

IN THE MATTER OF PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT
UNDER THE BETTING RULES
OF THE DARTS REGULATION AUTHORITY



BETWEEN:

DARTS REGULATION AUTHORITY ("DRA")

Governing body for Darts

-and-

GILBERT ULANG

Respondent

DECISION
OF
THE DRA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
ON SANCTION

BACKGROUND

1. By a Decision dated 15 June 2018 the Disciplinary Committee of the Darts Regulation Authority (**DRA**) found charges proven against Gilbert Ulang. The charges being that in relation to his match with Kevin Simm played on Sunday 18 December 2016 at the Professional Darts Corporation (**PDC**) World Championship he agreed to fix or contrive the result and the exact score in breach of Betting Rule 2.1.

2.1 It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to do any of the following:

2.1.2.1 to fix or contrive, or to be a party to any effort to fix or contrive, the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;

2. Submissions on sanction were invited from the parties (the time for lodging of which was extended to 19 July 2018).
3. The DRA lodged Submissions on Sanction and Costs dated 9 July 2018. Despite the extension neither Gilbert Ulang nor anybody on his behalf lodged any submissions.
4. The Disciplinary Committee convened by way of telephone conference on 24 July 2018. This is a record of the Decisions arising.

SANCTION HEARING

5. The Disciplinary Committee took into account as well as the Submissions of the DRA the level and amounts of bets involved and the potential profit, the severity of the offence, the lack of engagement in the process and the age of the player and the effect of any ban upon him. It also sought to consider sanctions decision in other sports / betting cases.
6. The Disciplinary Committee also took into account points set out in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the DRA's Submissions on Sanctions and Costs:-

5. The purpose of any penalty is to:

- a) Protect the integrity of the sport.***
- b) Protect the image and reputation of the sport.***

6. Those purposes require a Sanction sufficient to prevent a corrupt participant engaging in the sport, the deterrence of others, and the demonstration of intolerance of corruption by its investigation, discovery and sanction.

7. The Committee should also only impose that which is a proportionate Sanction reflecting the seriousness of the breach and its circumstances.

7. The Disciplinary Committee considered that a lengthy ban was appropriate in this case.
8. The Sport of Darts does not have a history of cases in relation to these sorts of matters and there is no great body of case law or precedent to assist.

DECISION

9. The Disciplinary Committee decided that an appropriate sanction in this case was to suspend the Player Gilbert Ulang for a period of seven years from 18 December 2016 until midnight on 17 December 2023.

10. Additionally, Gilbert Ulang was ordered to pay a contribution to costs in the sum of £2,500.

Tim Ollerenshaw, Chair

Richard Gardner

Tarik Shamel

14 August 2018