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Question	Answer
Effect of Suspension	
What am I not allowed to do while suspended?	<p>While serving a period of ineligibility, you are unable to play, officiate, coach, attend (including as a guest, spectator or hitting/training partner) or receive accreditation for any official event.</p> <p>This means any tennis competition or event affiliated to, organized, controlled or otherwise sanctioned by the ITF, ATP, WTA, Tennis Australia, Fédération Française de Tennis, Wimbledon and USTA, any national association or class B ITF member (TACP Section B.32).</p> <p>Accordingly, while you are suspended, your name will be included on the Non-Credentials List to prevent access to these events.</p>
What is the Non-Credentials List?	<p>The Non-Credentials List refers to a database maintained by the ITIA and is regularly reviewed by the ITF, ATP, WTA and the Grand Slam organisers to identify individuals who may not be granted accreditation or entry to their events.</p> <p>You will remain on this list until your sanction has been completed, including payment of your fine or being up to date with any payment plan in place.</p> <p>The Non-Credentials List policy can be found here.</p>
How does this apply to Sanctioned Events held at a public venue?	<p>The venue is considered a Sanctioned Event at all times from the start until the end of the event or competition (this includes periods where the venue becomes an accreditation/ticket-only zone).</p> <p>Accordingly, you are not permitted to attend, train or coach at the venue during this time, even after play has finished for the day.</p>
Can I play, coach or officiate tennis while suspended?	<p>You are free to participate in private sporting activities (i.e. outside of Sanctioned Events), as long as you do not do so with a professional tennis player.</p>

	<p>This is because a professional tennis player may violate TACP Section D.1.r if they associate with you in a professional or sport-related capacity (see more below).</p> <p>For example, you may: play recreationally or practice at a local/private tennis court (provided there is no Sanctioned Event being held at that venue); coach members of the general public (i.e. you may not coach adult or junior professional players); and participate in privately arranged tennis competitions, provided that such events are not organized, controlled or otherwise sanctioned by, or take place at a venue affiliated to, the members of the ITIA or any national association or class B ITF member.</p>
Can I take part in a coaching or officiating course while suspended?	This depends on the type of course. In many cases, this will not be permitted if the course is affiliated to, organized, controlled or otherwise sanctioned by the ATP, ITF, WTA or a national association.
Prohibited Association	
Are there rules about associating with another player or coach while suspended under the TACP?	Yes – and note they are slightly different to the TADP. A Covered Person (e.g. professional player, official, coach or support staff) is not permitted to knowingly associate, in a professional or sport-related capacity, with a suspended person (TACP Section D.1.r).
What is meant by 'sport-related' association?	<p>This includes attending, playing, practising, coaching or preparing for tennis (or any other sporting activity) together at any time or place, even if not professional in nature.</p> <p>For example, this includes: being a hitting or training partner; supplying tennis equipment (including racquet restringing); and advising on training, strategy, technique, and nutrition.</p>
Are social interactions permitted?	<p>Yes. Association of a strictly social or personal nature is permitted, as long as this is not related to sport.</p> <p>For example, you may meet and eat a meal together as long as this is not at an Event.</p>
Change to Period of Suspension	
Can my suspension be reduced?	You may apply to have your sanction reduced if you provide "Substantial Assistance" to the ITIA (TACP Section H.6).

	This means assistance that results in the discovery or establishing of a corruption offense by another Covered Person.
What happens if I breach my sanction?	Your sanction may be extended and results disqualified (including the loss of any medals, titles, ranking points and prize money) if you violate the it. (TACP Section H.5).
End of Suspension	
What must I do to return to tennis?	Comply in full with your suspension until the end date. Pay any fine in full or make payments on time in accordance with an agreed payment plan. Complete all education advised to you by the ITIA (in the final 25% of your period of suspension).
Do I need to apply for reinstatement?	No. As long as you have met the three requirements above, you will be automatically removed from the Non-Credentials List and eligible to participate in Sanctioned Events from the day after your period of ineligibility ends.
While suspended, can I register to play in a tournament which begins after my suspension ends?	While suspended, you may not be able to register for tournaments in the usual way because you will not have access to your International Player Identification Number (IPIN). The registration process and protocols for players returning from suspension are managed by each tour under their rules. Please contact the relevant organisation for the tournament you wish to participate in (e.g. ITF, WTA, ATP and/or the relevant Grand Slam).

Disclaimer: This guide addresses common questions and provides practical advice about suspensions under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). Capitalised terms found in this guide have the meaning given them under the TACP, which takes precedence to this document.

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