



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Konstantinos Mikos banned for life for tennis corruption offences**

#### ***1536-ranked player made corrupt approach and held tennis betting accounts***

Greek tennis player Konstantinos Mikos (25) has been banned for life after being found guilty of four offences under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (Program).

Evidence obtained by a Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) investigation confirmed that in November 2013 he made a corrupt approach to another Greek player, Alexandros Jakupovic\*, at the Greece F20 Futures tournament in Rethymon. The approach offered payment in return for agreeing to lose nominated sets and games in a match at the event.

In addition, Mr Mikos was found to have operated two gambling accounts through which bets were placed on tennis between March 2012 and December 2013.

The case was considered by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jane Mulcahy QC, who imposed the lifetime ban today, 4 May 2017.

The ban from all professional tennis applies with immediate effect and means the player is not allowed to compete in, or attend, any tournament or event organised or sanctioned by the governing bodies of the sport.

The offences for which he has been sanctioned are:

*Section 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 completion*

*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.1.e: No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, solicit or facilitate any Player to not use his or her best efforts in any Event*

*Section D.1.g: No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any money, benefit or Consideration to any other Covered Person with the intention of negatively influencing a Player's best efforts in any Event*

Mr Mikos achieved a career-high singles ranking of 933 in in August 2014.

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.

\*Alexandros Jakupovic was the subject of a separate TIU investigation and disciplinary hearing that led to him receiving a lifetime ban in December 2015:

<http://www.tennisintegrityunit.com/media-releases/tennis-player-alexandros-jakupovic-banned-life-breaches-tennis-anti-corruption-program>

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