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## Standard Operating Procedure

### INTRODUCTION

To ensure the integrity of cricket matches and protection of participants from advancing mobile communication technology and increasing sophistication in the methods by which betting takes place on cricket matches, Cricket Australia has adopted the Minimum Standards for Players' and Match Officials' Areas at Domestic Matches (the **Minimum Standards**).

The Minimum Standards achieve this by restricting, to the greatest extent possible, all methods of communication between Players, Player Support Personnel and Match Officials with all third parties from the moment that they first enter the Players' and Match Officials' Area (the **PMOA**) on the day of a Domestic Match right through until the formal conclusion of that day's play.

The Minimum Standards apply to all Domestic Matches (as defined in the Minimum Standards), including: the KFC BBL, Weber WBBL, Marsh One Day Cup, WNCL, and Sheffield Shield. It should be noted that the Minimum Standards apply to Domestic Matches of varying lengths, reflecting the importance of preserving the integrity of the PMOA regardless of the length of the match.

### REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS

#### The PMOA generally

The Minimum Standards set out which areas are included within the PMOA,<sup>1</sup> including:

- the dressing rooms used by each Team and the Match Officials;
- the match viewing areas used by each Team;
- the operational rooms used by any Umpire or Match Referee;
- the dining area(s) used by the Players, Player Support Personnel and Match Officials; and
- all other areas that any CA Anti-Corruption Officer determines should be included, such determination to be entirely at their discretion.

The Minimum Standards also set out the obligations on the host State or Territory Association and/or Big Bash League Team with respect to the preparation of the PMOA.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Article 2.1 of the Minimum Standards for which areas are included in the PMOA.

<sup>2</sup> See Article 2.2 of the Minimum Standards for more information on the obligations.

## Accreditation passes in the PMOA

The Minimum Standards sets out how accreditation passes are used in the PMOA. As a general rule, access to the PMOA will be restricted only to those individuals whose presence in that area is absolutely essential for operational purposes.<sup>3</sup>

In certain circumstances, temporary 'visitor' accreditation may also need to be issued by the CA Anti-Corruption Officer to any other individuals who may need access to the PMOA from time to time for operational reasons, including, for example, CA, State or Territory Association, Big Bash League Team staff, representatives, officials, contractors or volunteers and members of the venue's security, cleaning or catering staff.

All Players, Player Support Personnel and Match Officials must display their PMOA accreditation passes prior to their first entry into the PMOA on the day of a Domestic Match. Once they have complied with this requirement, Players, Match Officials and each team manager and all members of each team's coaching staff need not carry their PMOA accreditation passes so long as they remain at all times within either the PMOA, the nets or practice area or field of play. All other Player Support Personnel must carry their PMOA accreditation passes at all times while they remain within the PMOA.

## Use of communication devices in the PMOA

The Minimum Standards contain a general prohibition on the use of communication devices in the PMOA, including: Mobile Devices, laptop computers (or any other similar communication device), and static landline telephones in the PMOA. For the purpose of the PMOA, Mobile Device means any portable device (including without limitation, a smart phone, personal digital assistant (PDA), blackberry or mobile phone, Smart Watch/Bracelet) which is capable of connecting to or using any mobile telecommunications technology to enable or facilitate transmission of textual material, data, voice, video or multimedia services.<sup>4</sup>

The Minimum Standards also set out the exceptions to the general prohibition on the use of communication devices in the PMOA, and sets out who from each Team may carry a communication device in the PMOA, and the circumstances and purpose for which they can use that device. Appendix 1 sets out the provision of Article 4.2 in table form.<sup>5</sup>

## BREACHES OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS

Breach by host State or Territory Association or Big Bash League Team

Where a CA Anti-Corruption Officer identifies a suspected breach of Articles 2.2.1 – 2.2.13 (inclusive) of the Minimum Standards by any State or Territory Association or Big Bash League Team:

1. The CA Anti-Corruption Officer must report the alleged breach to the CA Head of Integrity and the CA Head of Security & Anti-Corruption Compliance.
2. The Head of Integrity will elect whether to conduct an investigation, including corresponding with the State or Territory Association or Big Bash League Team in an attempt to ascertain the explanation behind any alleged breach and seek the implementation of any corrective measures that they consider appropriate.

