



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MATCH OFFICIALS AND MATCH OFFICIAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

1. DEFINITIONS

Appeal Commission: A panel of three persons appointed by MCA to perform the functions assigned to the Appeal Commission under the Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct: This Code of Conduct as the same may be amended from time to time by MCA.

Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials: The IPL Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials as amended from time to time by MCA.

Commission: The persons established by MCA to perform the functions of the Commission under the Code of Conduct.

Event: Any event or function taking place in relation to the League which is designated by MCA as an official event or function including, without limitation, any opening ceremonies/concerts, closing ceremonies, opening dinners, closing dinners, press conferences, interviews, press launches, receptions, award dinners or ceremonies, promotional events and development clinics.

Governing Council The group of people from time to time established by the MCA to oversee the establishment and operation of the League by the League Organiser.

Group A group of companies comprising of all companies which are under the same management according to the conditions set out below, including without limitation the ultimate parent company of the Company and all enterprises whose accounts are consolidated on a line by line basis in such ultimate parent company's audited financial statements and two bodies corporate shall be deemed to be under the "same management" (i) if the managing agent, secretaries and treasurers, managing director or manager of the one body, or where such managing agent or secretaries and treasurers are a firm, any partner in the firm, or where such managing agent or secretaries and treasurers are a private company, any director of such company, is - (a) the managing agent, secretaries and treasurers, managing director or manager of the other body ; or (b) a partner in the firm acting as managing agent or secretaries and treasurers of the other body ; or (c) a director of the private company acting as managing agent or secretaries and treasurers of the other body ; or (ii) if a majority of the directors of the one body constitute, or at any time within the six months immediately preceding constituted, a majority of the directors of the other body ; or (iii) if not less than one-third of the total voting power with respect to any

matter relating to each of the two bodies corporate is exercised or controlled by the same individual or body corporate ; or (iv) if the holding company of the one body corporate is under the same management as the other body corporate within the meaning of clause (i), clause (ii) or clause (iii) ; or (v) if one or more directors of the one body corporate while holding, whether by themselves or together with their relatives, the majority of shares in that body corporate also hold, whether by themselves or together with their relatives, the majority of shares in the other body corporate.

League: League means the Twenty20 cricket league (known at the date of adoption of these League Rules as the T20 Mumbai League) which is sanctioned by the MCA and which is being established and organised by the League Organiser.

League Commissioner: The person appointed as such by the Governing Council from time to time.

League Organiser: The entity granted the right to establish, operate, promote and commercialise the League from time to time and which, at the date of the adoption of these League Rules, is Probability Sports (India) Private Limited.

League Rules: The document adopted by MCA as the League's rules (as may be amended from time to time).

Match: Any cricket match in the League including for the avoidance of doubt the Play-Off Matches.

Match Official: Any Umpire or Match Referee officiating at a Match.

MCA: The Mumbai Cricket Association.

Play-Off Matches: The matches which take place at the end of the season to determine the winner, runner-up, third and fourth placed teams in the League.

Support Personnel: Any technical officials (for example, and without limitation, any official with responsibility for operating the communication equipment for Match Officials during a Match) or umpire coaches appointed (by the MCA) to support the Match Officials in their appointments to any Match.

Team: Any team (including any named fielding substitutes) which takes part in a Match.

Team Official: Any person who has been provided any accreditation on behalf of a Team or Team Operator and is either (a) a director, secretary, officer, management staff, employee, coach, physio (or other medical personnel) or duly authorised (express or implied) agent of a Team or Team Operator or a consultant to or other person serving in any official capacity for a Team or (b) a Team Owner.

Team Operator: A company (and, for the purposes of this Code of Conduct, the expression Team Operator shall be deemed to include any company in the same Group as such company) which has entered into a participation agreement with the League Organiser under which such company has agreed to participate in the League and Participation Agreement shall be construed accordingly.

Team Owner: In relation to a Team Operator means the Participant, as defined in the Participation Agreement signed with the League Organiser with respect to the right to operate such Team in the League.

Working Day: Any day (not being a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in Mumbai are generally open for business.

