

M C A Suspect Action Policy

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Policy is effective from 1st Jan 2018 and details the process for dealing with a Player who is called by an Umpire for throwing in accordance with Law 21.2 or is suspected by the Umpire(s) and/or Match Referee and/or Match Observer and/or Umpire Coach for bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action in a Match.

1.2 Nothing contained herein shall override an Umpire's responsibility and discretion to apply Law 21.2, which Umpires are urged to apply with vigilance.

1.3 The Umpires, and Match Referee, in deciding whether to report a Player under this Policy, should use the naked eye as well as Video evidence for viewing the relevant Player's bowling action during the Match..

1.4 If a Player is called by an Umpire for throwing in accordance with Law 21.2 or is suspected by the Umpire(s) and/or Match Referee, for bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action during a Match, the procedures in clause 2 shall apply.

1.5 Any Player suspended from bowling by the MCA, BCCI, ICC or any ICC Member Authority shall not be allowed to bowl in Matches until such date as his bowling action has been cleared by the appropriate body.

REPORTING PROCEDURE

2.1 Pursuant to the circumstances in clause 1.4, at the conclusion of the Match, the Match Officials shall meet to discuss the action of the Player whose action has raised suspicion. During this post Match meeting, it is expected, that they should write a report detailing his concerns about the Player's bowling action (a 'Report' and 'Reported' and 'Reporting' shall be construed accordingly). The Report shall be in the form prescribed by MCA from time to time.

2.2 If appropriate, at the conclusion of the Match Officials' meeting, the Match Referee shall write a Report, including, where relevant, whether those concerns relate to the Player's bowling action generally or whether they relate to one or more specific types of delivery.

2.3 In the case where there is disagreement amongst the Match Officials regarding the Player's bowling action, any member of the Match Officials' group may make a written submission to the Match Referee detailing his concern about the bowling action of the Player, including, where relevant, whether those concerns relate to the Player's bowling action generally or whether they relate to one

or more specific types of delivery. The Match Referee, shall decide in his absolute discretion whether to make a Report in such circumstances.

2.4 As soon as practicable, the Match Referee shall give a copy of the Report to the M C A.

2.5 Upon receipt of the Report from the Match Referee, M C A shall write to the Committee confirming that the Player has been reported, enclosing a copy of the Report.

2.9 MCA shall send all Match Referees and those Umpires who are to officiate in subsequent Matches involving a Reported Player, the relevant Report and the television footage.

POST REPORT PROCEDURE

3.1 M C A will circulate or display on its website the Warning List to all Match Officials from time to time during the Season as it is updated as Players are Reported or Cleared.

3.2 M C A recommends that any Player who is banned from bowling in Matches pursuant to paragraph 1.5 or who is on the Initial List or the Warning List should undergo a course of bowling rehabilitation and/or corrective measures taken to ensure that the Player's bowling action does not contravene Law 21.2. In order to assist this process, it is recommended that M C A facilitate an initial assessment of the bowler's action at the Indoor Cricket Academy.

3.3 While on the Warning List, the Player may continue to be selected to play for his Team in a Match and may bowl in any Match.

3.4 If a Player receives a Report while on the Warning List, the Player shall be suspended from bowling in any matches organised by the M C A until such date as his bowling action is cleared. A Player suspended from bowling may continue to be selected to play in Matches; however, he will not be entitled to bowl.

3.5 In the event that a Player is suspended from bowling under this Policy, M C A will, in writing or by display on its website, inform the Player, all Match Officials officiating during the Season and the National Cricket Board (BCCI) or State Association with which the Player is registered.

OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT

4.1 Any Player (i) whose name is on the Initial List or the Warning List or (ii) who is banned from bowling in Matches pursuant to paragraph 1.5 may request an Official Assessment.

4.2 Before a Player can request an Official Assessment, he is required to visit one of the M C A Approved Cricket Centres for an analysis of his bowling action. The M C A approved Cricket Centre will produce a detailed report of such analysis for the Player.

4.3 A request for an Official Assessment should be in writing, addressed to the Jt Hon Secretaries (with a copy sent by email) to be delivered to , Mumbai Cricket Centre, Cricket Centre, Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai 400 020. The request should enclose the report referred to in paragraph 4.2.

4.4 M C A will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Committee holds an Official Assessment.

4.5 M C A shall be responsible for arranging the Official Assessment with the members of the Committee. If the Committee requires the Player to attend the Official Assessment in person, he will be given reasonable notice of the time and place of the Official Assessment. If it believes it to be useful, the Committee may request that a further analysis of the Player's bowling action be prepared by the M C A.

4.6 Following the Official Assessment, the Committee will issue a report in writing of the outcome of the Official Assessment (the 'Official Assessment Report') as soon as practicable.

4.7 The Official Assessment report will state that the Committee has concluded that either

- (a) the Player's bowling action contravenes Law 21.2 of the Laws of Cricket and therefore the Player remains on the Warning List or suspended from bowling in Matches and matches organised by M C A, BCCI (as appropriate); or
- (b) the Player's bowling action no longer contravenes Law 21.2 of the Laws of Cricket and the Player's bowling action is Cleared and his name should be removed from the Warning List, or
- (c) the Player's bowling action for certain deliveries contravenes Law 21.2 of the Laws of Cricket and therefore the Player is banned from bowling that specific delivery in Matches and matches organised by the M C A and BCCI.

4.8 In the event of a Player failing to submit the report referred to in paragraph 4.2, or appear (if requested by the Committee) at, the Official Assessment (other than due to exceptional circumstances), such failure will be regarded as an admission that he bowls with an Illegal Bowling Action and the Committee will confirm this in their Official Assessment Report.

4.9 A Player whose action is cleared may bowl in Matches after receipt by the Player of the Official Assessment Report and have his name removed from the Warning List. However any Player who is reported after having been Cleared during the Season will be banned from bowling for the rest of the Season.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

5.1 A Player, who has been Reported and / or subsequently suspended from bowling during a Season, shall have no right of appeal against the Report or the outcome of any Official Assessment.

DEFINITIONS

In this Policy the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

M C A- Mumbai Cricket Association

I C C - The International Cricket Council.

BCCI - The Board of Control for Cricket in India.

Cleared - The outcome, following an Official Assessment, when the Official Assessment Report states that the Player's bowling action no longer contravenes Law 21.2 of the Laws of Cricket.

Committee - The M C A Suspect Bowling Action Committee appointed by the MCA from time to time for this purpose.

M C A Approved Cricket Centres - The sports science centres accredited by the MC A to conduct the tests.

Illegal Bowling Action - A bowling action which contravenes Law 21.2 of the Laws of Cricket.

Initial List - As defined in clause 1.5.

Match - Any cricket match (including any part or aspect thereof) conducted by Mumbai Cricket association.

Match Officials - The group comprising the Umpires, and/or Match Referee for the relevant Match.

Official Assessment - The assessment undertaken by the Committee to determine the legitimacy of a Player's bowling action under clause 4 and the report published by the Committee following such Official Assessment shall be the Official Assessment Report.

Player - Any cricketer who is selected to represent a team in any Match or who forms part of such team's squad of players.

Report - As defined in clause 2.1.

Season - In each year, the period of time during which the League shall take place.

Team - Any team participating in the MCA tournaments from time to time.

Umpire(s) - The umpire(s) appointed by the Board of Umpires, MCA for the relevant Match.

Warning List - A list of Players whose names are either on the Initial List or who are reported during the Season (and in such latter case who were not on the Initial List for the Season) and in either case, whose bowling actions have not been subsequently cleared.