



TENNIS INTEGRITY UNIT
ANNUAL REVIEW

2020

Introduction

It is a privilege to introduce the 2019 Annual Review of the Tennis Integrity Unit as the first Chair of its new Supervisory Board. The publication of the final report of the Independent Review of Tennis Integrity in December 2018 marked the beginning of a new phase for the TIU. Building on the excellent work of Nigel Willerton and his team, the International Governing Bodies of tennis have committed to creating a new independent integrity body which will combine the fight against betting related corruption with anti-doping.



We have a big ambition: to create the best, most innovative integrity organisation in sport. This year we have taken some important steps towards achieving it. More resources are being invested, with five new members of the team and a new CEO, Jonny Gray, set to join early in 2020. A new Board has been created, combining the skills of five new independent Directors with four of the most senior leaders within tennis. The first steps have been taken towards establishing a new, separate legal entity, which will reinforce the independence of tennis' anti-corruption and anti-doping operations.

“We have a big ambition: to create the best, most innovative integrity organisation in sport.”

One of the most important roles of the new Board is to work across the sport to reduce the opportunities for match fixing to occur. Following extensive discussions throughout the year, in December we were pleased to announce jointly with the International Tennis Federation the progressive removal of live scoring data from all World Tennis Tour (WTT) \$15K events, which was a key recommendation of the IRP's Final Report. A package of complementary measures was vital to ensure that official data was not simply replaced by unofficial data, so I am delighted that the ITF have also announced a major investment of \$8m to enhance security and player protection at WTT events.

2020 will bring fresh challenges. Betting in sport continues to grow, with new markets opening up in the US and online gambling increasing. It is an Olympic and Paralympic year, putting the fight against doping in an even brighter spotlight. With more resources, more independence and a continued commitment to excellence, the TIU and the Board is determined – and well equipped – to respond.

JENNIE PRICE CBE

Independent Chair, Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board

“We worked closely to support the substantial police operations in Belgium, France and Spain.”



2019 was another year of growth and development for the TIU. From an operational perspective the year was notable for a marked decline in the number of match alerts received from the regulated gambling sector. The 2019 total of 138 alerts is the lowest since public reporting began in 2015 and is almost 48% lower than the total for 2018 (page

10). I believe a combination of factors is behind this welcome downturn, including the deterrent effect of regular player sanctions by the TIU, the arrests and detention of players by law enforcement agencies in Europe and the results of our continued close working relationships with partners in the betting sector.

While it is encouraging that fewer suspect matches were identified, there can be no room for complacency, particularly as the many other forms of intelligence gathered by the TIU continue to show frequent instances of attempted and actual corrupt activity, predominantly at the lower levels of the sport.

Throughout the year we worked closely to support the substantial police operations in Belgium, France and Spain involving tennis players, which were originally initiated by information supplied by the TIU. Once these investigations and criminal cases are complete, the TIU will be in a position to bring charges under tennis anti-corruption rules against those who have been implicated.

This will add to an already busy workload and was a factor anticipated by the recruitment of three new investigators and two additional intelligence analysts during the year. With the recruitment of Chief Executive Officer Jonny Gray, who joins in mid-February 2020, the TIU will be one of the largest and best resourced integrity operations in professional sport.

The hard work and commitment of all colleagues at the TIU deserves to be mentioned and is reflected in the successful investigation, sanction and defence of CAS appeals of more individuals (26) than in any previous year (pages 8-9).

NIGEL WILLERTON

Director, Tennis Integrity Unit

The TIU in 2019

JANUARY

The Tennis Integrity Board met during the Australian Open in Melbourne.

Chilean player Cristobal Saavedra-Corvalan was suspended for 2 years and 6 months and fined \$8,000 for failing to co-operate with a TIU investigation.

The TIU Annual Review 2018 was published.

FEBRUARY

Jennie Price CBE was appointed as the independent Chair of the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board.

Nigerian player Emmanuel Ikakah was suspended for 3 months and fined \$500 for betting on tennis.

Fellow Nigerian player Adimabua Iyorovbe received a 6 month suspension (3 months suspended) and \$5,000 fine (\$4,500 suspended) for betting on tennis.

Former law enforcement officer Mark Fletcher joined the TIU as an Investigator.

MARCH

21 Match Alerts were received by the TIU during the first quarter of 2019, the lowest quarterly figure since 2015.

Chilean player Mauricio Alvarez-Guzman received a lifetime ban after being convicted of match-fixing offences. David Norfeldt of Sweden was given an 8 month suspension (4 months suspended), and \$6,000 fine (\$3,000 suspended) for betting on tennis.