Team Manager: The person appointed as manager of a Team for a Match.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

Match Officials shall not engage in any conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of the game of cricket, MCA and/or the League including without limitation the following:

- 2.1 Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game
- 2.2 Conduct that brings the game into disrepute
- 2.3 Match Officials shall not make or cause to be made any public pronouncement or media comment (including via any social media platform) which is detrimental to:
 - (a) the game of cricket in general; or
 - (b) any particular Match between Teams in which any such Match Official is involved; or
 - (c) the League; or
 - (d) the MCA or League Organiser; or
 - (e) relations between MCA and/or the League Organiser and any Team and/or Team Owner.
- 2.4 Match Officials shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials or any hearing, report or decision arising from any such alleged breach unless such disclosure is required under the provisions of this Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials.
- 2.5 Match Officials shall not engage, directly or indirectly, in betting or any conduct described in the Appendix.
- 2.6 Match Officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- 2.7 Match Officials shall at all times observe and comply with the provisions of any regulation of MCA which applies to Match Officials in the League including but not limited to the League Rules.
- 2.8 Match Officials shall not:
 - (a) use language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting to a Player, Team Official or any other third person (including a spectator) during a Match;

(b) abuse any cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings during a Match;

(c) make any Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with a Player, Team Official, other Match Official, Match Official Support Personnel or any other person (including a spectator) during a Match;

(d) cause any inappropriate distraction or obstruction on the field of play during a Match.

3. APPLICATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

3.1 An alleged breach of this Code of Conduct shall be dealt with as set out below.

4. PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

4.1 Reports

4.1.1 Eligibility to lodge a Report

An alleged breach of this Code of Conduct by a Match Official may be reported by:

(a) the Match Referee of the Match in relation to which such breach is alleged to have occurred; or

(b) the Team Manager (in his own right or on behalf of any of his players) of one of the Teams playing in the Match in relation to which such breach is alleged to have occurred; or

(c) the Team Owner of one of the Teams playing in the Match in relation to which such breach is alleged to have occurred; or

(d) the League Commissioner or his designee.

4.1.2 If any person eligible to lodge a report under Article 4.1.1 becomes aware of any alleged breach of this Code of Conduct by a Match Official, he shall report the alleged breach in writing to the League Commissioner with a copy to the League Organiser CEO as soon as practicable and, as soon as practicable upon the receipt of such written report, the League Commissioner inform MCA of its contents.

4.2 Hearings by the Commission

4.2.1 If a Match Official is reported for an alleged breach of this Code of Conduct, the MCA shall inform the Commission of the report's contents and any investigation and proceedings in relation thereto shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in the League Rules with MCA acting as the Claimant and the Match Official as Respondent and with the same rights of appeal as set out in the League Rules.

4.2.2 The Commission shall always have the right to investigate any incident which, in its opinion, may give rise to a breach of this Code of Conduct irrespective of whether or not a report in relation thereto has been lodged with MCA or the Commission and, if it decides to hold a

hearing in relation thereto, it shall, as soon as practicable, notify in writing the Match Official in respect of whom an alleged breach of the Code has been made of the Commission's decision and of the circumstances giving rise to the alleged breach and shall send a copy of the said notice to the League Commissioner with a copy to the League Organiser CEO. Any such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in the League Rules with MCA as the Claimant and the Match Official as Respondent.

4.3 Penalties

4.3.1 In the event that, after a hearing (and any appeal hearing) in respect of any alleged breach of this Code of Conduct, the Commission (or Appeal Commission if appropriate and references in this Article 4.3 to the Commission shall be deemed to include the Appeal Commission if appropriate) decides on a balance of probability that a Match Official is in breach of this Code of Conduct, the Commission may, in its absolute discretion impose any penalty by way of reprimand and/or fine and/or suspension in respect of the League, including the power to suspend a fine or a suspension in respect of the League.

4.3.2 In deciding what penalty to impose on a Match Official for a breach of this Code of Conduct, the Commission shall have regard to:

- the character of that Match Official;
- the nature of the action on the part of that Match Official giving rise to the breach of this Code of Conduct; and
- any other circumstances of the case which may seem to the Commission relevant to the imposition of a penalty.

4.3.3 MCA shall co-operate with the Commission in ensuring that a penalty imposed on any such Match Official by way of suspension is carried into full force and effect and MCA is hereby authorised under this Code of Conduct to take all necessary steps to enforce such suspension.

