

# **PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD**

## **NOC GUIDE 2020**

### **1. Purpose**

This document aims to provide a clear framework for issuing No Objection Certificates (NOC) to Pakistani cricketers.

PCB will make reasonable attempts to facilitate NOC requests, subject to the below criteria being taken into consideration. Additionally, the PCB will take into account national interests at all times.

### **2. Centrally Contracted Players**

*2.1 This section will cover players who are centrally contracted by the PCB.*

- i. NOC email requests must be sent to Coordinator International Cricket Operations (CICO) with a copy to Sr. Manager Cricket Operations.

PCB will only acknowledge and deal with NOC requests from:

- PCB Registered Agent/Managers
  - Players
  - Foreign Domestic Franchises, or Clubs
  - Foreign Leagues
- ii. Only ICC approved domestic tournaments and leagues will be considered.
  - iii. Excluding PSL, PCB Centrally Contracted players may seek clearance for up to a maximum of three (3) foreign NOCs.

*2.2 Process when considering an NOC request*

- i. The CICO will forward the request to the Director of International Cricket Operations for initial assessment to initiate the process
- ii. Once recommended, the CICO will forward the NOC request to the Head Coach for review and his written opinion
- iii. Head Coach in consultation with team management, will use the following broad parameters to assess the request:
  - Fitness and workload management

- Requirement for national duty
- iv. Should the Head Coach and team management recommend to grant the NOC request, final approval will be sought from the CEO, via email.
- v. CICO will inform the respective point of contact (Agent/Manager or Player) of the decision by email.

### **3. Domestic Contracted Players**

3.1 *This section will cover players who are contracted by their Cricket Association (CA).*

PCB will only acknowledge and deal with email requests from:

- PCB Registered Agent/Manager
- Players
- Foreign Domestic Franchises, or Clubs
- Foreign Leagues

Only ICC approved domestic tournaments and leagues will be considered.

3.2 *Process when considering an NOC request*

- i. The player/agent will directly request an NOC from his domestic team Head Coach
- ii. If recommended by the Head Coach of the domestic team, the player/agent will forward the email confirmation to PCB for its NOC consideration to the CICO with a copy to Sr. Manager Cricket Operations.
- iii. The CICO will forward the player/agent request to the CEO for final approval
- iv. CICO will inform the respective player/agent of the decision by email and will accordingly communicate the final decision.

### **4. Inactive & Retired Players**

4.1 This section will cover players who are either inactive or have retired from domestic and International cricket.

- i. NOC email requests must be sent to Coordinator International Cricket Operations (CICO) with a copy to Sr. Manager Cricket Operations.

4.1.1 *Inactive Players:*

- Players who have not played domestic cricket in Pakistan for up to 12 months from the NOC request date, shall require an NOC approval from PCB to participate in foreign leagues, tournaments and clubs.

- Players who are deemed as being inactive from domestic cricket beyond 12 months shall be granted NOC approval unless the CEO rejects such request by recording reasons in writing.
- PCB shall confirm by email to the player, that they qualify as being inactive under the above rule

#### 4.1.2 *Retired Players:*

- Players who are retired from domestic and International cricket will, in line with ICC regulations, require a PCB NOC to participate in foreign leagues, tournaments and clubs up to and including 24 months after they officially announce their retirement
- Players who are retired beyond 24 months shall be granted NOC approval unless the CEO rejects such request by recording reasons in writing.
- PCB shall confirm by email to the player, that they qualify as being retired under the above rule

#### 4.1.3 Retirement from one or more formats

- If a player retires from one of either the T20 or 50 over formats, he will be expected to be available for selection for that format in domestic cricket in which he is available. Failure to do so will result in a player not qualifying for PCB NOC consideration.
- The same principle will apply if a player retires from red ball cricket.

### 5. **NOC Key PCB Principles**

- ❖ For timely decisions on NOCs, requests must be received a minimum of seven (07) days in advance of an expected player departure date. In extenuating circumstances, such as a late call up due to a withdrawal to another player, a minimum of 2 days' notice will be required by PCB.
- ❖ Subject to injury or any other justifiable reason such as bereavement or illness, white ball specialists - who do not play any domestic red-ball cricket, will be expected to commit and participate in the National T20 Cup and Pakistan Cup in order for PCB to consider NOC requests for International leagues, clubs and tournaments. See 4.1.3.
- ❖ All centrally contracted players and domestic contracted players will be expected to fulfil playing and training obligations with their CAs ahead of foreign assignments.
- ❖ Only ICC and Member Board tournaments and leagues will be considered. As part of its due diligence, PCB reserves the right to further investigate foreign tournaments and leagues should it wish to do so, prior to making a decision on an NOC request.

- ❖ If a player is not receiving payment for representing a foreign franchise or club, a letter will need to be submitted with the NOC request, confirming that all costs related to the foreign assignment will be covered by the player or by a confirmed third party.
- ❖ All efforts will be made to ensure that a granted NOC is not revoked. The final decision to revoke a granted NOC shall rest solely with the PCB CEO.
- ❖ PCB's commercial obligations and relationship with other cricket boards/stakeholders will be taken into consideration when deciding on NOC requests.