APRIL

Joao Souza, Brazil, was Provisionally Suspended from tennis pending completion of a TIU investigation.

Benjamin D'Hoe of Belgium received a 6 month suspension (5 months suspended) and \$3,000 fine (\$2,500 suspended) for betting on tennis.

MAY

Four independent members joined the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board; Sir Philip Craven, Avril Martindale, Sal Perna AM and Bob Harayda.

Mohamed Safwat of Egypt received a 6 month suspended suspension and \$5,000 fine (\$4,000 suspended) for failing to report corrupt approaches. Colombian tennis coach Miguel Tobon was given a 12 month suspension, \$20,000 fine and required to pay a further \$6,000 received from the sale of wildcards. Ukrainian Helen Ploskina received a lifetime ban and \$20,000 fine for match-fixing and associated offences. Osman Torski, Germany, received a 9 month suspension (6 months suspended) for match-fixing.

JUNE

The Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board held its first meeting as an independent board during Roland Garros in Paris.

Bulgarian brothers Karen and Yuri Khachatryan were Provisionally Suspended pending completion of a TIU investigation into alleged breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

Henry Atseye, Nigeria, received a 3 year suspension (1 year suspended) and \$5,000 fine (\$2,500 suspended) for match-fixing, failing to report knowledge of corrupt activity and failing to report a corrupt approach.

33 Match Alerts were received by the TIU during the second quarter of 2019, maintaining the reduced volume of reports compared to previous years.

JULY

Egyptian player Youssef Hossam was Provisionally Suspended from tennis pending completion of a TIU investigation into alleged breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

AUGUST

Disciplinary decisions were received for five individuals:

Issam Taweel, Egypt, 5 year suspension (2 years suspended) and \$15,000 fine (\$13,000 suspended) for match-fixing offences.

Svetlana Teryaeva, Russia, 6 month suspension (4 months suspended), \$1,000 fine (all suspended) for failing to report corrupt activity and failing to report a corrupt approach.

Gleb and Vadim Alekseenko, Ukraine: the Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed lifetime suspensions and reduced fines from \$250,000 to \$25,000.

Juan Carlos Saez, Chile, 8 year suspension, \$12,500 fine for failing to co-operate with the TIU and failing to report a corrupt approach.

SEPTEMBER

Match Alerts for the third quarter of 2019 continued a sustained reduction with 41 reports received from July to September.

The Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board met for the second time at the US Open in New York.

Diego Matos, Brazil, was banned for life, fined \$125,000 and ordered to repay \$12,000 from corrupt earnings linked to match-fixing.

Irina Khromacheva, Russia, received a 3 month suspension (2 months suspended) and \$3,000 fine (all suspended) for attempting to contrive the outcome of a match.

Edvin Gustafsson, Sweden, received a 10 month suspension (6 months suspended) and \$10,000 fine (\$9,500 suspended) for betting on tennis.

OCTOBER

Jonny Gray was confirmed as the TIU's first CEO, taking up the position in February 2020.

John Nolan and Helen Calton, Investigators, and Zoran Preradovic and Glen Shackel, Intelligence Analysts, joined the TIU.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed the 5 year suspension (2 years suspended) and \$25,000 fine imposed on Argentinian player Patricio Heras for match-fixing and related offences.

NOVEMBER

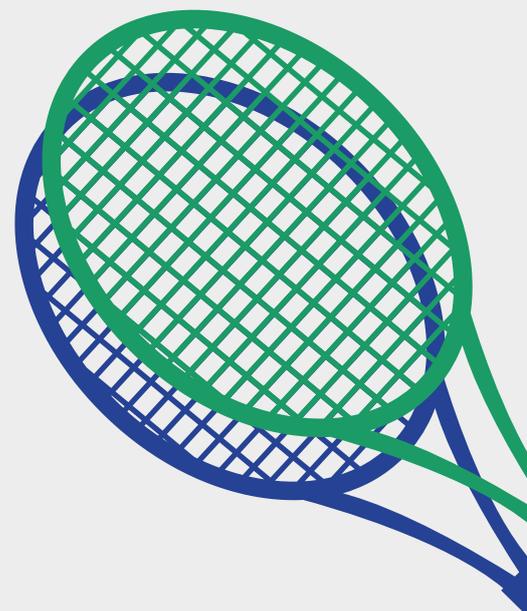
Ksenia Palkina, Kyrgyzstan, and Albina Khabibulina, Uzbekistan, were Provisionally Suspended from professional tennis pending completion of a TIU enquiry into alleged breaches of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.

The Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board held its third meeting of the year at the ATP Finals in London.

DECEMBER

The Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board and the ITF confirmed agreement on a major multi-million dollar integrity investment programme for the ITF World Tennis Tour. The project will create an appropriate tournament and playing environment to allow for the progressive removal of live scoring data from all WTT \$15k events by the end of 2021.

43 match alerts were received by the TIU for the final quarter of the year. The annual total for 2019 was 138 alerts, the lowest since data was first published in 2015.



Independent Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board



A new, independent Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board was established in 2019, chaired by Jennie Price CBE (centre). The Board is pictured at its third meeting of the year, at the ATP Finals in London.

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Recommendations put forward by the Independent Review Panel for additional governance of integrity matters came into effect with the appointment in February 2019 of Jennie Price CBE, as Chair of a new independent Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board. A former Chief Executive Officer of Sport England, Jennie is a highly experienced chief executive and non-executive director, having held prominent positions in both the public and private sectors.

The recruitment of four additional independent members to complete the nine-person Supervisory Board was confirmed in May 2019, with the appointment of:

- **Sir Philip Craven MBE, the former President of the International Paralympic Committee and member of the International Olympic Committee and British Olympic Association**
- **Avril Martindale, a senior lawyer and partner in Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, specialising in intellectual property, data and commercial sponsorship**
- **Sal Perna AM, the Racing Integrity Commissioner for the state of Victoria, Australia, responsible for overseeing integrity assurance in the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing codes**
- **Bob Harayda, an international executive with over 30 years in senior leadership roles and former Senior Vice President, Finance, at the Marina Bay Sands resort in Singapore**



Sir Philip Craven MBE, the former President of the International Paralympic Committee, is one of five independent members of the new Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board established in 2019.

Membership of the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board also includes senior representatives from the International Governing Bodies of tennis; Mark Young, ATP, Steve Simon, WTA, David Haggerty, ITF, and Philip Brook CBE, Grand Slam Board. The Board met in person on three occasions in 2019: Roland Garros, Paris, the US Open, New York and the ATP Finals, London.

CEO APPOINTMENT

Jonny Gray appointed as first Chief Executive Officer of the Tennis Integrity Unit



Jonathan (Jonny) Gray was confirmed as the first Chief Executive Officer of the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) in October 2019. He will take up his new role in mid-February 2020 and is responsible for leading the continued growth and development of the TIU as it evolves into a broader-based integrity organisation for professional tennis.

Jonny brings outstanding skills, experience and leadership attributes gained from more than 14 years' experience as a Senior Partner in Control Risks, a specialist global risk consultancy, and previously a distinguished and decorated 20-year career in the British Army.

As a professional soldier he reached the rank of Colonel, commanding operations in Belfast and Iraq, where he won a gallantry award. He also saw service in the Balkans, Falklands, Canada and Europe. After leaving the Ministry of Defence in 2005, he joined Control Risks where he held a number of senior positions including responsibility for leading its global sports practice, assisting numerous international sports organisations and federations to manage integrity, political and operational risks.

Jonny will report to the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board and work closely with Director Nigel Willerton and the 20-strong TIU team of investigators, intelligence and education specialists.

He will also be responsible for integrating the existing tennis anti-doping function into a new legal entity with overall responsibility for integrity in tennis.

The appointment of a CEO for the TIU was a recommendation of the Independent Review Panel's Final Report.

Implementation of Integrity Recommendations

MAJOR INTEGRITY INVESTMENT

Major integrity investment paves the way for removal of live scoring data from ITF World Tennis Tour \$15,000 events

In December 2019, the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) agreed a major investment project to create a comprehensive integrity infrastructure for the ITF World Tennis Tour (WTT). Crucially, the ITF will deliver new and improved anti-corruption protocols across the tour which will enable the progressive removal of live scoring data to be implemented at all WTT \$15k events.



Discontinuance of live data at WTT \$15k events was one of the seven interlocking measures recommended by the Independent Review Panel's Final Report for implementation by tennis' governing bodies, to enhance the protection of integrity across professional tennis.

The scale and reach of the project is unprecedented, with the WTT comprising more than 1,000 events played in over 500 locations in 80 nations throughout the year.

The ITF plans represent an \$8 million investment into a series of integrity-related projects covering key areas, such as:

- **Introduction of accreditation and access control systems for WTT events**
- **Video recording**
- **Added security to deter unofficial data collection**
- **Appointment of on-site integrity protection personnel**
- **Enhanced channels for the reporting of integrity concerns by players and officials**

Alongside this substantial investment in tournament infrastructure, the ITF will also prioritise the creation of more WTT \$25k events to provide a balanced calendar and to deter unofficial data collection at events for which live scoring data has been discontinued.

