

Protocol of Reporting and Action on Suspect Bowling Actions

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The following is the protocol to be followed by all Umpires, Coaches, Schools, Institutions, Coaching Department and connected officials on suspect Bowling Action, in respect of School Cricket. (Male/Female)

INITIAL REPORTING AND ACTION

1)

In the event of an officiating umpire, in his opinion finding any of the deliveries of a bowler not conforming to the laws or regulations pertaining to the bowling action in a school match, he should call "No Ball" or report for an illegal/suspect bowling action.

1A.) If a bowler has been called or reported in a match, the umpires officiating, will have to fill a SUSPECT/ILLEGAL ACTION FORM (SAF) in detail with their comments, immediately on the completion of the game (In duplicate) and hand over a copy of the same, to the Master in Charge or in his absence to the Coach of the School of the reported player. The umpires should also get the second copy duly signed by the Master in Charge, acknowledging receipt of the report. The bowler and captain too must be informed verbally of the report, preferably in the presence of Master in Charge and Coach.

2B) The umpires after obtaining a copy of the signed SAF report for their files, should at the end of the match, submit a copy by Hand Delivery or Fax or Scan and E mail to the (a) Umpires Educator of Sri Lanka Cricket (b) Secretary of Sri Lanka Schools Association(SLSCA) and (c) Tournament Secretary of SLSCA. In addition it would be advisable to inform them by telephone.

NOTE : If the Report is hand delivered to SLC, the Data Entry Operator at the Umpires Department would have to scan the hard copy of the SAF and E.Mail it to the Umpires Educator immediately, for action.

3)

The Umpires Educator will immediately E. mail the report form to (a) Coaching Department – Head of Coaching (b) Umpires Department –Umpires Manager (who will keep the umpires committee informed) (c) Suspect Bowling Action Review Committee (SBARC) (d) SLSCA – Secretary of the Tournament Committee.

4)

Any bowler called for an illegal delivery during a match will be suspended immediately, while a bowler reported after the match will be suspended immediately after the report is made by the umpires. In both cases the bowlers will not be able to bowl in any further matches until they are cleared by the Panel in the Umpires Department.

5)

The Umpires Educator will immediately up –date the record of the bowlers called or reported (THE GRID) and E.mail it to the Head of Coaching, Tournament Secretary SLSCA and Assignment Secretaries of all Umpire Associations to circulate amongst the umpires officiating in that particular tournament, by the following day. Since the GRID would have up-to date details of the reported players, the Assignment Secretaries of all Umpires Associations would no doubt submit the GRID by E.Mail to their respective umpires, as a matter of priority.

6)

The umpires officiating in the particular tournament are required to study the up-dated GRID and remind the Masters in Charge, Coaches and Captains of the schools concerned, about any reported bowlers in their teams at the Pre Match Meeting, so as to ensure that no suspended bowler, bowls in the match. At the same time the umpires could see it, that any bowler suspended and cleared is allowed to bowl in the match.

SCREENING

7)

Any bowler reported will have to undergo a screening test at the Coaching Department of SLC within 14 days from the day he was reported. His Coach will be required to accompany him and the screening will be conducted in the presence of his coach.

8)

Results of the findings should be sent by the Coaching Department, to the Umpires Educator at the Umpires Department of SLC in writing, within 21 days.

9)

The Umpires Educator on receipt of the findings should immediately inform the Master in Charge of the school and player in writing, of the results of the screening. He should also inform the SLSCA – Tournament Secretary, and at the same time up- date the GRID

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If a player, who has been called or reported does not report to the Coaching Department for screening within the stipulated 14 days, he will be considered as having admitted that he bowls with an illegal bowling action and shall be immediately suspended from bowling. The Coaching Department is required to inform the Umpires Educator of such cases to take necessary action.

11)

The Coaching Department may require to have a reported bowler filmed and scrutinized under match conditions, in order to have a suspended bowler cleared in the first instance or even during re assessment after remedial work. In such situations the Head Of Coaching SLC or the person acting for him during his absence, has the sole authority to request in writing or by E Mail, for the player to bowl in a match, despite not being cleared. The request from the Head of Coaching must be sent in writing through the Umpires Educator 03 days before the game to the Schools concerned and the Secretary Tournaments of the SLSCA. The Head of Coaching must ensure that all concerned, including the opposition is informed of the request before the commencement of the game and not in the middle of the match.

REMEDIAL WORK AND CLEARING

12)

Any bowler that has not been cleared by the Coaching Department will remain suspended. He will be recommended remedial work with Coaches of the Coaching Department, District Coaches or his School Coach. The Coaching Department will offer advice on remedial work whenever required.

13)

A player who has been suspended and gone through remedial procedure, could apply for a re assessment from the Coaching Department and obtain clearance. The request for a re assessment will not be turned down unless it is felt to be frivolous.

