



REGULATIONS FOR THE REVIEW OF BOWLERS REPORTED WITH SUSPECTED ILLEGAL BOWLING ACTIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1. Nothing contained herein shall override an umpire's responsibility and discretion to apply Law 21.

2. HUMAN MOVEMENT SPECIALIST

1. CI shall appoint on an annual basis a human movement specialist.
2. This individual shall have the credentials, equipment and facilities to conduct analysis of the bowling actions of bowlers in accordance with the CI Standard Analysis Protocols (Appendix 1 hereto).

3. BOWLING REVIEW GROUP

Upon receipt of an application for a Bowling Review Group hearing in accordance with paragraph F below, CI shall appoint a Bowling Review Group (BRG) in accordance with the following terms:

1. The BRG shall normally comprise the following persons:
 - CI High Performance Director (in the Chair and with the casting vote)
 - A bowling technician nominated by the CI High Performance Director
 - An ex-international fast bowler, finger spin bowler or wrist spin bowler dependent upon whichever category of bowler is being reviewed
 - An ex-international umpire
 - A human movement specialist.

CI will nominate individuals to fulfil the following roles as appropriate:

- Ex international fast bowler
- Ex international finger spinner
- Ex international wrist spinner
- Ex international umpire
- Human Movement Specialist

2. The Chairman of the BRG shall be responsible for selecting the other members of the BRG in accordance with paragraphs C 3 and 4 below.
3. The human movement specialist referred to in paragraph B above shall not be the same person as the specialist who conducted the independent analysis referred to paragraph E below.
4. It is preferable that at least one of the BRG shall be a qualified legal practitioner. In the event of the BRG, as appointed in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs C 1 – 3 above, not including a legal practitioner then a legal practitioner shall be appointed to the BRG in an advisory capacity only and they shall not have a vote.
5. The quorum for any hearing of the BRG shall be four persons provided that the Chairman and the human movement specialist shall be included therein.
6. No member of the BRG shall have clear associations with the Player or the Provincial Union or domestic team/club of the player who is the subject of the BRG hearing.

4. REPORTING PROCEDURE

If a player is called by an umpire for throwing in accordance with Law 21.3 or is suspected by the umpire(s) for bowling with an action which contravenes Law 21.3 as read with Law 21.2 (an “Illegal Bowling Action”), the following reporting procedure shall apply.

Note: Umpires, in deciding whether to call or report a player as set out above, should use the naked eye viewing the action live and/or on television at normal speed. Slow motion television replays should only be used to confirm initial suspicions

1. At the conclusion of the match the umpire(s) shall write a report (the Umpires’ Report) detailing their concerns about the bowling action of the player (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, and immediately inform the CI Cricket Operations Manager and High Performance Director.
2. Within 7 days of the conclusion of the match in which the Player is reported, CI shall furnish the Player with a copy of the Umpires’ Report.
3. If an umpire reports a player who has been analysed previously, the umpire shall be shown the reports, and where available image-based evidence of that player, and asked whether they wish to confirm their original report.
4. Should a bowler be ‘called’ or ‘reported’ by two different umpires in different matches within a period of 12 months they shall be required to submit to an independent analysis of their bowling action as outlined in paragraph E below.

5. In order to address / minimize media speculation, at any time after the Player has been furnished with a copy of a second confirmed Umpires' Report, CI may issue a media release to the effect that the Player has been called or reported twice in a 12 month period and that they will be subject to the Independent Analysis process as set out herein. In the event that the Independent Assessment of the Player concludes that they have employed an Illegal Bowling Action (either for a specific delivery or more generally) as outlined in E8 and E9 then CI will issue a media release summarising the outcome of the Independent Assessment and the action to be taken by CI.

6. When reports are made in matches that have been televised or filmed, upon receipt of the Umpires' Report, CI will arrange for two copies of the footage of the bowling spells of the Player in the match in question to be produced as soon as possible. Once copies of this footage have been received, CI shall forward the Player one copy. The other copy shall be retained by the CI for any Independent Analysis and BRG hearing referred to in paragraphs E and F below. If footage from the matches when the reports were lodged is not available or not of an appropriate quality then the Independent Analysis may analyse other footage of the Player bowling in matches during the previous 12 months.

5. INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS

If a Player is reported in accordance with paragraph D above, they shall be required to submit to an independent analysis of their bowling action (Independent Analysis) carried out in accordance with the following terms:

1. The Independent Analysis shall be carried out by the human movement specialist referred to in paragraph B above (the Appointed Specialist). The Appointed Specialist shall not have clear associations with the Player.
2. The Independent Analysis shall be carried out as soon as reasonably possible but in any event within 21 days of receipt by the Player of the notice of the second report referred to in paragraph D 2 above.
3. The Independent Analysis shall be carried out in accordance with CI Standard Analysis Protocols (Appendix 1 hereto). The Independent Analysis shall take into account the Umpires' Reports. If the Player expresses any concern or complaint regarding the circumstances or conduct of the Independent Analysis, they should make these known to the Appointed Specialist before the conclusion of the Independent Analysis. The Appointed Specialist should make a written note of the relevant concern or complaint which should be agreed with the Player.
4. CI shall be responsible for determining the time and place at which the Independent Analysis shall be carried out and shall ensure that the Player, is given reasonable notice thereof. It is expected that the Player's Club, Provincial Union, or Team Coach at the time of the second report will be present at the Independent Analysis.