The supply of live scoring data for WTT \$15k matches has already been progressively reduced since December 2018.

Under the timetable agreed between the Supervisory Board and the ITF, up to 3,500 fewer matches were made available to betting markets in 2019 compared to 2018. Further reductions will continue during 2020 and 2021, leading to complete discontinuance of live scoring data at WTT \$15k events, when all integrity protection measures are in place.

This project will supplement other integrity-protection measures that are already being taken, including comprehensive monitoring of the betting market on ITF events, which is shared with the TIU, and ongoing stakeholder engagement with data suppliers and betting operators.

TENNIS ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME TO JOIN ANTI-CORRUPTION

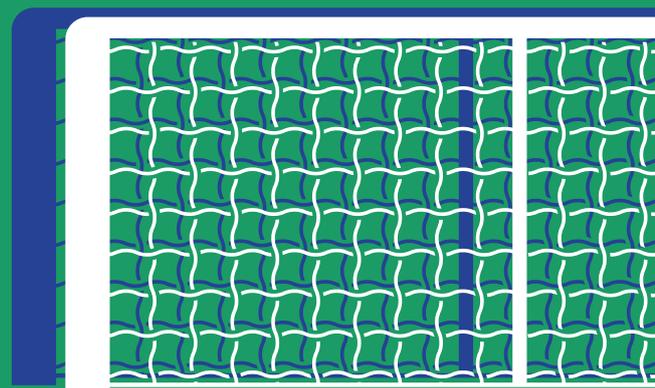
Tennis anti-doping programme to join anti-corruption in new organisation from 2021

At its September meeting in New York the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board approved the principle of combining the sport's anti-corruption and anti-doping functions within a single, combined and expanded integrity organisation.

Under current arrangements, the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP) covers all betting-related corruption issues, while separately the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (TADP) is administered on behalf of the sport by the ITF.

Under the proposed new structure, anti-corruption and anti-doping will combine in a single location with shared services, including player education. Importantly in terms of governance, the new organisation will be operationally independent of the sport. It is envisaged that TADP cases will benefit from the investigative expertise available through the Tennis Integrity Unit.

To ensure a seamless transfer of functions, the new organisation (which will be named to appropriately reflect its wider role) will take on full responsibility for tennis anti-doping from the ITF on 1 January 2021.





TIU Education Team members Matt Perry, Abbey-Jayne Tugwood and Richard Sackey-Addo at the Junior Fed Cup and Davis Cup Finals.



JUNIOR DAVIS & FED CUP FINALS

TIU team take education message to Junior Fed Cup and Davis Cup Finals

The TIU Education Team attended the Junior Fed Cup and Davis Cup Finals, held in September at the USTA National Campus in Lake Nona, Florida. This was the first time that integrity education had been delivered at the prestigious tournament, which brought together 96 leading juniors from 32 national teams to compete over six days. Many current top 100 professionals on both the ATP and WTA tours have played in previous editions. Tailored integrity education sessions and outreach activities were delivered to players, coaches and officials throughout the week, as well as to the USTA Player Development team, who are based on site.

“Tailored integrity education sessions and outreach activities were delivered.”

GRAND SLAM DEVELOPMENT FUND RECOGNISES IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRITY EDUCATION

Integrity education is now a conditional element in the awarding of Grand Slam Development Fund grants, which support players of exceptional potential to gain valuable international competitive experience. During 2019, 38 players from 24 nations received face-to-face education from the TIU, including 19 juniors. The inclusion of an integrity element in the funding criteria is an important example of establishing anti-corruption awareness at the developmental levels of the sport.

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE CRITERIA

NTCs adopt TIU Integrity Criteria

The aim of the ITF Recognition of National Training Centres (NTCs) programme is to increase the standards of NTCs worldwide, giving the opportunity for them to receive formal ITF recognition.

The programme presents a unique opportunity for the TIU to integrate a nine-point set of integrity standards and best practice policies for NTCs to adopt. These criteria are designed to support NTCs to create the right environment for developing individuals, with an emphasis on informing and educating players, coaches and staff.

During 2019, three NTCs met the relevant TIU Integrity Criteria, including those of the Fédération Française de Tennis, Tennis Ireland and the Federación Colombiana de Tenis. The TIU Education team will continue to support the next group of eight centres who are working towards integrity criteria completion.

