



**PAKISTAN JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
**SUSPECTED ILLEGAL BOWLING ACTION POLICY**

## DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, capitalized words shall bear the same meaning as ascribed to the term in the Laws of Cricket; however, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

**Cleared.** The outcome, following an Official Assessment Report, when the Official Assessment Report states that the Player's bowling action no longer contravenes Law 24.2 (as read with Law 24.3) of the Laws of Cricket. For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that a bowling action may be **cleared**; does not mean that the relevant Player may not be called/reported again by an umpire, be the subject of a Report, or subject to a further assessment of his bowling action under this Policy during the same or any subsequent Season.

**Franchisee.** An entity which owns and operates a Team. Provided that for the 2022 PJJ Season, the PCB shall be acting as the Franchisee.

**ICC** The International Cricket Council.

**ICC Approved Cricket Centres** The sports science centres accredited by the ICC to conduct 3D biomechanics analysis of the bowling action of cricketers.

**ICC Member Authority** Any full, associate or affiliate member of the ICC from time to time.

**Illegal Bowling Action.** A bowling action which contravenes Law 24.2 (as read with Law 24.3) of the Laws of Cricket.

**Laws of Cricket.** The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code: 6th Edition 2015) or such further revisions thereof as may come into force from time to time under an ICC regulation or as adopted by the Marylebone Cricket Club, and "Law" shall be construed accordingly

**League.** The Pakistan Junior League (known at the date of adoption of this policy as the HBL Pakistan Junior League) which has been established by PCB and which shall take place each year as may be determined by PCB.

**Match.** Any cricket match (including any part or aspect thereof) in the League including the Playoff Matches.

**Match Officials.** The group comprising the Match Referee and the four Umpires for the relevant Match.

**Match Referee.** The person appointed by the PJJ as the official Match Referee for a Match.

**National Cricket Board** A national or regional entity which is a member of the ICC or is recognized by the ICC as the entity governing the sport of cricket in a country (or collective group of countries associated for cricket purposes).

**Official Assessment.** An assessment undertaken by PCB/PJJ TC sends and Approves from a PCB Approved Centre and in each such case the report published by the PJJ TC Approved from a PCB Approved Centre shall be the Official Assessment Report.

**PCB.** Pakistan Cricket Board.

**PCB Approved Centre.** The HPC (High Performance Centre) accredited by the PCB to conduct biomechanics analysis of the bowling action of cricketers.

**PJL.** Pakistan Junior League / PCB Management.

**PJL TC.** Pakistan Junior League Technical Committee.

**Player.** Any cricketer who is selected to represent a Franchisee in any Match or who forms part of such Franchisee's squad of players.

**Playoff Match.** The Matches which take place at the end of the Season to determine the winner, runner-up, third placed and fourth placed team of the League for the Season.

**Policy.** Pakistan Junior League Suspected Illegal Bowling Action Policy.

**Report or Match Officials' Report.** As defined under Clause 2.1 of the Policy.

**Season.** In each year the period of time during which the League shall take place.

**Team.** Any team participating in the League from time to time.

**Team Manager.** The person appointed by the Franchisee from time to time as the manager of the Team.

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This Policy is effective from 24 September 2022 and details the process for dealing with a Player who is called by an Umpire for throwing in accordance with Law 24.2, or is suspected by the Umpire(s) and/or Match Referee for bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action in a Match.
- 1.2 Nothing contained herein shall override an Umpire's responsibility and discretion to apply Law 24, which Umpires are urged to apply with vigilance.
- 1.3 The Umpires and Match Referee, in deciding whether to report a Player under this Policy, should use the naked eye for viewing the relevant Player's bowling action during the Match – either live or on television at normal speed. Slow motion video footage or other technological support should only be used to confirm initial suspicions.
- 1.4 If a Player is called by an Umpire for throwing in accordance with Law 24.2, or is suspected by an Umpire(s) and/or Match Referee for bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action during a Match, the procedures in clause 2 shall apply.
- 1.5 Any Player suspended from bowling by the PCB/PJL TC or any ICC Member Authority shall not be allowed to bowl in Matches until such date as his bowling action has been **cleared**.

