

# **PATRICIO HERAS GUILTY OF MATCH-FIXING CHARGE**

## **Argentinian tennis player Patricio Heras found guilty of match-fixing**

*Mr Heras suspended from playing tennis until disciplinary sanction confirmed by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jane Mulcahy QC*

Argentinian tennis player Patricio Heras has been found guilty of match-fixing and other related offences, which breach the terms of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP).

Mr Heras was found to have contrived the outcome of a match played at the ATP Challenger tournament in Barranquilla, Colombia in September 2015. He also failed to report a number of corrupt approaches received during August and September 2015, to the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU).

Independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer (AHO) Jane Mulcahy QC considered the case at a Hearing held in London on 6 April 2018, following an investigation by the TIU.

Having now been found guilty of the charges, he will be sanctioned at a future date to be determined by AHO Mulcahy. Details of the Decision on sanctions will be made public when received. Until that time, and with immediate effect, Mr Heras is not allowed to compete in, or attend, any sanctioned events organised or recognised by the governing bodies of the sport.

The 29-year old is currently ranked 306 in singles and has a career-high of 269 achieved in September 2013.

The breaches of the TACP he has been found guilty of 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 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.c: "For the avoidance of doubt, (i) a failure of the Reporting Obligation by any Covered Person... shall constitute a Corruption Offense for the purposes of the*

*Program."*

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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