

## ICC'S MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PLAYERS' AND MATCH OFFICIALS' AREAS AT INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

For the purposes of these *Minimum Standards*, words in italicised text shall take the definitions ascribed to them in Appendix 1 of the *ICC's Anti-Corruption Code* or, where there are none, those set below:

**ICC Regional Security Manager:** means the individual(s) appointed by the *ICC's ACSU* from time to time to provide anti-corruption and security support services to the *ACSU* at, and around, all relevant *International Matches*.

**Internet:** means the global communications system of computer networks accessible by the public whether wirelessly or through a cable feed, which interconnect, either directly or indirectly, individual computers and/or networks by accessing, among others, the world wide web and derivative URL addresses.

**Match Official:** means any of the following individuals: *Match Referee*, *Umpire*, *Regional Umpire Performance Manager* and any technical expert appointed by the *ICC* to provide technological support to the *Umpires* from time to time.

**Mobile Device:** means any portable device (including a personal digital assistant (PDA), blackberry or mobile phone) 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.

**PMOA:** means as defined in Article 2.1, below.

**Regional Umpire Performance Manager:** means the individual appointed by the *ICC* to provide performance management support to the *Umpires* from time to time.

### ARTICLE 1 INTRODUCTION, SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 The *ICC* has adopted these *Minimum Standards* in support of the *ICC's 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 third parties prior to and during any *International Match*.
- 1.2 All *National Cricket Federations*, *Players*, *Player Support Personnel* and *Match Officials*: (a) 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 *ACSU General Manager* (and/or any individual appointed by him/her 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 *National Cricket Federation*, *Player*, *Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* under the *ICC's Anti-Corruption Code* or any other *ICC* regulations that may apply from time to time.
- 1.4 Unless otherwise indicated, words in italicised text in these *Minimum Standards* are defined terms and their definitions are set out in Appendix 1 of the *ICC's Anti-Corruption Code*.

- 1.5 The *Minimum Standards* shall come into full force and effect on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2011** 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 *International 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 *International 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 *International 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 *International Match*;
  - 2.1.4 the operational room(s) used by any *Umpire* (including third or other *Umpires*) during the course of the relevant *International Match*;
  - 2.1.5 the operational room(s) used by the *Match Referee* during the course of the relevant *International Match*;
  - 2.1.6 the dining area(s) used by the *Players*, *Player Support Personnel* and *Match Officials* during and after the relevant *International Match*; and
  - 2.1.7 all other areas that the *ICC Regional Security Manager* determines should be included, such determination to be entirely at his/her discretion.
- 2.2 In relation to each *International Match* taking place within its geographical jurisdiction, the relevant *National Cricket Federation* must:
- 2.2.1 ensure that there are no static / landline (or other) telephone communication devices within the *PMOA* on the day of an *International 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 *ICC Regional Security 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 passes that bear a clear and easily identifiable photograph and the name of the individual to whom such pass has been issued;
  - 2.2.3 provide at least two members of the venue stewarding / security team to be on duty at each entrance to the *PMOA* from the moment that the stadium has been secured for an *International Match* right through until all *Players* and *Match Officials* have left the stadium after the *International Match* has been completed or at the completion of a day's play (as applicable);
  - 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 *National Cricket Federation* (and, where considered necessary, by the *ICC Regional Security 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 passes for the *PMOA* (as described in Article 3, below) are strictly adhered to at all times.
- 2.2.5 issue, reasonably in advance of each *International Match*, all accreditation passes permitting access to the *PMOA* to each of the relevant *Players*, *Player Support Personnel*;
- 2.2.6 issue, within eight (8) hours of entry into the relevant country, all accreditation passes permitting access to the *PMOA* to each of the relevant *Match Officials*;
- 2.2.7 maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date list of all individuals to whom such passes have been issued and provide a copy of such list to the *ICC Regional Security Manager* at his/her request;
- 2.2.8 refer any additional requests for accreditation from time to time to the *ICC Regional Security 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 passes 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 pass(es) that allows entry to the *PMOA*;
- 2.2.10 install CCTV covering all access points to each of the team dressing rooms, retain such footage for a minimum period of three months, and provide to the *ICC's Regional Security Manager* a copy of such footage as soon as reasonably practicable after any reasonable request;

**GUIDANCE NOTE:** *It is not a requirement of these Minimum Standards, but as a matter of 'best practice', the ICC's ACSU recommends that, unless otherwise agreed by the ICC Regional Security 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 therefrom;
- 2.2.12 ensure that the relevant team manager implements a protocol pursuant to which all *Mobile Devices* must be: (a) collected from the *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* prior to a team's entry to the venue on the day of an *International Match*; and (b) safely and securely stored during that *International Match* until such time as those *Mobile Devices* can be returned to the *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* in accordance with these *Minimum Standards*; and
- 2.2.13 provide a safe and secure locker (or other similar storage facility), into which all temporary visitors (including *ICC* and *National Cricket Federation* 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.

