



WTT STATEMENT ON GIMELSTOB SUSPENSION:

NEW YORK, N.Y. (June 25, 2008) – The World TeamTennis Pro League has suspended Justin Gimelstob of the Washington Kastles for one match without pay for a violation of the League’s Player Code of Conduct.

Gimelstob’s remarks occurred during a media appearance on a Washington D.C. area radio show. He will be suspended for the Kastles’ home match on July 11 against the New York Buzz.

“Justin’s remarks were completely out of line with what World TeamTennis stands for,” said Ilana Kloss, WTT CEO/Commissioner. “World TeamTennis was founded on respect and equality for both genders. These remarks were clearly inappropriate and inconsistent with the values of World TeamTennis. We will not tolerate this language or derogatory remarks of this nature. There’s no place for that in either tennis or our League.”

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Billie Jean King, WTT co-founder:

“Justin Gimelstob’s comments on a recent radio show were clearly inappropriate. I fully support the action taken by WTT, as it sends a clear message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated, especially in a league that was founded on the principles of providing equal opportunities for all. I have met personally with Justin and discussed the situation and I am confident both he and WTT will move beyond this unfortunate incident.”

Justin Gimelstob:

“I want to apologize for remarks I made last week on “The Junkies” radio show. There is no excuse for my actions, and I am extremely disappointed in myself. I take full responsibility for all the words spoken, and, while I can’t take any of them back, I hope my heartfelt remorse can begin to heal any wounds I have caused. I do not feel that the views I expressed last week accurately represent the person I am or strive to be; however, I well understand how and why they offended so many people. Anna Kournikova, World TeamTennis, and many others deserve my deepest apologies. My hurtful remarks do not reflect the genuine and deep respect I have for women. I recognize that my access to communicate to the public should be used in a positive way, and this was clearly not the case last week. In addition, I have a responsibility to the numerous outlets that trust me to inform, entertain, and educate their viewers and listeners. I failed them. I am truly sorry. While I understand and believe that my future actions will speak louder than today’s words, as a small symbol of my contrition I will be making a donation to The Women’s Sports Foundation, which works to expand opportunities for girls and women through sports and physical activity. Again, nothing but time and positive actions can take back my misguided words; however, I hope at least some good can come from my mistakes. I know I have learned a great deal from this, and I can promise nothing similar to my previous remarks will ever be said again.

Sincerely, Justin Gimelstob”