5. In the event of the Player failing to submit to the Independent Analysis as required above, such failure will be regarded as an admission that they bowl with an Illegal Bowling Action and they shall be immediately suspended from bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, Super Series or International cricket until such time as they so submit.

6. Within 14 days of the date for the carrying out of the Independent Analysis, the Appointed Specialist shall furnish CI with a written report (hereinafter referred to as the Independent Assessment) in the form as set out in the CI Standard Analysis Protocols. Where the Independent Assessment concludes that the Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Analysis, it should indicate whether the Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action generally or in respect of specific type(s) of delivery only and whether, in the Appointed Specialist's opinion, such conclusion is not inconsistent with the relevant video evidence. Where the Independent Assessment concludes that the Player did not employ an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Analysis, it should, where relevant, indicate whether, in the opinion of the Appointed Specialist, the Player's bowling action during the Independent Analysis was materially different to their action in the relevant video evidence (whether generally or in respect of the specific type(s) of delivery (if any) identified in the Umpires' Reports). The Independent Assessment should also include any notes of concerns or complaints of the Player made under paragraph 3 above.

7. Immediately upon receipt of the Independent Assessment by CI, CI shall furnish the Player with a copy thereof.

8. Subject to paragraph 9 below, in the event that the Independent Assessment concludes either that (i) the Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Analysis and that such conclusion is not inconsistent with the relevant video footage or that (ii) the Player's bowling action during the Independent Analysis was materially different to their action in the relevant video footage, the Player shall immediately be suspended from bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, Super Series or International cricket until such time as they have submitted to a fresh Independent Analysis in accordance with the provisions as set out in paragraph G below, and in which fresh Independent Analysis it is concluded that they have remedied their action. The suspension shall become operative from the date of receipt by the Player of a copy of the Independent Assessment in accordance with paragraph E 7 above.

Note: The CI and ICC Standard Analysis Protocols contains reference to a level of acceptable elbow extension. Should the Independent Assessment conclude that the Player's action exhibits a degree of elbow extension of the bowling arm higher than the said acceptable level, the action of the Player shall be deemed to be an Illegal Bowling Action. It should be noted that in order for the action to be classified as a legal action, the degree of elbow extension recorded for each delivery shall be within the level of acceptable elbow extension.

9. In circumstances where the Independent Assessment concludes that The Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Analysis in respect of a specific type of delivery only, the Player will be allowed to continue bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, Super Series or International cricket but subject to the warning (Warning) that should they continue to bowl any of the specific type(s) of delivery for which they have been found to have an Illegal Bowling Action, they will run the risk of being reported again. In these circumstances further report(s) resulting in an Independent Analysis concluding that the Player has employed an Illegal Bowling Action will result in the immediate suspension of the Player from bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, Super Series or International cricket and such suspension shall be considered a second suspension under the provisions of paragraph H below. Note: This is intended to cover the circumstances where a bowler employs a different technique to deliver a specific type of delivery e.g. propelling the ball out of the back of the hand to produce a “googly” or “doosra”. It is not intended to cover the situation where the same basic technique is used to produce a different type of delivery e.g. more effort to produce a “bouncer” or a “yorker”.

10. Throughout the period up to the date of receipt by the Player of the Independent Assessment, the Player shall be permitted to continue bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, Super Series or International cricket. At any time throughout this period the Player is subject to being called on the field by the umpire(s) in accordance with Law 21.3 and the consequences of such Law must apply. During this period a further Umpires’ Report will however have no consequence.

11. From the time that the Player is informed of a second confirmed Umpires’ Report within a 12-month period, the Player will be ineligible to represent Ireland at any level until the Player’s action has been cleared through independent analysis and assessment.

12. In the event that the Player does not accept the conclusions of the Independent Assessment they shall be entitled to a hearing of the CI Bowling Review Group (BRG).

6. BOWLING REVIEW GROUP HEARING

1. The Player seeking a hearing of the BRG shall lodge with the CI Cricket Operations Manager written notice thereof within 14 days of the date of receipt by the Player the Independent Assessment. The BRG hearing will be held as soon as reasonably possible but at least within 21 days of receipt by CI of the Player’s written notice referred to above.

2. The BRG hearing shall ideally be held in person or if circumstance only permit by telephone or video conference, unless although the BRG may, in its discretion, admit evidence at the hearing in any form.

