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Calum Puttergill suspended and fined for betting on tennis

Australian tennis player Calum Puttergill has been suspended for six months and fined US\$10,000 after being found guilty of a betting-related corruption offence.

The final three months of the period of ineligibility and US\$5,000 of the fine are suspended on the condition that Mr. Puttergill commits no further violation of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (Program) prior to 11 July 2017. Any breach of the Program by him during this period will result in a new six month period of ineligibility being imposed and the full US\$10,000 being payable.

A Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) investigation found that the player used two online betting accounts with Sportsbet, to place 291 bets on tennis between 29th May 2012 and 16th November 2014. None of the bets related to matches in which he played.

Under the Program, all players and other Covered Persons are explicitly prohibited from betting on any professional tennis match, at anytime, anywhere in the world.

The case was considered by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Richard McLaren, who imposed the suspension and fine after a Hearing held in London on 5 January 2017.

Mr Puttergill, 23, has a current Doubles Ranking of 891 and 1,207 in singles.

The suspension applies with immediate effect and means that he is excluded from competing in, or attending, any tournament or event organised or sanctioned by the governing bodies of the sport, for the duration of the sanction.

The offence for which he has been disciplined falls under Section D.1.a of the Program: *D.1.a. 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.*

Consistent with the confidentiality of the independent Anti-Corruption Hearing process, no further details of the Hearing or Decision will be made public.

The Tennis Integrity Unit is an initiative of the Grand Slam Board, the International Tennis Federation, the ATP World Tour and the WTA, who are jointly committed to a zero tolerance approach to corruption in tennis.

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