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Tennis Anti-Corruption Program guidance for suspended individuals

This guide addresses common questions and provides practical advice about suspensions under the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP). It does not replace or supersede the TACP. Capitalised terms found in this guide have the meaning given to them under the TACP.

If you are still uncertain about your obligations while suspended, please contact the ITIA immediately by sending an email to cases@itia.tennis.

Question	Answer
Effect of Suspension	
<p>1. What am I not allowed to do while suspended?</p>	<p>While serving a period of Ineligibility, you are unable to play, officiate, coach, host, sponsor, attend (including as a representative, manager, guest, spectator or hitting/training partner) or receive accreditation for any official event* – and must not assist any professional player participate in such events.</p> <p>This means any tennis event, competition or activity affiliated to, organized, controlled or otherwise sanctioned by the members of the ITIA (ITF, ATP, WTA, Tennis Australia, Fédération Française de Tennis, Wimbledon, USTA) or any National Association or member of a National Association.</p> <p>Accordingly, while you are suspended, your name will be included on the Non-Credentials List to prevent access to these events.</p> <p>* Limited exceptions apply to hosting and sponsoring an event and attending for the purpose of an authorized education or rehabilitation program (TACP Section B.17).</p> <p>If you think this may apply to you, please enquire with the ITIA at least two weeks in advance of making any arrangements.</p>

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<p>2. What is the Non-Credentials List?</p>	<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 concluded, 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>
<p>3. How does this apply to events held at a public venue?</p>	<p>Ineligibility restrictions (see question 1) apply <u>at all times</u> 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 any part of the venue (including courts which are not used for the event) during this time, even after play has finished for the day.</p>
<p>4. Can I play, coach or officiate tennis while suspended?</p>	<p>You are free to participate in private sporting activities (i.e. outside of events referred to at question 1), as long as you do not do so with a professional tennis player.* This is because you may not assist a professional tennis player participate in official events – and that player may violate TACP Section D.1.r if they associate with you in a professional or sport-related capacity (see question 6 below.</p> <p>* This includes players both over and under the age of 18 and inactive players who entered/played in a professional competition within the last 2 years, unless formally retired (TACP Section B.27).</p> <p>For example, you may generally coach, play or practice with amateur (i.e. club-level) players and members of the general public.</p> <p>You may usually do so at clubs affiliated to a National Association, however you may not do so at times where an official event (i.e. affiliated to, organized, controlled or otherwise sanctioned by members of the ITIA or any National Association) is being held at the relevant venue.</p> <p>You may also generally 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</p>

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	any National Association. However, eligibility for private events is at the discretion of their organisers.
5. Can I take part in a coaching or officiating course while suspended?	<p>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 ITF, ATP, WTA, any National Association or member of a National Association – unless the course is held exclusively online or the governing body expressly permits suspended individuals to participate.</p> <p>If you think this may apply to you please enquire with the ITIA at least two weeks in advance of making any arrangements to attend.</p>
Prohibited Association	
6. Are there rules about associating with another player or coach while suspended under the TACP?	<p>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).</p>
7. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being a hitting or training partner; • supplying tennis equipment (including racquet restringing); and • advising on training, strategy, technique, and nutrition.
8. 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 you do not do so at an official event.</p>
Change to Period of Suspension	

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<p>9. Can my suspension be reduced?</p>	<p>You may apply to have your sanction reduced if you provide “Substantial Assistance” to the ITIA (TACP Sections B.32 and H.6).</p> <p>This means assistance that results in the discovery or establishing of a corruption offense by another Covered Person.</p> <p>Meeting the requirements relating to Substantial Assistance is the only means by which a sanction may be reduced. There is no possibility of reduction for ‘good behaviour’, early payment of any fine, or simply complying with the conditions of your suspension.</p>
<p>10. What happens if I breach my sanction?</p>	<p>Your sanction may be extended and results disqualified (including the loss of any medals, titles, ranking points and prize money) if you violate the prohibition against participation (TACP Section H.5).</p>
<p>End of Suspension</p>	
<p>11. What must I do to return to tennis?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<p>12. What happens if I cannot afford to pay the fine in full immediately?</p>	<p>The ITIA has discretion to establish an instalment plan for payment of fines (TACP Section J.2). We can agree on a reasonable amount within your means to be paid periodically (generally quarterly, i.e. every 3 months).</p> <p>Should a payment plan extend beyond the end of your sanction, you will be eligible to return to tennis at this time, so long as you have been meeting your payments up to that date. However, any default in payment thereafter shall automatically trigger a return to the Non-Credentials List until your payments are up-to-date.</p>
<p>13. Do I need to apply for reinstatement?</p>	<p>No. As long as you have met all three requirements (see question 11) you will be automatically removed from the Non-Credentials List and eligible to participate in ITF, WTA, ATP, Grand Slam and National Association events from the day after your period of Ineligibility ends.</p>

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14. 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 due to restrictions around your International Player Identification Number (IPIN).
The registration process and protocols for players returning from suspension are managed by each tour/event 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).

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