



BCCI'S MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PLAYERS AND MATCH OFFICIALS AREAS AT IPL MATCHES

For the purposes of these *Minimum Standards*, words in italicised text shall take the definitions ascribed to them in the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Code* or, where there are none, those set below:

BCCI: means The Board of Control for Cricket in India.

BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager: means the individual(s) appointed by the *BCCI ACU* from time to time to provide anti-corruption and security support services to the ACU at, and around, all relevant *Matches*.

Head ACU: means the individual appointed by BCCI with supervisory responsibilities in relation to the BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit ("ACU").

IPL: means the Indian Premier League.

IPL Match or Match: means any match forming part of the Indian Premier League.

Match Official: means any of the following individuals: *Match Referee, Umpire, Match Official Support Personnel and any technical expert appointed by the BCCI to provide technological support to the Umpires from time to time.*

Match Official Support Personnel: Any technical officials (for example, and without limitation, any official with responsibility for operating the communication equipment for Match Officials during a Match) or umpire coaches appointed (by the BCCI) to support the Match Officials in their appointments to any Match.

Mobile Device: means any portable device (including mobile phones, personal communication technology and enabled watches), 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.

Player Support Personnel: means up to 11 appropriately qualified staff engaged by each Franchisee in the cricket support roles of team manager, coaches, trainers, physiotherapist, masseur, analyst, logistics and mentor.

PMOA: means as defined in Article 2.1, below.



ARTICLE 1 INTRODUCTION, SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 *BCCI* has adopted these *Minimum Standards* in support of the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Code* and the fundamental sporting imperatives which that *Code* is designed to address. In particular, the *Minimum Standards* seek to combat advancing mobile communication technology and increasing sophistication in the methods by which betting takes place on cricket matches, 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 *PMOA* on the day of an *IPL Match* right through until the formal conclusion of the *IPL Match* (i.e. after the last ball has been bowled).
- 1.2 By their participation (in the case of a *Player*) or assistance in participation or other involvement (in the case of a *Franchisee, Player Support Personnel, Franchisee, Match Official* or *Match Official Support Personnel*) in a *Match*, all *Players, Player Support Personnel, Franchisee, Match Officials* and *Match Official Support Personnel* shall be deemed to;
: (a) have agreed that they are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of these *Minimum Standards*; and (b) agree to submit to the authority of the *Head ACU* (and/or any individual appointed by either to act on his/her behalf), to adopt, apply, monitor and enforce these *Minimum Standards*.
- 1.3 For the avoidance of any doubt, nothing in these *Minimum Standards* is intended to limit the responsibilities of any *Franchisee, Player, Player Support Personnel, Match Official* or *Match Official Support Personnel* under the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Code* or any other *BCCI* or *IPL* regulations that may apply from time to time.
- 1.4 The *Minimum Standards* shall come into full force and effect on **1 March 2019** and shall replace all previous versions of the *Minimum Standards*.

ARTICLE 2 ACCESS TO THE PLAYERS AND MATCH OFFICIALS AREA (“*PMOA*”)

- 2.1 At each *IPL Match*, the *PMOA* shall comprise of the following areas:
 - 2.1.1 each of the dressing rooms (including any adjoining medical or other similar rooms) that are used by the teams participating in the relevant *Match*;
 - 2.1.2 each of the dressing rooms (including any adjoining medical or other similar rooms) that are used by the *Match Officials* in the relevant *Match*;
 - 2.1.3 each of the *Match* viewing areas (whether internal or external, including any ‘dug-out’ area) used by the teams participating in the relevant *Match*;
 - 2.1.4 the operational room(s) used by any *Match Official* (including third or other *Umpires*) during the course of the relevant *Match*;
 - 2.1.5 the operational room(s) used by the *Match Referee* during the course of the relevant *Match*;

