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THE PROCESS FOR AN ICC MATCH REFEREE TO ADMINISTER THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MATCHES PLAYED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND WOMEN'S CRICKET

INTRODUCTION

The International Cricket Council (ICC) developed a Code of Conduct for matches played under the auspices of the Development Program and Women's Cricket that takes into consideration the amateur nature of these versions of the game.

This new Code of Conduct is based on the official ICC Code of Conduct for players and officials that is used by all Member countries however, the key differences is that the amended Code does not fine players for breaches of the Code unless the player has bet on a match or entered into any other form of financial speculation where the player could receive funding. Other changes include the term 'he' being replaced by 'he/she,' the time allowance is extended to report a breach and the innings time difference between the men's and the women's game is outlined.

With the introduction of the new Code of Conduct for the Development Program and Women's Cricket, there will need to be significant training of the captains, players, coaches, managers, umpires and host countries to ensure there is a high degree of understanding of this Code.

ADMINISTERING THE CODE

Under the official Code, it is a requirement that there is an ICC Match Referee present for every Test and One Day International match.

Additionally, in order to increase the professionalism of international cricket at all levels and due to the complexity of the Code, the aim is to have an ICC approved or an ICC Match Referee present at all matches played under the auspices of the ICC Development Program and Women's Cricket.

Currently there are seven ICC Match Referees. As a greater number of development and women's cricket events are incorporated under the ICC banner, the ICC will need to train more ICC Match Referees to adjudicate on Code of Conduct breaches.

ICC MATCH REFEREE

The attendance of ICC approved or an ICC Match Referee at every Development Program and Women's Cricket match/tour is largely dependent on the availability of the Match Referees and the costs associated with having them attending matches/tours.

Therefore, please see following the order of preference regarding having ICC Match Referees adjudicate Women's Cricket tours/matches. (Note this document specifically relates to women's cricket matches/tours as it mentions the 'Women's Project Officer' in the reporting process).

Preference 1

Appoint an ICC approved or an ICC Match Referee at the match/tour who can hold a hearing and adjudicate on whether a player/official has breached the Code and if they have, the penalty they will receive. If this is not possible then;

Preference 2

Appoint an ICC approved or an ICC Match Referee who is contactable via telephone and in the same time zone as where the tour/match is being held to adjudicate on the Code of Conduct. If this is not possible then;

Preference 3

Appoint a person nominated from the ICC to act as the Match Referee and adjudicate on whether the player/official reported has breached the Code of Conduct.

PREFERENCE 1: Have an ICC Approved or an ICC Match Referee at the Match/Tour

STEP	PROCESS
1	The host country or ICC Regional Office (depending on the nature of the tournament) will email the ICC Women's Project Officer and cc the ICC Umpires and Referees Manager to see if there is a Match Referee in the country/region where the match/tour is being held and whether they are available.
2	If there is not a Match Referee that is available, refer to 'Preference 2.'
3	If a Match Referee is available, the ICC will contact the Match Referee to confirm their availability and identify if they can attend the event. If they cannot attend refer to 'Preference 2.' If they are available, the Women's Project Officer will send an email to the host country or ICC Regional office with the Match Referee's contact details.
4	Host country or ICC Regional Office to contact the Match Referee directly to provide them with the necessary match/tour logistics and discuss the match fee/daily allowance (if applicable). The host country will also be responsible for organising and paying for the Match Referees travel and accommodation (if applicable) to attend the event.
5	The ICC will provide the Match Referee with a report prior to the match/tour outlining the players participating who have breached the Code previously (if any), how they breached the Code and the penalty incurred.
6	Match Referee to attend the match/tour and perform their role as outlined in the ICC Code of Conduct for matches played under the auspices of the ICC Development Program and Women's Cricket.
7	If a player/official breaches the Code then the umpires (including the third umpire), the team manager, the Chief Executive Officer of the Home Board of a country participating in a match, the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee can make a report.
8	Players/officials are expected to be informed if they have been reported prior to leaving the ground.
9	A Code of Conduct Breach report (see attachment) must be made in writing by one of the aforementioned people in Step 7. The report must then be signed and dated by the person(s) making the report.
10	The report must be lodged with the Match Referee within forty-eight hours of the close of the final day's play. Except in the case of the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee who must lodge the report with the Match Referee within five days of the close of the final day's play.
11	Once the Match Referee has received the report, they are required to fill in a Notification of Breach form (see attachment) and hand this to the person charged, the person(s) refereed to in Clause E 2.2 and the individual(s) who submitted the original report.
STEP	PROCESS

