

INDEPENDENT ANTI-CORRUPTION HEARING OFFICER REDUCES NICOLAS KICKER SUSPENSION IN RECOGNITION OF PLAYER EDUCATION SUPPORT

Three year suspension reduced by four months means Mr Kicker can resume playing professional tennis from 23 January 2021

Independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer (AHO) Jane Mulcahy QC has reduced the suspension imposed on Argentinian tennis player Nicolas Kicker from three years, to two years and eight months, on appeal.

The decision recognises the support given by the player to the Tennis Integrity Unit's Education programme. In particular he co-operated with the production of an educational video charting his involvement in corruption and warning other players of the consequences.

Reducing the three year suspension by four months means that Mr Kicker will be eligible to resume playing professional tennis from 23 January 2021.

In June 2018 Mr Kicker was banned for six years, with three years suspended, after being found guilty of committing match-fixing offences under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). The suspension was backdated to apply from 24th May 2018, the date he was excluded from playing tennis.

The three year suspended element of the original sanction will remain in place on condition that no further breaches of the TACP are committed.

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.

Note: the Nicolas Kicker educational video can be viewed at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=THgJVmeVsPM

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