4.3.4 In the event that the Commission shall decide to impose a fine on a Match Official, the fine shall be paid to MCA by the Match Official on whom it is imposed within 14 days of the date on which he is notified of the Commission's decision. In this respect, the League Commissioner (or his designee) shall arrange with the Commission for the fine to be paid by the Match Official concerned to MCA. Any Match Official failing to pay such fine to MCA within the said period shall not, until such time as the fine has been paid, be eligible for appointment as a Match Official by MCA.

4.3.5 In the event that the Commission exercises its power to suspend any fine or suspension on a Match Official who is subsequently found to be in further breach of this Code of Conduct during the period of suspension, the original penalty will automatically be imposed. The Commission responsible for the hearing of the subsequent breach may impose a penalty in respect of such further breach and any period of suspension imposed as a penalty for such subsequent breach shall run cumulatively to and not concurrently with any period of suspension originally imposed and suspended but which was activated and automatically imposed as a result of such further breach of this Code of Conduct.

5. RECORDS

MCA shall be responsible for keeping copies of all reports and of all hearings in relation to any alleged or proven breaches of this Code of Conduct.

6. GENERAL

- 6.1 It shall (to the extent not expressly provided) be an implied condition in any contract, agreement, understanding or arrangement involving MCA and a Match Official that the provisions of this Code of Conduct shall be binding on such a Match Official and that his acceptance of an appointment to act as a Match Official in any Match or to be a member of the panel of Match Officials established by MCA shall constitute his acceptance of his obligation to be bound by and his undertaking, directly with MCA, to observe at all times the provisions of this Code of Conduct.
- 6.2 The MCA shall, in relation to the exercise of its rights and duties under these League Rules and unless it decides otherwise, act through the Governing Council.
- 6.3 Each Match Official acknowledges and agrees that the Governing Council may require the MCA's approval in relation to the exercise of certain of its/their rights and responsibilities under this Code of Conduct and no member of the Governing Council nor the League Organiser shall assume any liability to any such Match Official or any other person in relation to any facts, circumstances or other occurrences if and to the extent that which result from any action or omission of the MCA.
- 6.4 If and to the extent that any of BCCI's equivalent rules and/or regulations conflict with or are more extensive than this Code of Conduct then MCA reserves the right to interpret this Code of Conduct in a manner which is consistent with such BCCI rules and/or regulations.

APPENDIX

A Match Official shall be in breach of Clause 2.3 of this Code of Conduct if he is found to have:

1. Bet on or in relation to any Match or series of Matches, or on any Event; or
2. Induced or encouraged any other person to bet on or in relation to any Match or series of Matches or on any Event or offered the facility for such bets to be placed; or
3. Gambled or entered into any other form of financial speculation on or in relation to any Match or on any Event or induced or encouraged any other person to do so; or
4. Been a party to contriving or attempting to contrive the result of any Match or to any aspect of any Match or the occurrence of any Event; or
5. Failed to meet the standards of a first-class Match Official owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any Match or any aspect of any Match or on the occurrence of any Event; or
6. Induced or encouraged any player not to perform on his merits in any Match owing to any such arrangement of the kind referred to in paragraph 5 above; or
7. Received from another person any money, benefit or other reward (whether financial or otherwise) for the provision of any information concerning the weather, the Teams, the state of the ground, the status of, or the outcome of, any Match or the occurrence of any Event unless such information has been provided to a newspaper or other form of media in accordance with an obligation entered into in the normal course and disclosed in advance to MCA; or
8. Received or provided any money, benefit or other reward (whether financial or otherwise) which could bring him, the League or the game of cricket into disrepute; or
9. Received any approaches from another person to engage in conduct such as that described in any of the above paragraphs 1 to 8 and has failed to disclose the same in writing to the League Commissioner, copying the League Organiser CEO; or
10. Been aware that any other Match Official or individual has engaged in conduct, or received approaches, such as described in any of the above paragraphs 1 to 9 and has failed to disclose the same in writing to the League Commissioner, copying the League Organiser CEO; or
11. Received or been aware that any other person has received threats of any nature which might induce him to engage in conduct, or acquiesce in any proposal made by an approach, such as that described in any of the above paragraphs 1 to 10 and has failed to disclose the same in writing to the League Commissioner, copying the League Organiser CEO; or
12. Engaged in any conduct which, in the opinion of the MCA, relates directly or indirectly to any of the above paragraphs 1 to 11 and is prejudicial to the interests of the game of cricket.