12	<p>The Referee is required to organise a hearing and inform the following people of the hearing details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The person charged; b) The person(s) who lodged the report (in the case of the ICC Chief Executive, either they attend the hearing or send a nominee); c) If the person charged is a player, their captain and team manager (or, if the player charged is the team captain, their vice-captain and team manager); and d) If the person charged is a team official, the relevant team captain and team manager (or, if the person charged is the team manager, their captain and one other person nominated by the team official's Home Board).
13	<p>For proceedings during the hearing, refer to the Code of Conduct for matches played under the auspices of the Development Program and Women's Cricket, Section G – The Disciplinary Procedure and Section H – The Adjudicator's Decision.</p>
14	<p>The Match Referee shall adjudicate on whether the player/official breached the Code of Conduct and shall inform the person charged, the person(s) referred to in Clause E 2.2 and the individual(s) who submitted the report.</p>
15	<p>The Match Referee is required to fill in a Code of Conduct Hearing Details form during the hearing (see attached) which lists the details of the hearing.</p>
16	<p>The Match Referee is required to fill in a Referees Decision form (see attached) which is to be handed to the person reported and the person(s) referred to in Clause E 2.2 stating a summary of the hearing, the verdict and the penalty imposed (if any).</p>
17	<p>The Match Referee is required to fax/email a copy of the Code of Conduct Breach report, the Notification of Breach report, the Code of Conduct Hearing Details report and Referees Decision report to the Women's Project Officer.</p>
18	<p>The ICC shall then inform the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant Home Board and the ICC Chief Executive Officer of the decision reached by the Match Referee.</p>
19	<p>The relevant player/official charged, the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee shall be permitted to appeal against a Match Referee's finding and/or penalty in respect of a Level 2, 3, or 4 offence. To appeal, the player/official is to fax/email the Notice of Appeal form to the ICC In House Lawyer at its offices within 24 hours of receiving notification of the Match Referee's decision.</p>
20	<p>The ICC will log all report forms and keep a database of all player/official breaches of the Code of Conduct applicable for matches played under the auspices of the ICC Development Program and Women's Cricket.</p>

PREFERENCE 2: Have an ICC approved or an ICC Match Referee to be Contactable via Telephone and in the Same Time Zone as the Match/Tour.

STEP	PROCESS
1	Host country or ICC Regional Office (depending on the nature of the tournament) to email the ICC Women's Project Officer and cc the ICC Umpires and Referees Manager to identify if there is a Match Referee in the country/region where the match/tour is being held and whether they are available.
2	If there is a Match Referee that cannot attend the match/tour but is in the same time zone and available, the Women's Project Officer will send an email to the host country or ICC Regional Office with the Match Referee's contact details.
3	If a Match Referee is unavailable to attend the match/tour and/or is not available in the same time zone, refer to 'Preference 3.'
4	Host country or ICC Regional Office to contact the Match Referee directly to provide them with all the necessary match/tour logistics and discuss the match fee/daily allowance (if applicable).
5	The ICC will provide the Match Referee with a report prior to the match/tour outlining the players participating who have breached the Code previously (if any), how they breached the Code and the penalty they incurred.
6	As the Match Referee is unable to attend the match/tour, they will be responsible for carrying out their role via the telephone.
7	If a player/official breaches the Code then the umpires (including the third umpire), the team manager, the Chief Executive Officer of the Home Board of a country participating in a match, the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee can make a report.
8	Players/officials are expected to be informed if they have been reported prior to leaving the ground.
9	A Code of Conduct Breach report (see attachment) must be made in writing by one of the aforementioned people outlined in Step 7. The report must then be signed and dated by the person(s) making the report.
10	The umpires must lodge this report with the Tournament Organiser who is then responsible for faxing/emailing the report to the Match Referee within forty-eight hours of the close of the final day's play (this process has to be undertaken in the strictest confidence). Except in the case of the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee who must lodge the report with the Match Referee within five days of the close of the final day's play.
11	The Match Referee then completes a Notification of Breach form (see attached) and faxes/emails this to the Tournament Organiser to then disseminate the information to the person charged, the person(s) referred to in Clause E 2.2 and to the individual(s) who submitted the original report.
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12	The Match Referee is required to investigate if there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct by speaking to the appropriate parties involved.
13	The Match Referee shall then make a decision on whether the player/official breached the Code of Conduct and shall inform the person charged, the person(s) refereed to in Clause E 2.2 and the individual(s) who submitted the report.
14	The Match Referee is required to fill in a Code of Conduct Hearing Details form (see attached).
15	The Match Referee is then required to fill in a Referees Decision form (see attached) which is to be faxed/emailed to the person reported and the person(s) referred to in Clause E 2.2 stating a summary of the hearing, the verdict and the penalty imposed (if any).
16	The ICC shall then inform the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant Home Board and the ICC Chief Executive Officer of the decision reached by the Match Referee.
17	The Match Referee is required to fax/email a copy of the Code of Conduct Breach report, the Notification of Breach report, the Code of Conduct Hearing Details report and Referees Decision report to the Women's Project Officer.
18	The relevant player/official charged, the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee shall be permitted to appeal against a Match Referee's finding and/or penalty in respect of a Level 2, 3, or 4 offence. To appeal the player/official is to fax the Notice of Appeal form to the ICC In House Lawyer at their offices within 24 hours of receiving notification of the Match Referee's decision.
19	The ICC will log all report forms and keep a database of all player/official breaches of the Code of Conduct applicable for matches played under the auspices of the ICC Development Program and Women's Cricket.