3. CI shall be responsible for arranging the appointment of the BRG in accordance with paragraph C above and for determining in consultation with the Chairman of the BRG the time and place for the hearing. CI shall ensure that the Player is given reasonable notice thereof.
4. The Player shall attend the hearing. However, if the Player has received notice of the hearing in terms of clause F 3 and fails to attend the hearing, the hearing may at the absolute discretion of the Chairman of the BRG, proceed in the absence of the Player.
5. The Player shall be entitled to a representative who shall be entitled to attend the hearing.
6. The BRG hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Principles of Natural Justice.
7. The BRG will consider the following:
 - 7.1 The Umpires' Reports.
 - 7.2 The Independent Assessment together with any image-based evidence accompanying such assessment.
 - 7.3 The image-based evidence referred to in paragraph D 6 above.
 - 7.4 Any further evidence that the Player and/or their representative wishes to present in the Player's defence. This may include a written report, a verbal submission, any expert evidence and image based evidence.
 - 7.5 Any written or image-based evidence that the Player wishes to be considered.
8. The Player and/or their representative shall be entitled to question any person called to give evidence in the course of the hearing on any issue relevant to the hearing. The members of the BRG shall be entitled to question the Player and/or any person called to give evidence on the Player's behalf.
9. After all the evidence and argument has been presented, the BRG shall adjourn the hearing to deliberate on its decision.
10. The BRG shall reach a decision by a simple majority vote. The Chairman of BRG has the casting vote.
11. The BRG shall decide on balance of probability whether or not the Player has an Illegal Bowling Action and that (i) the suspension of, or the Warning to, the Player be maintained, or (ii) the suspension of, or the Warning to, the Player be lifted. The BRG must, in each case, set

out the reasons why the decision has been reached, including a summary of the evidence on which the decision was based.

12. CI will communicate the decision of the BRG in writing to the Player, within 48 hours of the hearing being adjourned in accordance with paragraph F 9 above.

13. Subject to the right of the Player to re-assessment in accordance with paragraph G 2 below, the decision of the BRG shall be final and binding.

7. RE-ASSESSMENT OF PLAYERS ACTION

1. A Player who has been suspended from bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, Super Series or International cricket under these regulations may be permitted under the supervision of his Team and with the consent of CI to continue to play 2nd XI Club cricket (subject to the Provincial Union giving approval to this arrangement).

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph G 5 and paragraph H below, a Player who has been suspended from bowling for Ireland and in competitive club, Inter-Provincial, super Series or International cricket under these regulations, may at any time apply to CI for a re-assessment of his bowling action.

3. Such re-assessment shall be carried out in the same manner as the Independent Analysis referred to in paragraph E above, save that the purpose of the comparison between the re-assessed action and the action of the Player as employed in the match he was reported shall be to determine the extent, if any, of the improvement to his action.

4. In the event of such re-assessment concluding that the player has remedied their action and that his action is no longer an Illegal Bowling Action the Player's suspension shall be lifted and they shall be permitted to continue bowling in competitive club, Inter-Provincial or Super Series cricket forthwith (and for Ireland assuming that they are not suspended by ICC).

5. The BRG shall have the discretion to specify a fixed period before the expiry of which the bowler shall not be entitled to approach CI for a re-assessment of their bowling action in terms hereof. Such discretion shall only be exercised in the instance of a frivolous application for a BRG hearing and the maximum period so specified shall be 1 year.

6. The Independent Assessment resulting from re-assessment will stand in the place of the original Independent Assessment, and the provisions of paragraphs E 7, 8, 9 and 11 and of paragraph F will apply in respect of it.

7. Any player suspended from bowling in international cricket by ICC will also be deemed to be suspended from bowling in competitive club, Inter-Provincial or Super Series cricket. CI may in exceptional circumstances permit the Player to continue to play in certain defined

competitions within the domestic cricket programme whilst undergoing remedial coaching and/or supervision as CI deems appropriate. If ICC lifts a suspension on a bowler then any suspension on the bowler imposed by CI will also be deemed to have been lifted.

8. SECOND & FURTHER SUSPENSIONS

In the event of a Player being suspended from bowling in competitive club, Inter-Provincial or Super Series cricket under these regulations for a second time within a period of 2 years from the date of the commencement of the first period of suspension, the Player shall be suspended from bowling in competitive club, Inter-Provincial or Super Series cricket for a minimum period of 1 year. Only after the expiry of this 1 year period will the Player be entitled to approach CI for a reassessment of his action in accordance with paragraph G above. (See also paragraph E 9 above)

9. COSTS

1. CI will be responsible for the costs of the first Independent Analysis and Assessment of any bowler as well as the costs of the BRG hearing, excluding the costs incurred by the Player to attend thereat.

2. The Player and/or their Provincial Union shall be responsible for the payment of any costs of representation of the Player and for any subsequent re-assessments carried out at the Player's or Provincial Union's request.

10. TALENT PATHWAY & PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

The High Performance Director may commission an Independent Analysis of any bowler within the Talent Pathway and Performance Programme about whom they have concerns regarding the legitimacy of his/her action.