subsequently allowed and assisted his personal bank account to be used for operating the account. A total of 1,221 tennis bets were placed, although these did not include bets on matches involving Mr Tarpov.

No evidence of betting linked to match-fixing or other corruption offenses was uncovered by the TIU.

Independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jane Mulcahy QC considered the case and imposed the sanction.

*Charge against Mr Tarpov under Section D of the 2013 Tennis Anti-Corruption Program:

Section 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.

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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