NICOLAS KICKER

Nicolas Kicker story warns against dangers of corruption

In 2018 Argentina's former top 100 singles player Nicolas Kicker was suspended from tennis for three years and fined \$25,000 for match-fixing offences committed in 2015. As part of his rehabilitation and the process of one day returning to tennis, Nicolas agreed to tell his story and create an educational resource, warning other players of the dangers and consequences of becoming involved in corruption. The resulting powerful and cautionary video is used in TIU education programmes, with a particular focus on juniors.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=THgJVmeVsPM



EDUCATION MILESTONES

Education highlights 2019

The extensive remit of the TIU Education team in creating materials and delivering modules to players, coaches, officials and tournament staff is demonstrated by a selection of notable milestones from 2019:

- **Two new modules created for the online TIPP (Tennis Integrity Protection Programme), targeted specifically at tournament staff and coaches**
- **A partnership with Tennis Europe to produce an integrity video used in education sessions for more than 450 junior players**
- **Work with the ITF to develop integrity content for its 'Ethics in Coaching' module taken by over 1,100 coaches in 2019**
- **Delivery of 55 in-person education sessions to players at tournaments and events**
- **Face-to-face briefings for all officials at the four Grand Slam tournaments in 2019**
- **Education of more than 80 Level 3 International Officials at training schools in Hamburg, Tokyo, Bangkok and London**
- **Development of partnerships with leading coach certifying bodies to integrate education into coach development pathways**

NEW RESOURCES

New online and tournament resources

The range of integrity education resources continued to develop in 2019 and included new online content for the education webpage (www.tennisintegrityunit.com/education), bespoke PowerPoint slides, a range of striking event posters translated into six languages, and a TIU Education stand used at events such as the Junior Fed and Davis Cup Finals. A branding exercise was commissioned to give consistent and recognisable design to resources for each stakeholder group.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

In addition to its core focus of working closely with players and officials, the TIU Education team also participates in a wide range of sports integrity, ethics and betting sector conferences.

During 2019 that programme included presentations and discussion sessions at high profile events including:

- **Norweigin Idrettsgalla Seminaret, Stavanger**
- **Global Lottery Monitoring System, Education and Prevention Workshop, IOC, Lausanne**
- **Stats Perform Integrity Forum, London**
- **Betting on Sports Conference, London**
- **Sports Ethics and Integrity Conference, Cardiff**
- **European Lotteries and World Lottery Association Conference, Madrid**

2020 EDUCATION PLAN

A key target of the TIU Education programme is to continually extend the reach of activity to include as many stakeholders as possible. To help achieve this in 2020, our work will include:

- **An increased presence at tournaments to reach greater numbers of lower ranked players on the ITF World Tennis Tour and ATP Challenger Tour**
- **Delivering more face-to-face education to players and officials**
- **Supporting tournament staff with a new TIPP module to increase awareness and integration with credentialing systems**
- **Introducing a new contact form for the TIU app and website to improve the quality of reporting for integrity concerns and corrupt approaches**
- **Continuing the recognition and inclusion of integrity content in coaching certification courses**

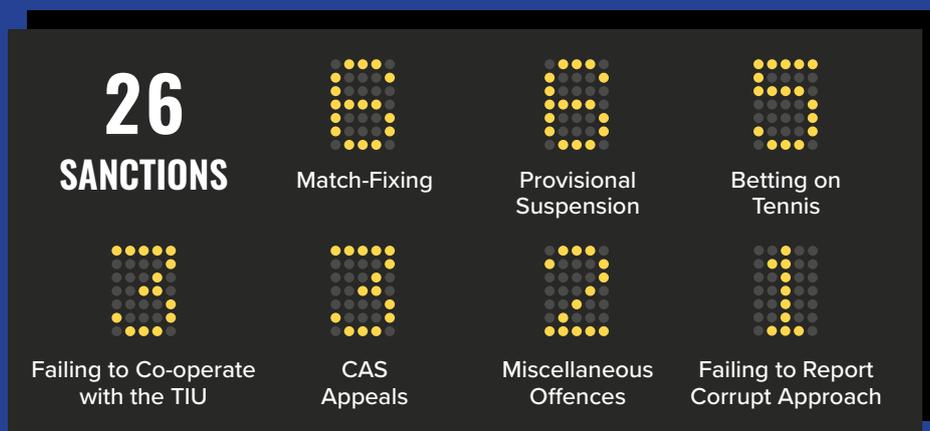
The decision of the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board to combine the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program with the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme from January 2021, will involve a major focus on education to ensure that players and other stakeholders are fully informed of the details, timetable and education support available.