PREFERENCE 3: A person from the ICC to perform the role of Match Referee

STEP	PROCESS
1	Host country or ICC Regional Office (depending on the nature of the tournament) to email the ICC Women's Project Officer and cc the ICC Umpires and Referees Manager to identify if there is a Match Referee in the country/region where the match/tour is being held and whether they are available.
2	If there is not a Match Referee available to attend or in the same time zone as the match/tour, then a person from the ICC will be nominated to perform the role of Match Referee.
3	Host country or ICC Regional Office to email the Women's Project Officer and provide the necessary match/tour logistics. This information will then be forwarded onto the relevant staff member at the ICC.
4	The Match Referee will review the Women's Cricket files to determine whether any of the players from the countries on tour have breached the Code of Conduct in previous matches/tours.
5	If a player/official breaches the Code then the umpires (including the third umpire), the team manager, the Chief Executive Officer of the Home Board of a country participating in a match, the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee can make a report.
6	Players/officials are expected to be informed if they have been reported prior to leaving the ground.
7	A Code of Conduct Breach report (see attachment) must be made in writing by one of the aforementioned people charged with the responsibility to report, signed and dated by the person(s) making the report.
8	The umpires must lodge this report with the Tournament Organiser who is then responsible for faxing/emailing the report to the Match Referee within forty-eight hours of the close of the final day's play (this process has to be undertaken in the strictest confidence). Except in the case of the ICC Chief Executive, or his nominee who must lodge the report with the Match Referee within five days of the close of the final day's play.
9	The Match Referee then completes a Notification of Breach form (see attached) and faxes/emails this to the Tournament Organiser to then disseminate the information to the person charged, the person(s) refereed to in Clause E 2.2 and to the individual(s) who submitted the original report.
10	The Match Referee is required to investigate if there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct by speaking to the appropriate parties involved.
11	The Match Referee shall then adjudicate on whether the player/official breached the Code of Conduct and shall inform the person charged, the person(s) refereed to in Clause E 2.2 and the individual(s) who submitted the report.
STEP	PROCESS

12	The ICC shall then inform the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant Home Board and the ICC Chief Executive Officer of the decision reached by the Match Referee.
13	The Match Referee is required to fill in a Code of Conduct Hearing Details form (see attached).
14	The Match Referee is then required to fill in a Referees Decision form (see attached) which is to be faxed/emailed to the person reported and the person(s) referred to in Clause E 2.2 stating a summary of the hearing, the verdict and the penalty imposed (if any).
15	The relevant player/official charged, the ICC Chief Executive and/or a nominated person shall be permitted to appeal against a Match Referee's finding and/or penalty in respect of a Level 2, 3, or 4 offence. To appeal the player/official is to fax the Notice of Appeal form to the ICC In House Lawyer at their offices within 24 hours of receiving notification of the Match Referee's decision.
16	The Match Referee will log a copy of the Code of Conduct Breach report, the Notification of Breach report, the Code of Conduct Hearing Details report and Referees Decision report and keep a database of all player/official breaches of the Code of Conduct applicable for matches played under the auspices of the ICC Development Program and Women's Cricket.