

# **EGYPTIAN TENNIS PLAYER KARIM HOSSAM BANNED FOR LIFE AND FINED FOR MATCH-FIXING OFFENCES**

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Karim Hossam, the 24-year old Egyptian tennis player, has been banned for life and fined \$15,000 after being convicted of multiple match-fixing offences.

The player was found guilty of 16 corruption charges under Section D of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program. These included match-fixing, facilitating betting, providing inside information and failing to report corrupt approaches to the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU).

The case was based on a TIU investigation and adjudicated by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer (AHO) Jane Mulcahy QC.

The breaches of the sport's anti-corruption code were committed at ITF Futures tournaments over a five-year period between 2013 and 2017.

Mr Hossam has been subject to a provisional suspension imposed by AHO Mulcahy in June 2017, which has subsequently prevented him playing in or attending any authorised tennis events.

The lifetime ban applies with immediate effect and means the player is not allowed to compete in, or attend, any sanctioned events organised or recognised by the governing bodies of the sport.

Mr Hossam is ranked 1136 in singles, with a career high of 337 achieved in September 2013.

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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