

WSO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

9th January 2026

Event: RICHVENUS KARACHI OPEN 2026

Match: Zaman v Dessouky - Round of 16

Competitor: Mr Fares Dessouky

Result: 8-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-9, 6-3 - Conduct Match (60m)

World Squash Officiating match report:

Infringement: Breach of Rules of Squash Rule 14.6 – Unacceptable player conduct

- 14.6.1 Audible or visible obscenity
- 14.6.5 Dissent to an Official
- 14.6.7 Abuse of equipment or court

Rule 3.7.13 "The Referee, whose decision is final, must apply Rule 14 (Conduct) if a player's conduct is unacceptable."

Rule 14.7 "A player guilty of an offence may be given a Conduct Warning or penalised with a Conduct Stroke, a Conduct Game, or a Conduct Match, depending on the severity of the offence."

Rule 14.8 "The Referee may impose more than one warning, stroke, or game to a player for a subsequent similar offence, provided any such penalty may not be less severe than the previous penalty for the same offence."

Decision: Multiple Conduct Actions:

- Conduct Warning for Dissent (Game 4, 7/7)
- Conduct Stroke for Dissent (Game 4 Interval)
- Conduct Warning for Racket Abuse (Game 5, 5/3)
- Conduct Match for Dissent (Game 5, 6/3)

Reason: In accordance with the Rules of Squash and the WSO Directive 2025/26, Mr Dessouky received multiple Code of Conduct sanctions for various conduct violations.

WSO acknowledge that during Game 2, Mr Zaman received 2 points at the end of a rally. This is a factual error and should have resulted in Mr Zaman being awarded 1 point.

An initial Conduct Warning for Dissent was issued at 7-7 in Game 4 following a challenge to a pick-up decision. During the interval at the conclusion of Game 4, Mr Dessouky received a Conduct Stroke for continued Dissent, resulting in Game 5 commencing at 1-0. At 5-3 in Game 5, a further Conduct Warning was awarded for Racket Abuse, in accordance with Rule 14.8, following a Stroke decision which was accompanied by further Dissent. Mr Dessouky continued to fail to accept the referee's decisions and authority, leading to escalating conduct violations. As a result, a Conduct Match was awarded at 6-3 in Game 5 for Dissent, following the use of an audible obscenity directed towards an Official.

WSO will conduct a full review of the match, with feedback provided to the Match Referee and an acknowledgement to Mr Dessouky of the scoring error.