“Delivering more face-to-face education to players and officials.”



Disciplinary Decisions and Appeals 2019

26 individuals were subject to disciplinary action initiated by the TIU in 2019. These included six cases of match-fixing and six players who were provisionally suspended pending completion of TIU investigations. Five players failed to observe the prohibition that applies to any tennis betting. Three cases involved failing to co-operate with the TIU, an offence that now carries a maximum sanction of a lifetime ban, and there were three successful defences of player appeals to CAS.



Cristobal Saavedra-Corvalan

28, Chile

Career-high: 284 singles

8 January 2019: 2 year 6 month suspension, \$8,000 fine

Failing to co-operate with a TIU investigation

Emmanuel Ikakah

36, Nigeria

Career-high: unranked

16 February 2019: 6 month suspension (3 months suspended), \$5,000 fine (\$4,500 suspended)

Betting on tennis

Adimabua Iyorovbe

24, Nigeria

Career-high: unranked

19 February 2019: 6 month suspension (3 months suspended), \$5,000 fine (\$4,500 suspended)

Betting on tennis

Mauricio Alvarez-Guzman

31, Chile

Career-high: 672 doubles

15 March 2019: lifetime ban

Match-fixing

David Norfeldt

20, Sweden

Career-high: 1501 singles

18 March 2019: 8 month suspension (4 months suspended), \$6,000 fine (\$3,000 suspended)

Betting on tennis

Joao Souza

30, Brazil

Career-high: 69 singles

29 March 2019: Provisional suspension pending completion of a TIU investigation

Benjamin D'Hoe

22, Belgium

Career-high: 386 ITF World Tennis Tour singles

25 April 2019: 6 month suspension (5 months suspended), \$3,000 fine (\$2,500 suspended)

Betting on tennis

Mohamed Safwat

28, Egypt

Career-high: 163 singles

3 May 2019: 6 month suspended suspension, \$5,000 fine (\$4,000 suspended)

Failing to report corrupt approaches to the TIU

Youssef Hossam

21, Egypt

Career-high: 291 singles

9 May: Provisional suspension pending completion of a TIU investigation

Miguel Tobon

Colombia

Tennis coach

18 May 2019: 12 month suspension, \$20,000 fine plus \$6,000 from sale of wildcards

Selling of wild card entries to tournaments

Helen Ploskina

22, Ukraine

Career-high: 698 singles

28 May 2019: lifetime ban, \$20,000 fine

Match-fixing, failing to report knowledge of corrupt activity, failing to co-operate with a TIU investigation

Osman Torski

17, Germany

Career-high: 107 ITF World Tennis Tour singles

30 May 2019: 9 month suspension (6 months suspended)

Match-fixing

 **Karen Khachatryan**

24, Bulgaria

Career-high: 2794 ITF World Tennis Tour singles

15 June 2019: Provisional suspension pending completion of a TIU investigation

 **Yuri Khachatryan**

19, Bulgaria

Career-high: 3126 ITF World Tennis Tour singles

15 June 2019: Provisional suspension pending completion of a TIU investigation

 **Henry Atseye**

30, Nigeria

Career-high: 1518 singles

29 June 2019: 3 year suspension (1 year suspended), \$5,000 fine (\$2,500 suspended)

Match-fixing, failing to report knowledge of corrupt activity, failing to report a corrupt approach

 **Issam Taweel**

30, Egypt

Career-high: 393 doubles

2 August 2019: 5 year suspension (2 years suspended), \$15,000 fine (\$13,000 suspended)

Match-fixing, failing to report knowledge of corrupt activity, failing to report a corrupt approach

 **Svetlana Teryaeva**

Russia

Match official

2 August 2019: 6 month suspension (4 months suspended), \$1,000 fine (all of the fine suspended)

Failing to report knowledge of corrupt activity, failing to report a corrupt approach

 **Gleb Alekseenko**

35, Ukraine

Career-high: 609 singles

7 August 2019: Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed lifetime ban and reduced \$250,000 fine to \$25,000

Match-fixing and related offences

 **Vadim Alekseenko**

35, Ukraine

Career-high: 497 singles

7 August 2019: Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed lifetime ban and reduced \$250,000 fine to \$25,000

Match-fixing and related offences

 **Juan Carlos Saez**

28, Chile

Career-high: 230 singles

20 August 2019: 8 year suspension, \$12,500 fine

Failing to co-operate with a TIU investigation, failing to report a corrupt approach