- 2.1.6 the dining area(s) used by the *Players, Player Support Personnel* and *Match Officials* during and after the relevant *Match*; and
- 2.1.7 all other areas that the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* determines should be included, such determination to be entirely at his/her discretion.
- 2.2 In relation to each *IPL Match* taking place at its home ground, the relevant *Franchisee with regard to Articles 2.2.1, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.2.10, 2.2.11, 2.2.12 and 2.2.13* or *BCCI* with regard to *Articles 2.2.2, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 2.2.7, 2.2.8 and 2.2.9* must:
- 2.2.1 ensure that there are no static / landline (or other) telephone communication devices within the *PMOA* on the day of the *Match*;
- 2.2.2 put in place an accreditation system that enables access to the *PMOA* to be strictly and easily controlled and monitored by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* and/or such other members of the security or stewarding team appointed for such purpose. Such accreditation system must include, at a minimum, the use of accreditation cards that bear a clear and easily identifiable photograph and the name of the individual to whom such card has been issued;
- 2.2.3 provide adequate security at each entrance to the *PMOA* at all times from the moment that the stadium has commenced its access control for the *Match* right through until all *Players* and *Match Officials* have left the stadium after the *Match* has been completed;
- 2.2.4 ensure that each of the members of the venue stewarding / security team allocated to be on duty pursuant to Article 2.2.3, above:
- (a) has been security-vetted by the appropriate authorities and has sufficient skill and experience to control and, wherever necessary, prevent entry to the *PMOA* from time to time;
- (b) is thoroughly briefed, in advance, by an appropriate representative of the *Franchisee* (and, where considered necessary, by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*) about what they are required to do to satisfactorily perform their duties in this regard;
- (c) is provided with appropriate identification so as to make him/her instantly recognisable as a member of the security or stewarding team; and
- (d) will ensure that the rules regarding the display of accreditation cards for the *PMOA* (as described in Article 3, below) are strictly adhered to at all times;
- 2.2.5 issue, reasonably in advance of the start of the *IPL* season, all accreditation cards permitting access to the *PMOA* to each of the relevant *Players*, and *Player Support Personnel*;
- 2.2.6 issue, reasonably in advance of the *IPL* season, all accreditation cards permitting access to the *PMOA* to each of the relevant *Match Officials*, and *Match Official Support Personnel*;

- 2.2.7 maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date list of all individuals to whom such cards have been issued and provide a copy of such list to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* at his/her request;
- 2.2.8 refer any additional requests for accreditation cards with access to the *PMOA* from time to time to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* for his/her consideration and approval;
- 2.2.9 provide a fixed photograph board at each entrance to the *PMOA* that bears a duplicate photograph of each person to whom accreditation cards for access to the *PMOA* have been issued pursuant to Articles 2.2.5 and 2.2.6, above, and a copy of the type of accreditation card(s) that allows entry to the *PMOA*;
- 2.2.10 install CCTV covering all access points to each of the team dressing rooms and shall ensure that such footage is copied at the end of the *Match* to a hard-drive or any other device provided by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*;

GUIDANCE NOTE: *It is not a requirement of these Minimum Standards, but as a matter of 'best practice', the BCCI's ACU recommends that, unless otherwise agreed by the BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager, each of the team dressing rooms should only have one entry/exit point.*

- 2.2.11 ensure that there are no fixed or temporary video cameras or other recording equipment set up within any dressing room (including any adjoining medical or other similar rooms) used by the teams or *Match Officials* for the purposes of broadcasting video or audio footage from the moment that the stadium has commenced its access control for the *Match* right through until the *Match* has been completed (i.e. the last ball has been bowled);
- 2.2.12 provide a safe and secure locker (or other similar storage facility), into which all *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* (subject to the limited exceptions set out herein) must deposit any *Mobile Device* prior to entering the *PMOA*; and
- 2.2.13 provide a safe and secure locker (or other similar storage facility), into which all temporary visitors (including *BCCI* and *Franchisee* staff) to the *PMOA* must deposit any *Mobile Device* prior to entering the *PMOA*, together with a logbook facility that allows such storage to be accurately recorded and monitored.

2.3 In relation to each *IPL Match*, the *Match Referee* must:

- 2.3.1 check whether there are any static/landline (or other) telephone communication devices within the operational room(s) used by any *Match Official* on the day of the *Match* and, where any exist, immediately report the same to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*;
- 2.3.2 check whether there are any fixed or temporary video cameras set up within the operational room(s) used by any *Match Official* on the day of the *Match* and, where any exist, immediately the report the same to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*;

- 2.3.3 ensure that the rules regarding the display of accreditation cards for the *PMOA* (as described in Article 3 below) are strictly adhered to by the *Match Officials* at all times; and
- 2.3.4 implement a protocol pursuant to which all *Mobile Devices* must be (a) collected from the *Umpires* (including third or other *Umpires*) prior to their entry to the venue on the day of the *Match*, and (b) safely and securely stored during the *Match* until such time as those *Mobile Devices* can be returned in accordance with these *Minimum Standards*.

