

MEMORANDUM



To: State and Territory Association CEOs, State High Performance Managers, BBL GMs, CA Contracted Players, State Contracted Players, Match Officials – NUP, Match Officials – SUP, Match Officials – CA Match Referees, Match Officials – Supplementary Match Referees, CA – Team Performance, Player Development Managers, ACA Accredited Player Agents, Alistair Nicholson, Joe Connellan, Brendan Drew, CA Code of Conduct Commission Members

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Subject: Codes and Policies Update for 2018-19 Season

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With the commencement of the domestic cricket season, we wish to provide you with a summary of key changes to the following Cricket Australia Codes and Policies governing domestic cricket in the 2018-19 season:

1. Code of Conduct;
2. Anti-Corruption Code*;
3. State Clothing and Equipment Regulations;
4. Minimum Standards for Players' and Match Officials' Area;
5. Anti-Doping Code;
6. Illicit Substances Rule;
7. Anti-Racism Code; and
8. Anti-Harassment Code.

* The JLT One Day Cup will be played under the 2017-18 Anti-Corruption Code.

These documents are effective from 15 September 2018 and are available on the Rules and Regulations section of the Cricket Australia website:

<http://www.cricketaustralia.com.au/cricket/rules-and-regulations>

These documents are also available on the AMS and are enclosed with this memorandum.

All participants should read and familiarise themselves with the updated versions of the various codes and policies to ensure that they understand the updated responsibilities and obligations in respect of the 2018-19 season.

The W/BBL Clothing and Equipment Regulations will be circulated prior to the commencement of the W/BBL season.

1. Code of Conduct (CoC)

In line with proposed changes contemplated by the ICC (which are presently still under review), the CoC has been updated to capture many of these proposed changes.

A summary of the new inclusions to the CoC is set out below:

Previous Level of Offence	Amendment	Commentary	2018/19 Level of Offence
	Spirit of Cricket	New inclusion	
2	Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment) in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner		1 & 2
1	Gestures that are obscene, offensive or insulting	Split from language	1
	Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal	New inclusion	1
2	Inappropriate physical contact with a Player, Player Support Personnel or with any other person (including a spectator), other than an Umpire or Match Referee		1 & 2
	Use of an audible obscenity	New inclusion	1
	Disobeying an Umpire's instruction	New inclusion	1
2	Unfair Play		1 & 2
2, 3, 4	Conduct that either: (a) is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; (b) is unbecoming of a representative or official; (c) is or could be harmful to the interests of cricket; or (d) does or could bring the game of cricket into disrepute		1 – 4
2	Public or media comment that is detrimental to the interest of cricket	Inclusion for comments that denigrate or criticise a representative or official	2 & 3
	Personal abuse of a Player or Player Support Personnel	New inclusion	2 & 3
	Failure or refusal to comply with an investigation	New inclusion	2
	Inappropriate physical contact with an Umpire or Match Referee	New inclusion	3
2	Changing the condition of the ball		3
	Attempting to gain an unfair advantage	New inclusion	3

Offences relating to:

- manipulation of a match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons (Article 2.2.9);
- changing the condition of the ball (Article 2.3.6); and
- attempting to gain an unfair advantage (Article 2.3.7),

also capture the Team Captain where:

- the Player or Player Support Personnel involved in unable to be identified; and/or
- the breach was planned or systematic that the Team Captain knew or ought to have known that the breach was occurring.

Investigations

Whilst the Player Contract has always included a right to conduct an investigation (in certain circumstances), the CoC now specifically allows the Head of Integrity & Security to conduct investigation in respect of matters concerning the CoC.

Sanctions

Previously, in determining the sanction to be imposed and whether an offence was a first, second, third or fourth offence within the last 18 month period, Match Referees and Commissioners were only permitted to consider offences of the **same level** as the offence being considered.

In a change for the 2018/19 season, Match Referees and Commissioners must now consider offences of the **same or higher level** for the purpose of determining a prior offence within the last 18 months.

This means a previous Level 2 offence (in the last 18 months) must be considered by the Match Referee or Commissioner where a Level 1 offence is being determined for sanction.

However, a previous Level 1 offence (in the last 18 months) will not be considered for the purpose of determining a prior offence within the last 18 months if the Match Referee or Commissioner is determining the sanction for a Level 2 or Level 3 offence.

There have also been amendments to the suspension points table, in line with the ICC. This means that reference in the Table of Permissible Sanctions to 10 suspension points has been increased to 12 suspension points.

CoC reporting forms have also been updated to ensure that Players and Player Support Personnel are aware of their various obligations and rights.

2. State Clothing and Equipment Regulations

No material changes.

3. Minimum Standards for Players' and Match Officials' Area (PMOA)

In a major change for the 2018/19 season, these minimum standards now also restrict the use of Smart Watches in the PMOA.

Under the Minimum Standards Smart Watch is intended to capture any *'mobile device with a touchscreen display, designed to be worn on the wrist capable of being connected to a Mobile Device or Wi-Fi network, and/or in any way capable of receiving communications.'*

In relation to Smart Watches, these Minimum Standards now prohibit any person being



allowed to use and/or wear or carry on their person any *Smart Watch* in the PMOA, unless an exemption applies. These exemptions apply in the following circumstances:

- **Team Managers:** each team manager is permitted to carry two Mobile Devices, where one of those Mobile Devices is a Smart Watch/Bracelet (in all other circumstances, the team manager shall be permitted to carry one Mobile Device), within the PMOA
- **Match Referees:** the Match Referee is permitted to carry two Mobile Devices, where one of those Mobile Devices is a Smart Watch/Bracelet (in all other circumstances, the Match Referee shall be permitted to carry one Mobile Device), within the PMOA

The Minimum Standards also now require that all mobile devices be stored in a secure locker (or other similar storage facility) provided by the State or Territory Association and/or Big Bash League Team prior to entering into the PMOA, as well as a logbook facility to allow the storage to be accurately recorded and monitored.

The Minimum Standards maintain a requirement for the team manager to complete a CA mobile phone/communications device register.

4. Anti-Doping Code

No changes.

5. Illicit Substances Rule

No changes.

6. Anti-Racism Code

No changes.

7. Anti-Harassment Code

No material changes.

Questions

Please do not hesitate to email or call us if you have any questions or require clarification in relation to any of the above.

Regards

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