

# **ISSAM Taweel Suspended and Fined for Tennis Match-Fixing Offences**

***Egyptian player ranked 1192 in ITF World Tennis singles will serve a three year suspension and pay \$2,000 fine***

Egyptian tennis player Issam Taweel has been suspended for five years and fined \$15,000 for match-fixing and other associated corruption offences. Two years of the ban and \$13,000 of the fine are suspended on condition that no further breaches of anti-corruption rules are committed.

On that basis the player will serve a three year suspension and pay a \$2,000 fine.

On 26 April this year Mr Taweel was convicted of three charges under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP), including attempting to contrive the outcome of a match, failing to report a corrupt approach and failing to disclose knowledge of the corrupt activity of another party:

<http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com/media-releases/issam-taweel-found-guilty-match-fixing-offences-independent-anti-corruption-hearing-officer>.

Following his conviction Mr Taweel was provisionally suspended and prohibited from competing in or attending any event sanctioned or authorised by the governing bodies of tennis. That condition will now remain in place until the end of the three year ban.

The decision on sanction from independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jane Mulcahy QC concludes the case against the 30-year old, who is currently ranked 1192 in ITF World Tennis singles.

The breaches of the TACP for which he has been disciplined 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 D.2.a.i.- In the event any Player is approached by any person who offers or provides any type of money, benefit or Consideration to a Player to (i) influence the outcome or any other aspect of any Event, or (ii) provide Inside Information, it shall*

*be the Player's obligation to report such incident to the TIU as soon as possible.*

*Section D.2.a.ii - In the event any Player knows or suspects that any other Covered Person or other individual has committed a Corruption Offense, it shall be the Player's obligation to report such knowledge or suspicion to the TIU as soon as possible.*

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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