



Suspect Bowling Actions

Over the last two years, ECN Match Officials (Umpires & Match Referees), as well as our support staff and viewers, have observed that there has been a substantial increase in the number of suspect bowling actions from bowlers taking part in ECN events.

As a result, over the last year we have been more pro-active in identifying suspect actions and following a process to deal with them with the individuals concerned, their captains and, where applicable, their coaches and / or managers.

The process is as follows:

When a suspect action is observed by any of the Match Officials, they will bring this to the attention of their colleagues immediately after the match.

If the Match Officials together agree that the bowling action appears to be in contravention of Law 21.2 Fair Delivery – The Arm, the Match Referee will convene a meeting with the player concerned and the nominated captain and / or the coach and / or the manager of the team. At this meeting the Match Referee will show video evidence of the action considered to be suspect.

The Match Referee will request that the bowler does not bowl again in the event and will also outline the process if the bowler does bowl again.

If the bowler does bowl again and the action is considered to be suspect, the umpires will follow the procedure set out in Law 21.3 Action by Umpires. Specifically, the bowler's end umpire will call and signal no ball and issue a first and final warning. For the avoidance of doubt, this will lead to the next delivery being a free hit.

If the bowler bowls a further delivery with a suspect action in the same innings, the umpires will continue to follow Law 21.3. No ball will be called and signaled, and the bowler will be suspended from bowling in the innings and from any remaining matches in the event. If necessary, the over will be completed by another bowler. Again, for the avoidance of doubt, the next delivery will be a free hit.

At the discretion of the ECN Technical Committee, the suspended bowler may have the suspension reduced to the group stage of the event only.

ECN reserve the right to keep electronic records of players suspended as a result of the above process.

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