### **ARTICLE 3 DISPLAY OF ACCREDITATION PASSES FOR THE PMOA**

#### **3.1 General Principles:**

- 3.1.1 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. Obviously this would include *Players*, *Match Officials* and the *ICC Regional Security Manager* or other *ICC ACSU* staff, but it also includes certain *Player Support Personnel* such as members of the team coaching staff, medical and physiotherapy staff, team statistician, kit/baggage man, team liaison officer, team media manager and team security manager.
- 3.1.2 In certain circumstances, temporary 'visitor' accreditation may also need to be issued by the *ICC Regional Security Manager* to any other individuals who may need access to the *PMOA* from time to time for operational reasons, including, for example, *ICC* and *National Cricket Federation* staff and members of the venue's security, cleaning or catering staff. Such temporary accreditation can only be provided by the *ICC Regional Security 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 pass.

#### **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 passes prior to entry into the *PMOA* for the first time on the day of an *International Match*.
- 3.2.2 *Players*, *Match Officials*, 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. Should any such person need to leave this area for any reason other than in the case of a medical or security emergency, then he/she must: (a) carry his/her *PMOA* accreditation pass with them when they leave the *PMOA* and must display it again prior to their return to the *PMOA*; (b) seek the permission of the *ICC Regional Security Manager* or either of the team manager (in the case of a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*) or the *Match Referee* (in the case of a *Match Official*); and (c) comply, at all times, with all of the restrictions on use of communication devices set out in Article 4 as if such person remained within the *PMOA*.
- 3.2.3 All *Player Support Personnel* not identified in Article 3.2.2, above (ie other than each team manager and coaching staff) must carry their *PMOA* accreditation passes at all times whilst they remain within the *PMOA*.

#### **3.3 Temporary 'visitors' to the *PMOA*:**

- 3.3.1 All temporary visitors must display their *PMOA* temporary 'visitor' accreditation passes whenever they enter or leave the *PMOA*.
- 3.3.2 All temporary visitors must carry their *PMOA* temporary 'visitor' accreditation passes 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 a stadium has been secured by the venue's security staff for an *International Match* right through until the final ball has been bowled in the day's play:

4.1.1 no person shall be allowed to use and/or carry any *Mobile Device* for any reason in the *PMOA*;

***GUIDANCE NOTE:*** *Notwithstanding the general principle that, at all times, it is each individual's responsibility to comply with this restriction, in order to minimise the risk of non-compliance by any Player or Player Support Personnel, each team manager must implement a protocol pursuant to which all Mobile Devices must be: (a) collected from the Players and Player Support Personnel prior to a team's entry to the venue on the day of an International Match; and (b) safely and securely stored during that International Match until such time as those Mobile Devices can be returned to the Players and Player Support Personnel in accordance with these Minimum Standards.*

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 *ICC Regional Security 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 only, provided that the team manager has given his express permission to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* before such use;

4.2.2 each team manager or team security manager shall be permitted to carry all of the *Mobile Devices* that may have been collected from each *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* as part of any protocol implemented by a team pursuant to the Guidance Note to Article 4.1.1, above;

4.2.3 each team's media manager shall be permitted to carry a *Mobile Device* and/or laptop computer (or any other similar communication device) within the *PMOA* but any such device must be turned off at all times when such individual is in the *PMOA* and must not be used for any purpose within the *PMOA*;

4.2.4 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;

- 4.2.5 a further three other *Player Support Personnel* per team, whose identity must be approved in advance by the *ICC Regional Security 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; and (b) it may not be used to access the *Internet* at any time until the final ball in the day's play has been delivered;

**GUIDANCE NOTE:** *Nothing in Articles 4.2.4 or 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 or other permitted Player Support Personnel, provided that his/her viewing of the laptop: (a) is carried out at all times in the company of the team manager or other permitted Player Support Personnel; and (b) is for cricket operations purposes only.*