**NOTE: Where a Player is reported during a Match and is subsequently banned from bowling in Matches then for the purposes of this Policy he can only be cleared following an Official Assessment Report published by a PCB Approved Centre.**

## **2 REPORTING PROCEDURE**

- 2.1 Any one of the following individuals may, at the conclusion of a Match in which they have officiated, submit a report by completing the template Bowling Action Report Form (a "Match Officials' Report"):
  - 2.1.1 Umpires and Match Referee.
- 2.2 If a Player is suspected by an Umpire and/or the Match Referee of bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action, the player will be given a first and final warning.
- 2.3 If the same player is called by an Umpire under the provisions of Law 24.2 or 24.3 of the Laws of Cricket or is suspected by an Umpire and/or the Match Referee of bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action for the second time, the player will be suspended immediately from bowling again in the 6th edition of Pakistan Junior League, unless he has been cleared to bowl by a PCB Approved Centre.
- 2.4 A Match Officials' Report shall be submitted where a Player is either called by an Umpire under the provisions of Law 24.2 OR 24.3 of the Laws of Cricket or is suspected by an Umpire and/or the Match Referee of bowling with an Illegal Bowling Action. The Match Officials' Report shall detail their concerns about the bowling action of a Player including whether those concerns relate to the Player's Standard Delivery Type or one or more Specific Variations.
- 2.5 In the case where there is disagreement amongst the Match Officials regarding the Player's bowling action, any member of the Match Officials' group may make a written submission to the Match Referee detailing his concern about the bowling action of 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. The Match Referee shall decide in his absolute discretion whether to make a Report in such circumstances.

- 2.6 As soon as practicable, the Match Referee shall give a copy of the Report to the PJJ TC. For expediency, such Report may be handed over to the PJJ TC Head. Once the report is approved, then as soon as practicable the PJJ TC shall provide a copy of the Report to the Player's Team Manager.
- 2.7 In the event that the Player's Team Manager has left the ground prior to the Report being available, efforts shall be made to make contact with the Player's Team Manager to inform him of the Report and all reasonable endeavors will be used to ensure that it is provided to the Player's Team Manager as soon as is practically possible.
- 2.8 As soon as practicable once the Player's Team Manager has been sent a copy of the Report, PJJ TC shall make a media statement to the effect that the Player has been Reported.
- 2.8.1 PJJ TC shall send all Match Referees and those Umpires who are to officiate in subsequent Matches involving a Reported Player.

### **3 POST REPORT PROCEDURE**

- 3.1 PJJ TC will circulate the first and final warning list to all Match Officials and Franchisees from time to time during the Season as it is updated as Players are Reported or Cleared.
- 3.2 PCB recommends that any Player who is banned from bowling in Matches or who is on the First and final warning list should undergo a course of bowling rehabilitation from a PCB Approved Centre to ensure that the Player's bowling action does not contravene Law 24.
- 3.3 While on the First and final warning list, the Player may continue to be selected to play for his Team in a Match and may bowl in any Match.
- 3.4 If a Player receives a Final Warning (Second Occurrence) the Player shall be suspended from bowling in any PJJ matches organized by the PCB until such date as his bowling action is cleared by a PCB Approved Centre. A Player suspended from bowling may continue to be selected to play in Matches; however, he will not be entitled to bowl until he is cleared by a PCB Approved Centre.

### **4 OFFICIAL ASSESMENT**

- 4.1 Any Player whose name is on the First and final warning list or (ii) who is banned from bowling in Matches may proceed for an Official Assessment at a PCB Approved Centre.
- 4.2 Before a Player proceeds for an Official Assessment, the concerned franchise is required to notify PJJ TC that the player has left for an official assessment.
- 4.3 A player whose action has been cleared may bowl in Matches after receipt of the Official Assessment Report conducted by a PCB Approved Centre and have his name removed from the First and final warning list. However, any Player who is reported after having been cleared during the Season will be banned from bowling for the rest of the Season.

4.4 The Player/Franchisee shall be responsible for the cost of the analysis and report prepared by a PCB or ICC Approved Centre.

Note: The ICC Approved Accredited Testing Centers include the following institutions:

- Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan;
- Loughborough University, Leicestershire, UK;
- Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai, India;
- The National Cricket Centre, Brisbane, Australia; and
- The University of Pretoria, Hatfield, South Africa

## **5 RIGHT OF APPEAL**

5.1 A Player, who has been Reported and/ or subsequently suspended from bowling during a Season, shall have no right of appeal against the Report or the outcome of any Official Assessment.