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<sup>3</sup> See Article 3 of the Minimum Standards for more information on accreditation passes in the PMOA.

<sup>4</sup> See Article 4.1 of the Minimum Standards for more information on the general prohibition.

<sup>5</sup> See Article 4.2 of the Minimum Standards for the exceptions to the general prohibition on the use of communication devices in the PMOA.

3. The Head of Integrity may request that the CA Security & Anti-Corruption Compliance Unit assist or support them in conducting an investigation, or otherwise refer any investigation to the CA Security & Anti-Corruption Compliance Unit.
4. The Head of Integrity will provide a report on such matters as required to the CA Head of Cricket Operations and CA's General Manager Big Bash Leagues.

### **Breach by staff, representative, official, contractor or volunteer (other than a Player or Player Support Personnel or Match Official)**

Where a CA Anti-Corruption Officer identifies a suspected breach of the Minimum Standards by any State or Territory Association or Big Bash League Team staff, representative, official, contractor or volunteer (other than a Player or Player Support Personnel or Match Official), and the breach does not relate to:

- the displaying of accreditation passes by Players, Player Support Personnel and Match Officials;<sup>6</sup>
- the use of communication devices in the PMOA;<sup>7</sup> or
- failures to comply with requests of the CA Anti-Corruption Officer,<sup>8</sup>

which are referred to in the sections below, they will proceed as follows:

1. The CA Anti-Corruption Officer will remove the person's accreditation immediately and they will no longer be granted access to the PMOA while the breach is investigated.
2. The CA Anti-Corruption Officer will report the alleged breach to the Head of Integrity and the Head of Security & Anti-Corruption Compliance.
3. The Head of Integrity will correspond with the State or Territory Association or Big Bash League Team to ascertain the explanation behind any alleged breach and to seek the implementation of any corrective measures that the Head of Integrity considers appropriate.<sup>9</sup>
4. The Head of Integrity will provide a report on such matters as required to the CA Head of Cricket Operations and the CA General Manager Big Bash Leagues.

### **Breach by Player, Player Support Personnel or Match Official**

#### **Article 3.2**

Where a CA Anti-Corruption Officer identifies a suspected breach relating to the displaying of accreditation passes by a Player, Player Support Personnel, or Match Officials:<sup>10</sup>

1. The CA Anti-Corruption Officer will report the alleged breach to the Head of Integrity and the CA Head of Security & Anti-Corruption Compliance.
2. The Head of Integrity will correspond with the Player, Player Support Personnel or Match Official to ascertain the explanation behind any alleged breach and to seek the implementation of any corrective measures that the Head of Integrity considers appropriate.

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<sup>6</sup> See Article 3.2 of the Minimum Standards for further information.

<sup>7</sup> See Article 4.1 of the Minimum Standards for further information.

<sup>8</sup> See Article 5.2 of the Minimum Standards for further information.

<sup>9</sup> These measures may include, without limitation, not returning the individual's accreditation pass and not granting further access to the individual to the PMOA for such period as the CA Head of Integrity determines acting in their absolute discretion.

<sup>10</sup> See Article 6.4 of the Minimum Standards for further information.

3. The Head of Integrity will provide a report on such matters to the CA General Manager, Legal.

#### **Articles 4.1 or 5.2**

Where a CA Anti-Corruption Officer identifies a suspected breach relating to the use of communication devices in the PMOA or a failure to comply with requests of the CA Anti-Corruption Officer by a Player, Player Support Personnel, or Match Official:<sup>11</sup>

1. The CA Anti-Corruption Officer will report the alleged breach to the Head of Integrity and the CA Head of Security & Anti-Corruption Compliance.
2. The Head of Integrity will seek an explanation for the alleged breach from the Player, Player Support Personnel or Match Official and determine whether the Player, Player Support Personnel or Match Officials is in breach of the relevant Article(s).
3. The Head of Integrity will provide a report on such matters to the CA General Manager, Legal.