- 4.2.5 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;
- 4.2.6 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; and
- 4.2.7 the *Regional Umpire Performance 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; and (b) it may not be used to access the *Internet* at any time until the final ball in the day's play has been delivered.
- 4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, none of the foregoing provisions shall operate to prevent:
- 4.3.1 the use of two-way communication devices (other than *Mobile Devices*) by *Player Support Personnel* for the purpose of communication between the pitch and dressing room area for medical and/or tactical reasons only, provided that such communication devices are suitably encrypted to avoid detection by any third party in the nearby vicinity;
- 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 (for example in relation to the use of the Decision Review System) 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; and/or
- 4.3.3 the wearing of microphones by a *Player* in a *T20 International Match*, provided that such use is for the purposes of providing commentary to a television broadcast only and that 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 *T20 International Match*.

## **ARTICLE 5 THE AUTHORITY OF THE ICC REGIONAL SECURITY MANAGER**

- 5.1 At each *International Match*, all *National Cricket Federations*, *Players*, *Player Support Personnel*, *Match Officials* and any other visitors to the *PMOA* agree and acknowledge that the *ICC Regional Security Manager* (or such other member of the *ICC's ACSU*) shall have absolute authority, without being required to provide any explanation or reason, to:
- 5.1.1 issue temporary 'visitor' accreditation passes for the *PMOA* where he/she considers appropriate on the day of the *International Match*;
  - 5.1.2 approve or deny any request for *PMOA* accreditation passes, irrespective of the identity of the individual requesting such accreditation;
  - 5.1.3 remove, or cancel the validity of, any *PMOA* accreditation pass already issued, irrespective of the identity of the individual with such accreditation;
  - 5.1.4 require any person who is not displaying a valid accreditation pass to leave the *PMOA* immediately, irrespective of the identity of such individual;
  - 5.1.5 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 *ICC Regional Security Manager* for auditing purposes, such auditing to take place at an agreed time and place and in the presence of the owner; and
  - 5.1.6 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 *ICC Regional Security 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.
- 5.2 Any failure to comply with any request made under Articles 5.1.5 or 5.1.6 shall be deemed to be a breach of these *Minimum Standards* and will be dealt with in accordance with Article 6, below.

## **ARTICLE 6 BREACHES OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS**

- 6.1 Where any *National Cricket Federation* is alleged to have breached any of Articles 2.2.1 – 2.2.11 (inclusive), then such alleged breach will be reported by the *ICC Regional Security Manager* to the *ACSU General Manager*. Thereafter, the *ACSU General Manager* shall correspond with the *National Cricket Federation* 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. In addition, the *ACSU General Manager* will provide, on a quarterly basis, a report on such matters to the *ICC's Chief Executives' Committee*.
- 6.2 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 *ICC Regional Security Manager* to the *ACSU General Manager*. Thereafter, the *ACSU General Manager* shall correspond with the *Player* 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. In addition, the *ICC ACSU General Manager* will provide, on a quarterly basis, a report on such matters to the *ICC's Chief Executives' Committee*.

- 6.3 Where any *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* is alleged to have breached either of Articles 4.1 or 5.2, then any such alleged breach will be reported by the *ICC Regional Security Manager* to the *ACSU General Manager*. Thereafter:
- 6.3.1 the *ACSU General Manager* will write to the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* seeking an explanation for the alleged breach, such explanation to be provided within a period of fourteen days;
- 6.3.2 upon receipt of any such explanation (or after the expiry of fourteen days, whichever is the earliest) the *ACSU General Manager* shall determine whether the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* is in breach of the relevant Article(s). Where the *ACSU General Manager* determines that there has been a breach of either Article 4.1 or 5.2:
- (a) in the case of a first breach within a rolling period of twenty-four (24) months, the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* will receive a written warning from the *ACSU General Manager*;
  - (b) in the case of a second breach (irrespective of whether the second breach is of the same Article as that previously breached) within a rolling period of twenty-four (24) months, the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* will have a fine of \$2,500 imposed against him by the *ACSU General Manager*; 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) within a rolling period of twenty-four (24) months, the *Player, Player Support Personnel* or *Match Official* will have a fine of \$5,000 imposed against him by the *ACSU General Manager*.
- 6.3.3 Any decision made by the *ACSU General Manager* in relation to any of the above, shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter, immediately binding and non-appealable.