

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES BROUGHT BY THE PROFESSIONAL TENNIS INTEGRITY OFFICERS  
("PTIOs")**

**UNDER THE TENNIS ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAMS 2016 AND 2017 ("the TACP")<sup>1</sup>**

**BEFORE ANTI-CORRUPTION HEARING OFFICER ("the AHO"), IAN MILL QC**

**CORRUPTION NOTICE TO: David Norfeldt ("the Player")**

The PTIOs being constituted by appointments from each of the following Governing Bodies:

WTA Tour, Inc

Grand Slam Board

International Tennis Federation ("ITF")

ATP Tour, Inc

**DECISION AND ORDER OF THE AHO**

Unless otherwise clear from the context, capitalised terms in this Decision and Order bear the respective meanings given to them in the TACP.

**DECISION**

1. I am appointed as the AHO in this case.
2. On 3 December 2018, the PTIOs issued a Notice against the Player pursuant to Section G.1.a of the TACP. It contained allegations of breaches by the Player of Section D.1.a of the TACP, which provides that: *"No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, wager or attempt to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other tennis competition"*.
3. The specifics of the Charges were that the Player had, between 2 April 2016 and 22 January 2017, placed a total of 195 bets using his [REDACTED] account on the outcomes of professional

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<sup>1</sup> There is no difference in the relevant provisions as between the 2016 TACP and the 2017 TACP. Reference is therefore made to "the TACP" in each case.

tennis matches on the ATP and WTA tours (none of which involved him as a participant). The total amount wagered was about £1,000. Overall, he lost some £830 on those bets.

4. I am informed by Ms Kendrah Potts of Counsel, instructed by the PTIOs, that the Player has admitted the breaches as alleged in the Notice of Charge.
5. I have also been provided by Ms Potts with a set of sanctions which are, subject to my agreement, jointly proposed by the PTIOs and the Player as being appropriate having regard to the specifics of the admitted breaches.
6. These jointly proposed sanctions are:
  - a. A period of ineligibility from participation of 8 months, with one half of that period suspended on the condition that the Player commits no further violations of the TACP within the 8 month period;
  - b. A fine of US\$6,000, with payment of one half of that amount suspended on the condition that the Player commits no further violations of the TACP within the same 8 month period.
7. The PTIOs have drawn my attention to a number of decisions by AHOs which have involved sanctioning players for similar breaches of Section D.1.a of the TACP. Their submission to me is that the proposed sanctions set out above would be consistent with the sanctions imposed in those cases.
8. Having regard to the specifics of the breaches admitted, including player's age (19 at the time that the bets were placed), the number of bets placed, the total amount of the sums wagered and the overall financial outcome of those bets, I agree that the proposed sanctions would be in line with sanctions previously imposed in materially similar circumstances. Accordingly, having regard to the fact that those sanctions are proposed by the Player as well as the PTIOs, and to the desirability of consistency of decision-making, I have decided that these are the sanctions that I should propose.
9. On 14 March, I communicated to the parties that this was my decision. By agreement of all concerned, that is to be the date on which the period of ineligibility is to commence.

**Order**

I accordingly order that:

- (1) The Player is and will remain ineligible for participation in any event organised or sanctioned by any Governing Body ("Event") for a period of 8 months commencing on 14 March 2019, with one half of that period suspended on the condition that the Player commits no further violations of the TACP within that 8 month period. Accordingly, he may not at any time during the period of ineligibility participate in any capacity in any Event (other than authorised anti-gambling or anti-corruption education or rehabilitation programs);
- (2) The Player is to pay a fine of US\$6,000, with payment of one half of that amount suspended on the condition that the Player commits no further violations of the TACP within the same 8 month period.

The Player has a right of appeal from this Decision to CAS. The time for any appeal runs from today's date.

**DATED THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2019**



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**IAN MILL QC**

**Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer**

**Signed at London, England**