 **Diego Matos**

31, Brazil

Career-high: 241 doubles

9 September 2019: lifetime ban, \$125,000 fine, repayment of \$12,000 corrupt earnings

Match-fixing, failing to co-operate with a TIU investigation

 **Irina Khromacheva**

24, Russia

Career-high: 89 singles

20 September 2019: 3 month suspension (2 months suspended), \$3,000 fine (all of the fine suspended)

Attempting to contrive the outcome of a match

 **Edvin Gustafsson**

24, Sweden

Career-high: 1395 doubles

27 September 2019: 10 month suspension (6 months suspended), \$10,000 fine (\$9,500 suspended)

Betting on tennis

 **Patricio Heras**

29, Argentina

Career-high: 269 singles

1 October 2019: Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed 5 year suspension (2 years suspended) and \$25,000 fine

Match-fixing and related offences

 **Ksenia Palkina**

29, Kyrgyzstan

Career-high: 163 singles

25 November: Provisional suspension pending completion of a TIU investigation

 **Albina Khabibulina**

27, Uzbekistan

Career-high: 492 singles

25 November: Provisional suspension pending completion of a TIU investigation



Match Alert Data

MATCH ALERTS DOWN 48% IN 2019

2019 was notable for the sustained reduction in suspicious matches reported to the TIU through confidential Memorandums of Understanding held with regulated betting operators and data providers. The annual total of 138 match alerts was the lowest since statistics were first published in 2015

and represents an almost 48% reduction over the figure for 2018.

The reduction was seen on a sustained basis across the year, rather than being distorted by any exceptional quarterly figures. Each of the four quarterly figures, Q1-21, Q2-33, Q3-41 and Q4-43, were the lowest for that particular period since 2015.

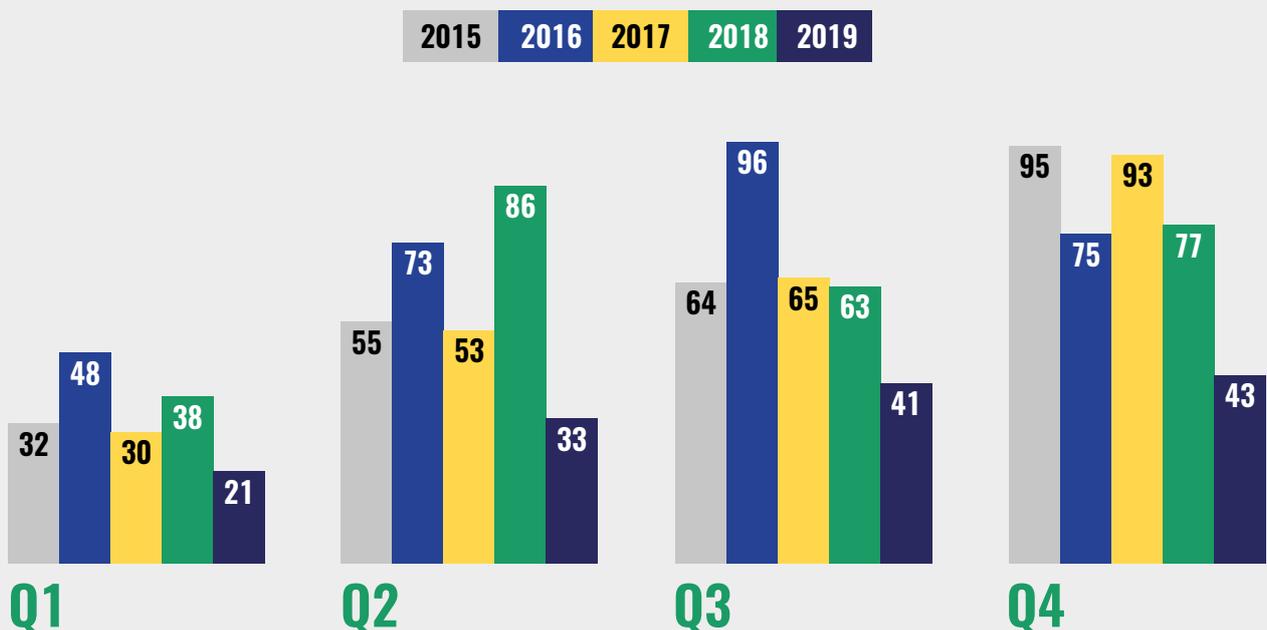
A combination of factors are regarded as contributing to the downturn. These

include the deterrent effect of regular player sanctions by the TIU and the arrests and in some cases detention of tennis players in Europe by law enforcement agencies investigating cases of alleged match-fixing in Belgium, Spain and France. Information supplied by the TIU was instrumental in prompting the opening of these cases. The continued close working relationships between the TIU and partners in the betting industry and increased monitoring and scrutiny of the sector were also important factors.