ARTICLE 3 DISPLAY OF ACCREDITATION CARDS FOR THE *PMOA*

3.1 General Principles:

- 3.1.1 As a general rule, access to the *PMOA* will be restricted to only those individuals whose presence in that area is absolutely essential for operational purposes. This would invariably include *Players, Match Officials, BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*, other BCCI ACU staff and *Player Support Personnel* such as members of the team coaching staff, medical and physiotherapy staff, team analyst, kit/baggage man, team liaison officer, team media manager and team security manager.
- 3.1.2 In certain circumstances, *PMOA* accreditation may also need to be issued to other individuals who may need access to the *PMOA* from time to time for operational reasons, including, for example, BCCI officials and members of the venue's security, maintenance or cleaning or catering staff. In respect of such individuals who require access on a regular basis through the IPL season, a special supplementary *PMOA* accreditation card may be authorized by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* and produced in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 2.2.2. In respect of individuals who need temporary access to the *PMOA*, temporary "visitor" accreditation may be issued by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*. Such temporary accreditation can only be provided by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*, who may impose such conditions on the accreditation (including for specific time periods or areas etc.) as he/she deems appropriate in the circumstances.
- 3.1.3 For the avoidance of doubt, and except as described in Article 3.2, below, no individual, irrespective of their identity, job, role or responsibility, will be allowed to enter, or remain within, the *PMOA* without displaying an official accreditation card.

3.2 *Players, Player Support Personnel* and *Match Officials*:

- 3.2.1 All *Players, Player Support Personnel* and *Match Officials* must display their *PMOA* accreditation cards prior to their first entry into the *PMOA* on the day of an *IPL Match*.
- 3.2.2 Once they have complied with Article 3.2.1, all *Players, Player Support Personnel* and *Match Officials* do not need to continue to display or carry their *PMOA* accreditation cards so long as they remain at all times within any of the *PMOA*, the nets or practice area or field of play.

3.3 'Visitors' to the *PMOA*:

- 3.3.1 All visitors must display their supplementary *PMOA* accreditation card or their *PMOA* temporary 'visitor' accreditation card (as relevant) whenever they enter or leave the *PMOA* from the moment that the stadium has commenced its access control for an *IPL Match* right through until the *Match* has been completed (i.e. the last ball has been bowled).
- 3.3.2 All temporary visitors must carry their supplementary *PMOA* accreditation card or their *PMOA* temporary 'visitor' accreditation card (as relevant) at all times whilst they remain within the *PMOA*.

ARTICLE 4 USE OF COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN THE *PMOA*

4.1 Subject strictly to the exceptions set out in Article 4.2, the following prohibitions shall apply from the moment that the first *Player* of any participating team enters the *PMOA* for an *IPL Match* right through until the formal conclusion of the *Match* (i.e. after the final ball has been bowled):

4.1.1 no person shall be allowed to use and/or carry any *Mobile Device* for any reason whatsoever, whether to access the *Internet* or otherwise, in the *PMOA*;

4.1.2 no person shall be allowed to use and/or or carry, any laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) for any reason whatsoever, whether to access the *Internet* or otherwise, in the *PMOA*; and

4.1.3 no person shall be allowed to use any static / landline (or similar) telephone capable of making calls from inside or receiving calls from outside the *PMOA*.

4.2 Unless otherwise agreed by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* in advance, the only exceptions to the above prohibitions are:

4.2.1 each team manager shall be permitted to carry a *Mobile Device* within the *PMOA*, provided that it is used either: (a) by him/her for cricket operations purposes only; and/or (b) by any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* for any important personal matter, provided that the team manager has given his express permission to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* before such use;

4.2.2 not used;

4.2.3 each team security manager and *Match Officials* security manager shall be permitted to carry a *Mobile Device* within the *PMOA* but any such device must be turned onto silent mode at all times whilst such individual is in the *PMOA* and must not be used for any purpose either inside or outside the *PMOA* at the venue, other than in the case of a security emergency;

4.2.4 each *Match Referee* shall be permitted to carry all of the *Mobile Devices* that have been collected from each *Umpire* (including any third or other *Umpire*) as part of any protocol implemented by a *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 2.3.4 above;

4.2.5 each team manager shall be permitted to carry and use a laptop computer (or any other similar communication device), whether to access the *Internet* or otherwise, within the *PMOA*, provided that it is used only by him/her and only for cricket operations purposes of a logistical or administrative nature related to the *Match* or upcoming *IPL Matches*;

GUIDANCE NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, any team manager who uses his laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) other than for cricket operations purposes of a logistical or administrative nature (for example, for personal use) shall automatically be in breach of Article 4.2.5.