14)

If a reported player has remedied his bowling action and has been cleared by the Coaching Department in writing, and his bowling action is no longer illegal, the suspension will be lifted and he would be permitted to bowl in matches. All cases of clearing of suspended bowlers must be sent to the Umpires Educator in writing, to inform the Master in Charge of the school, the player and the SLSCA tournament Secretary. The GRID too has to be immediately up dated by the Umpires Educator.

15)

The Head of Coaching reserves the right to carry out filming of re assessed and cleared bowlers in match situations without notice for purposes of surveillance, for a period of up to 60 days from date of clearance

GENERAL

16)

Any bowler who has been called or reported during a school match will not be permitted to bowl in any competitions including all SLC conducted competitions until he is cleared by the Coaching Department or vice versa

17)

In the case of ICC conducted tournaments of Under 19 years and below, and in matches played between Sri Lanka and another country of under 19 years and below, the ICC Illegal Bowling Protocol would apply.

18)

Any bowler reported or called in International matches below the under 19 age group level or in an ICC tournament, on testing, if found not conforming to the limits laid down for a legal delivery, will not be permitted to bowl in any domestic cricket (including School Cricket) until remedial work is done and cleared.

19)

Any bowler reported in a domestic age group tournament of under 19 years (other than School Cricket) will be subject to the Schools Suspect Bowling Action Protocol.

20)

If any bowler is called or reported in any International match or domestic age group tournament (other than School Cricket) under 19 years, the umpire must inform the Managers of the local teams immediately after the match, and send a copy of the completed Suspect Action Form to the Umpires Educator in the usual manner, who would carry out the recommended steps and also inform the Master in Charge of the School represented by the player and the Secretary- Tournaments

of SLSCA. All other steps applying to School Cricket should be followed by the umpire Educator and the Coaching Department.

21)

The Manager and Head Coach of any Sri Lanka National age group team under 19 and below, touring overseas for Internationals, must inform the Umpire Manager/umpire Educator on return, of any case of a Sri Lankan bowler called or reported, so that those necessary could be informed and the recommended processes could be followed, before the player resumes bowling in competition.

SECOND OFFENCE AND AFTER

22)

In the event of a player being screened and suspended from bowling for a second time, within a period of two years (the two years to be counted from the first date of suspension after screening), the player will be suspended from bowling for a minimum period of 90 days. He will not be entitled to have his action cleared during this period.

22 A) The umpiring department through the Umpires Educator will then include this information in the GRID and inform the relevant School and the player of the position, through the Master in Charge The SLSCA- Tournament Secretary would also be informed.

22 B) Any further violations after the second screening and suspension, the bowler will be required to stay suspended for a further period of 180 days until he is entitled to clear his action.

PENALTIES

23)

Both Umpires will be penalized 10% of the match fees, if they fail to implement recommended procedure in accordance with the Suspect Bowling Action GRID and permit a suspended bowler to bowl in a match.

24)

If a suspended bowler, bowls in a match after suspension, before being cleared by the Coaching Department and the required formalities carried out by the Umpires Educator, he will be suspended from bowling for a period of one year, from the day of the commencement of the match.

25)

Penalties for Coaches will not apply for the present, but the SBARC would monitor progress and review this from time to time.

IMPORTANT

1)

The Protocol will be implemented on a trial basis for the 2014/2015 School Cricket Season

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Sri Lanka Cricket reserves the right to make any necessary amendments of any importance to cover any unforeseen situations, to the above, as and when required.

3)

The Panel for screening a bowler at the Coaching Department will consist of the Head of Coaching and two other Coaches highly experienced in identifying Illegal Bowling Actions and also specialized in remedial work. The Head of Coaching would act as the chairman of the panel. In the absence of the Head of Coaching the person acting for him will take his place.

In the case of re assessment a very experienced umpire selected by the SLC Suspect Action Bowlers Review Committee, in consultation with the Umpires Committee will join the panel.

4)

The decisions made by the Head of Coaching /Panel, Umpires Manager and the Umpires Educator would be binding in the implementation of the Protocol. However any player or affected party has the right of appeal to the Suspect Bowling Action Review Committee within 14 days of a decision being made , furnishing the case for review in writing.

5)

Any bowler suspended by the Panel of the Coaching Department who wishes to seek remedial work overseas or testing at an approved ICC Testing Centre could do so at his own cost. He would however for sake of monitoring be required to obtain permission from the Suspect Bowling Action Review Committee (SBARC). This permission will not be unfairly withheld. Any request for Testing at an ICC Centre after being endorsed by the SBARC, will need to be channeled through the Head of Cricket Operation of SLC.

Any reports submitted by ICC approved Testing Centers would be considered by the panel of the Coaching Department when evaluating bowlers during screening or re assessment.

