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Mihaita Damian suspended and fined for tennis betting offence

Romanian tennis player Mihaita Damian has been suspended for 12 months and fined 5,000 Euros after being found guilty of a betting-related corruption offence.

A Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) investigation found that the player held two online betting accounts with bwin, through which 199 bets were placed on tennis between 24th November 2011 and 15th February 2013. None of the bets related to matches in which he played.

The Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (Program) explicitly prohibits all players and other 'Covered Persons' from betting on any professional tennis match, at anytime, anywhere in the world.

The case was considered and penalty imposed by independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer, Jane Mulcahy QC.

Mr Damian, 23, is currently ranked 1,645 in doubles.

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.*

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 all forms of betting-related corruption in tennis.

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