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<sup>11</sup> See Article 6.5 of the Minimum Standards for further information.

## Appendix 1: Exceptions to the use of communication devices in the PMOA

	PMOA MS Article	Marsh One Day Cup	WNCL	Sheffield Shield
<b>PMOA Signage</b>		To be displayed at match.		
<b>Phone</b>	4.2.1, 4.2.3, 4.2.5 & 4.2.12	<p>PMOA is active once one team has arrived at the venue.</p> <p>Phones collected by a nominated person (one person, nominated Team Manager) and no phones to be used within the PMOA.</p> <p><b>Exception</b> - Phones used by the Team Manager, Doctor, Physio, and Team Media Manager are permitted to retain their phones and use in accordance with the PMOA MS. The Match Referee can also retain their phone.</p> <p>At conclusion of game, participants allowed access to their phones within any area, including the PMOA.</p>		
	4.2.1, 4.2.3, 4.2.5 & 4.2.12	<p>Team Manager to notify Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Compliance Manager once all phones have been collected.</p> <p>Team Manager to advise Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Compliance Manager of list of phone numbers retained by permitted personnel.</p>	<p>Nominated person to notify Match Referee once all phones have been collected.</p>	
<b>Laptop</b>	4.2.5, 4.2.12 & 4.2.13	<p>Personnel permitted to have laptops (with or without internet access):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Manager – for cricket operational purposes;</li> <li>• Analyst – for performance match analysis, to be used in accordance with the PMOA MS; and</li> <li>• Doctor or Physio permitted to have laptop – with or without internet access for medical purposes in accordance with PMOA MS.</li> </ul> <p>The Match Referee is permitted to have a laptop.</p> <p>In addition to above, a further (up to) three (3) laptops that have internet access will be permitted to allow coaching staff to meet cricket operational requirements.</p> <p>Team Manger is responsible for determining which coaches are granted the right to use a laptop and will keep records for each match noting the personnel that have been granted access and the operational purpose.</p>		

		<p>If requested by Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Manager or CA Integrity Unit, Team Manager will provide a copy of the record in relation to the requested match.</p> <p>Laptops must be Australian Cricket issued laptops and will be subject to random audit (on match day or any time after match day by Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Managers or CA Integrity Unit (or CA IT on behalf of CA Integrity) to ensure these conditions, PMOA MS and the Anti-Corruption Code are complied with.</p> <p>Communication is permitted where communication is required with external analysts or Australian Cricket personnel. The method of communication to be via Australian Cricket's Microsoft Teams or email and will also be subject to audit.</p> <p>The Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Manager or CA Integrity Unit may direct that the laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) be used only in a specific area or location within the PMOA.</p> <p>Webmail and social media platforms that facilitate communication (e.g. WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook Messenger) to be disabled on laptops using internet (i.e. only Australian Cricket email accounts or MS Teams permitted).</p> <p><b>Exception</b> – Analysts are permitted to use WhatsApp to communicate with Cricket 21 for performance match analysis. WhatsApp to be made available for audit upon request.</p>
<p><b>Umpire Coaches</b></p>	<p>4.2.9 and 4.2.10</p>	<p>Match Referee is permitted to have a phone and laptop with access to internet for cricket operational purposes.</p> <p>To align with the ICC PMOA MS, nominated umpire coaches (referred to as umpire performance managers in the PMOA MS) may also have a laptop and internet access for cricket operational requirements.</p> <p>Senior Match Officials Manager to advise CA Integrity Unit and Head of Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Compliance of the nominated umpire coaches.</p> <p>Laptops must be Australian Cricket issued laptops and will be subject to random audit (on match day or any time after match day by Security &amp; Anti-Corruption Managers or CA Integrity Unit) to ensure these conditions, PMOA MS and the Anti-Corruption Code are complied with.</p> <p>Communication is permitted where communication is required with Australian Cricket personnel. The method of communication to be via Australian Cricket's Microsoft Teams or email and will also be subject to audit.</p> <p>Webmail and social media platforms that facilitate communication (e.g. WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook Messenger) to be disabled on laptops using internet.</p>