Nothing in Article 4.2.5 shall prevent a Player or Player Support Personnel being able to view the screen of a laptop computer that is being used by the team manager, provided that his/her viewing of the laptop: (a) is carried out at all times in the company of the team manager; and (b) is for cricket operations purposes of a logistical or administrative nature only.

- 4.2.6 a further one other *Player Support Personnel* per team, whose identity must be approved in advance by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*, shall be permitted to carry and use a laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) within the *PMOA*, provided that: (a) it is used only by the identified individual and only for cricket operations purposes; (b) it may not be used to access the *Internet* and/or for any audio-video communication at any time until the final ball in the *Match* has been delivered; and (c) the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* shall have absolute discretion to direct that the laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) be used only in a specific area or location within the *PMOA*.

GUIDANCE NOTE: *Nothing in Article 4.2.6 shall prevent a Player or Player Support Personnel being able to view the screen of a laptop computer that is being used by the permitted Player Support Personnel, provided that his/her viewing of the laptop: (a) is carried out at all times in the company of the permitted Player Support Personnel; and (b) is for cricket operations purposes only.*

- 4.2.7 the *Match Referee* shall be permitted to carry a *Mobile Device* within the *PMOA*, provided that it is used either: (a) by him/her for cricket operations purposes only; and/or (b) by any *Match Official* for any important personal matter only, provided that the *Match Referee* has given his express permission to the *Match Official* before such use;

- 4.2.8 the *Match Referee* shall be permitted to carry and use a laptop computer (or any other similar device), whether to access the *Internet* or otherwise, within the *PMOA*, provided that it is used only by him/her and only for cricket operations purposes;

- 4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, none of the foregoing provisions shall operate to prevent:

- 4.3.1 the use of two-way handheld devices that use dedicated frequencies over short distances (i.e. a walkie-talkie) by *Player Support Personnel* for the purpose of communication between the dug-out and dressing room area for medical and/or tactical reasons only in accordance with the relevant match playing conditions, provided that such communication devices are suitably encrypted to avoid detection by any third party in the nearby vicinity; and/or

- 4.3.2 the use of electronic communication devices between on and off-field *Match Officials* in accordance with the relevant playing conditions and/or any other communication protocols as may be required from time to time, provided that such communication devices are suitably encrypted to avoid detection by any third party in the nearby vicinity;

- 4.3.3 the wearing of microphones by a player in an IPL Match, provided that it is for the purposes of providing commentary to a television broadcast only and it complies with any official regulations that may be in force governing the type and nature of any commentary that Players may or may not be permitted to make on such broadcast during any such Match.

- 4.4 For the avoidance of any doubt, all individuals permitted to carry and use a laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) within the *PMOA* pursuant to Article 4.2 are deemed to have (a) consented to such laptop or other device being monitored by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* for the purpose of establishing whether or not the *Internet* has been accessed in any relevant period, (b) agreed to provide such laptop or other device to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* immediately upon request so that any identified *Internet* browsing activity can be audited and (c) agreed to provide such technical information (including, without limitation, any applicable MAC number) about such laptop or other device to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* as may be necessary to carry out such monitoring and/or auditing activity.

ARTICLE 5 LEAVING THE *PMOA*

- 5.1 Other than in the case of a medical or security emergency, once inside the *PMOA*, should any *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* need to leave for any personal or any other matter that is not related to the performance of his duties in the *Match* in question, the following process must be followed:

- 5.1.1 prior to leaving the *PMOA*, he/she must obtain the express permission of either (a) the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*, or (b) where the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* is unavailable, the relevant team manager (in the case of a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*) or *Match Referee* (in the case of an *Umpire*), who must as soon as possible report the grant of any such permission to the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager*.

GUIDANCE NOTE: such permission must explicitly set out where the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* is allowed to go within the venue, for what purpose and with whom he/she is entitled to communicate in order to complete that purpose.

- 5.1.2 whilst outside of the *PMOA*, the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* must

(a) carry his/her *PMOA* accreditation card and display it again prior to returning to the *PMOA*;

(b) comply with all of the restrictions on use of communication devices described in Article 4, as if such person was still in the *PMOA*; and

(c) only communicate with those third parties with whom he/she has permission to communicate and only engage in such communications as are necessary for the completion of such purposes as have been approved.