MATCH ALERT DATA 2019

	Total	Grand Slam	ATP Tour	WTA Tour	ATP Challenger	World Tennis Tour Men	World Tennis Tour Women	Hopman Cup Davis Cup Fed Cup
Match Alerts Q1	21	0	0	1	5	10	5	0
Match Alerts Q2	33	0	0	1	7	13	12	0
Match Alerts Q3	41	0	2	2	10	20	7	0
Match Alerts Q4	43	0	1	1	9	22	10	0
Total	138	0	3	5	31	65	34	0

MATCH ALERTS 2015-2019



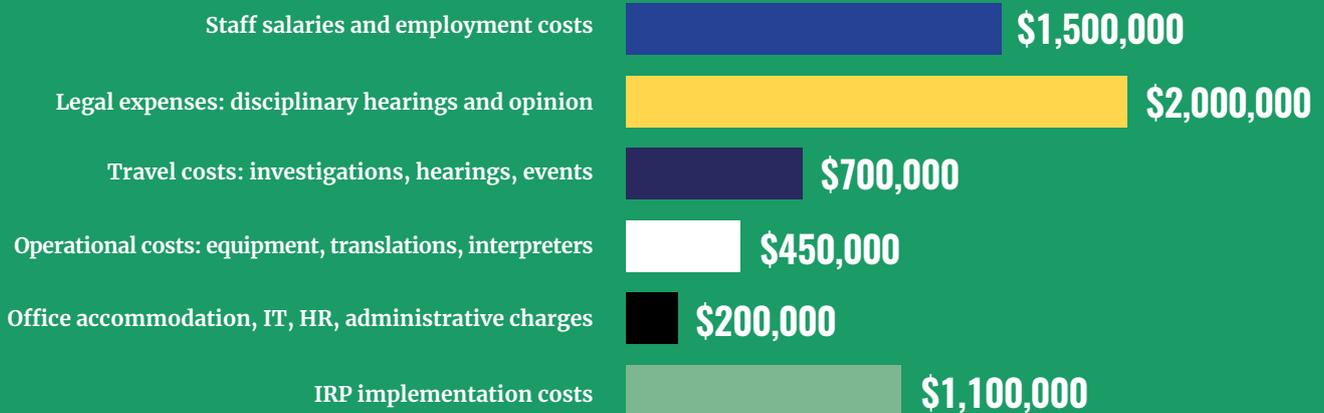
Financial Report

At the beginning of 2019 the TIU's original 2019 budget was reviewed and increased by an additional \$1.1 million to a total figure of \$5.9 million. The extra funding was allocated by the governing bodies to accommodate the anticipated costs associated with implementation of the Independent Review Panel's (IRP) recommendations. In other respects, overall operational costs were largely consistent with those of 2018. The TIU budget for 2020 is \$7.23 million.

TIU BUDGET 2016 TO 2020



THE MAJOR AREAS OF TIU EXPENDITURE DURING 2019



TACP Update

All tennis players and other 'Covered Persons' in professional tennis agree to sign-up to and abide by the terms of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). This code is reviewed at the end of each year to make sure it is fit for purpose in providing the sport with a robust but fair set of rules relating to betting-related corruption. For 2020 the TACP has been updated to identify the practice of Courtsiding as a specific offence under Section D.1.b, which deals with facilitating betting. Courtsiding involves an individual transmitting real time scoring, or other data, from a live event to assist gamblers betting on in-play markets. Historically, this was mostly done by individuals who were not subject to the TACP, but the experience of a number of TIU cases involving players has led to the change.

Effective from January 2020 Section D.1.b now reads as follows:

No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, facilitate any other person to wager on the outcome or any other aspect of any Event or any other tennis competition. For the avoidance of doubt, to facilitate a person to wager shall include, but not be limited to: display of live tennis betting odds on a Covered Person's website; repeated transmissions of the contemporaneous results of any aspect of any Event without the consent of any Governing Body ("Courtsiding"); writing articles for a tennis betting publication or website; conducting personal appearances for, or otherwise participating in any event run by, a tennis betting company or any other

company or entity directly affiliated with a tennis betting company; promoting a tennis betting company to the general public through posts on social media; and appearing in commercial advertisements that encourage others to bet on tennis.

The 2020 version of the TACP is explained in six languages via the TIU app and at www.tennisintegrityunit.com/education

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