ARTICLE 6 THE AUTHORITY OF THE *BCCI ANTI-CORRUPTION MANAGER*

- 6.1 *At each IPL Match, all Franchisees, Players, Player Support Personnel, Match Officials, Match Official Support Personnel and any other visitors to the PMOA agree and acknowledge that the BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager (or such other member of the BCCI ACU) shall have absolute authority, without being required to provide any explanation or reason, to:*
- 6.1.1 *be present in any part of the PMOA (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any part of the dressing room) where he/she considers appropriate at any time on the day of the Match;*
 - 6.1.2 *issue temporary 'visitor' accreditation cards for the PMOA where he/she considers appropriate on the day of the Match;*
 - 6.1.3 *approve or deny any request for PMOA accreditation cards, irrespective of the identity of the individual requesting such accreditation;*
 - 6.1.4 *remove, or cancel the validity of, any PMOA accreditation card already issued, irrespective of the identity of the individual with such accreditation;*
 - 6.1.5 *require any person who is not displaying a valid accreditation card to leave the PMOA immediately, irrespective of the identity of such individual;*
 - 6.1.6 *require any person in possession of any Mobile Device, laptop computer (or any other similar device) to immediately provide such Mobile Device, laptop computer (or any other similar device) to the BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager for auditing purposes, such auditing to take place at an agreed time and place and in the presence of the owner; and*
 - 6.1.7 *require any person in the PMOA to immediately submit themselves and/or any clothing, baggage or other items in their possession, to be searched by the BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager, provided that such search is carried out in the presence of a third party who shall be a member of the venue stewarding / security team.*
 - 6.1.8 *accompany any Player, Player Support Personnel or Match Official who has been given permission to leave the PMOA for an expressly approved purpose.*
- 6.2 *Any failure to comply with any request made under Articles 6.1.6 or 6.1.7 shall be deemed to be a breach of these Minimum Standards and will be dealt with in accordance with Article 7, below.*

ARTICLE 7 BREACHES OF THE *MINIMUM STANDARDS*

- 7.1 *Where any Franchisee is alleged to have breached any of Articles 2.2.1 – 2.2.13 (inclusive), then such alleged breach will be reported by the BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager to the Head ACU. Thereafter, the Head ACU shall correspond with the Franchisee in an attempt to ascertain the explanation behind any alleged breach and to seek the implementation of any corrective measures that he/she considers appropriate.*
- 7.2 *Where any Match Referee is alleged to have breached any of Articles 2.3.1 – 2.3.4 (inclusive), then such alleged breach will be reported by the BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager to the Head ACU.*

Thereafter, the *Head ACU* shall correspond with the *Match Referee* in an attempt to ascertain the explanation behind any alleged breach and to seek the implementation of any corrective measures that he/she considers appropriate.

7.3 Where any *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* is alleged to have breached Article 3.2, then such alleged breach will be reported by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* to the *Head ACU*. Thereafter, the *Head ACU* shall correspond with the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* (copying in the relevant Franchisee to which the *Player, Player Support Personnel* is affiliated) in an attempt to ascertain the explanation behind any alleged breach and to seek the implementation of any corrective measures that he/she considers appropriate.

7.4 Where any *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* is alleged to have breached either of Articles 4.1, 5.1, 6.1 or 6.2, then any such alleged breach will be reported by the *BCCI Anti-Corruption Manager* to the *Head ACU*. Thereafter:

7.4.1 the *Head ACU* will write to the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* (copying the letter to the relevant Franchisee to which the *Player, Player Support Personnel* is affiliated) seeking an explanation for the alleged breach, such explanation to be provided within a period of forty eight hours;

7.4.2 upon receipt of any such explanation (or after the expiry of forty eight hours, whichever is the earliest) the *Head ACU* shall determine whether the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* is in breach of the relevant Article(s). Where the *Head ACU* determines that there has been a breach of either Article 4.1, 5.1, 6.1 or 6.2:

(a) in the case of a first breach, the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* will receive a fine of INR 1,00,000 imposed against him by the *Head ACU*;

(b) in the case of a second breach (irrespective of whether the second breach is of the same Article as that previously breached, the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* will have a fine of INR 3,00,000 imposed against him by the *Head ACU*; and

(c) in the case of a third, or any subsequent, breach (irrespective of whether the third, or any subsequent, breach is of the same Article as those previously breached), the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* will be banned for up to 3 IPL Matches and have a fine of INR 5,00,000 imposed against him by the *Head ACU*.

7.4.3 Any decision made by the *Head ACU* in relation to any of the above, shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter, immediately binding and non-appealable.