

THE ICC CRICKET TESTING PROTOCOLS

PREAMBLE

The following protocols are designed to supplement the International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI) as necessary to reflect the specificities of cricket. They are not intended to amend or contradict the ISTI. In the event of any conflict between these protocols and the ISTI, the latter shall prevail.

In addition to the definitions set out in Appendix 1 of the ICC Anti-Doping Code (ICC Code), for the purposes of these protocols, the following definitions will also apply:

Anti-Corruption Manager means the person officially appointed by the ICC to fulfil the duties of an 'Anti-Corruption Manager' (if any) at any *International Match*.

Doping Control Officer (DCO) means any official who has delegated responsibility for the on-site management of *Sample* collection at an *International Match*.

ICC Representative means the ICC's Anti-Doping Manager (or his/her appointed designee) or any other ICC representative duly authorised to carry out the duties set out in these protocols.

Lead DCO means the *DCO* with overall responsibility for coordinating the on-site management of *Sample* collection at an *International Match*.

Match Referee means the person officially appointed to fulfil the duties of a 'Match Referee' at any *International Match*.

Team Manager means the manager of a cricket team participating in an *International Match* (or his/her designated representative).

1. The selection of *Players* for *In-Competition Testing*

- 1.1 Pursuant to Article 5.1.1 of the *ICC Code* and Article 4 of the ISTI, the ICC shall be responsible for drawing up a test distribution plan for international-level cricket. The focus of the test distribution plan will be on *Target Testing*, whereby the ICC will focus *Testing* resources where they are most needed within the overall pool of *Players*. One element of that plan will be *In-Competition Testing* at *International Matches*.
- 1.2 At those *International Matches* at which *In-Competition Testing* is selected to take place, the *Players* that will be required to provide *Samples* for *Testing* will be selected either (i) at random, or (ii) by way of target selection.

(a) *Random Selection*

1.2.1 In the period between just prior to the commencement of any day's play and (unless exceptional circumstances apply) no later than 2 hours before the scheduled end of day's play in an *International Match*, the *Anti-Corruption Manager* (or the *ICC Representative* where he/she is present) will convene a selection meeting in the doping control station or such other venue as he/she may deem appropriate.

1.2.1.1 The selection will be conducted by the *Anti-Corruption Manager* (or the *ICC Representative* where he/she is present); and (b) the *Lead Doping Control Officer (DCO)*.

- 1.2.1.2 Unless otherwise agreed by the *Anti-Corruption Manager* (or the *ICC Representative*), no other individuals shall be present at the selection meeting.
 - 1.2.1.3 The selection process will be video recorded by the *Lead DCO* and a copy sent to the *ICC* for its file. Where appropriate and upon request, a copy of the video recording will be shared by the *ICC* with the relevant Member Board.
 - 1.2.2 At the selection meeting, the *Anti-Corruption Manager* (or the *ICC Representative*) will have numbered objects from one (1) to eleven (11) (e.g. cards or discs) which he/she will place in a container (e.g. a bag) and shake or otherwise mix them up.
 - 1.2.3 The *Anti-Corruption Manager* (or the *ICC Representative*) will begin by calling out the name of the first team for which he/she is selecting the three (3) numbers. He/she will then proceed to draw three random numbers from the container holding up each numbered object to the camera with the number facing the camera and identifying the number as associated with player 1, player 2 and reserve player respectively.
 - 1.2.4 Once the three numbers have been drawn for the first team, the *Lead DCO* will complete the 'ICC Random Selection Form' identifying which numbers have been selected in respect of player 1, player 2 and the reserve player. This form will be signed by both the *Anti-Corruption Manager* (or the *ICC Representative*) and the *Lead DCO* and submitted to the *ICC* at the end of the *Sample* collection process.
 - 1.2.5 The *Anti-Corruption Manager* will then repeat the random selection process outlined in Articles 1.2.3 and 1.2.4 in respect of the second team.
 - 1.2.6 At the start of the *International Match*, the *Anti-Corruption Manager* will obtain a copy of the official team sheet from the *Match Referee* and will hand this over to the *Lead DCO*.
 - 1.2.7 The *Lead DCO* should ensure that the official team sheet identifies the participating *Players* with numbers 1 – 11. Where that is not the case (for example because it identifies them by shirt number, or where no numbering identification is provided), the *Lead DCO* should allocate the numbers 1 – 11 (in consecutive order from top down) to each of the participating *Players* in each team, so that the *Players* selected for *Testing* can be accurately identified.
 - 1.2.9 The *Lead DCO* will then identify, by comparing the numbers on the 'ICC Random Selection Form' against the declared batting order numbers (and not the *Players*' shirt numbers) on the official team sheet, those *Players* that have been selected for *Testing* at that *International Match*.

(b) *Target Selection*

- 1.2.8 The *ICC* shall have the right to request, without justifying any reason, that any *Player(s)* undergo *Testing* at the end of an *International Match* or at the end of the day's play in the case of a multi-day match. This may be a target selection of a *Player(s)* rather than using the random selection referenced above or may be in addition to any random selection(s) made. Such target selections may also be specific to one or more team(s) in an *International Match* or *ICC Event*. No reason is required to be provided by the *ICC* justifying why a *Player(s)* has been selected for *Target Testing*. However, the *Team Manager* shall ordinarily be notified by the *DCO* or the *Anti-Corruption Manager* prior to the end of the *Match* that *Target Testing* is occurring but the identity of the targeted *Player(s)* will not be advised until the end of the *Match*.
- 1.3 For the avoidance of doubt, a *Player* may be subject to *Doping Control* on more than one occasion during an *International Match* or *ICC Event*.

2. Notification of players

- 2.1 At the appropriate time, the *Lead DCO* will arrange for the nominated chaperones to notify those *Players* that have been selected for *Testing*. Where a *Player* selected cannot be notified because of exceptional circumstances, for example because he/she has been taken to hospital during the

International Match prior to notification of his/her selection, then a 'Reserve' *Player* as indicated by the ICC in its instructions to the doping control team through its Mission Order, if any, shall be selected for *Testing* instead and will be notified accordingly.

- 2.2** In order to minimise any potential disruption to the teams following the end of the day's play, the *Anti-Corruption Manager* will advise the respective *Team Managers* (save in exceptional circumstances, no later than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled end of the day's play), that doping control will be conducted at the end of the day's play. For the avoidance of doubt, however, *Team Managers* will not be advised of the identities of the *Players* selected for doping control or the method of selection.

3. Collection of Samples

- 3.1** Those persons authorised to be present during the *Sample* collection session at any *International Match* are:
- 3.1.1** the *Lead DCO* and his/her assistants (including other *DCOs*);
 - 3.1.2** the persons identified at ISTI Article 6.3.3; and
 - 3.1.3** the *Anti-Doping Manager* and, solely in order to deal with any queries concerning the selection process, the *Anti-Corruption Manager*.
- 3.2** If a *Sample* collected from a *Player* does not have a Suitable Specific Gravity for Analysis (as defined in the ISTI), the *DCO* shall inform the *Player* that he/she is required to provide a further *Sample* or *Samples*, until a *Sample* that has a Suitable Specific Gravity for Analysis is provided. (See ISTI Annex F). To facilitate this, the *Player* should fully void his/her bladder when providing a *Sample* and shall remain under continuous observation until he/she is ready to provide another *Sample*. In the meantime, the *Player* should avoid unnecessary hydration (drinking liquids).

4. Storage of Samples and documentation (ISTI Article 8.3)

- 4.1** Storage of *Samples* prior to dispatch from collection site (ISTI Article 8.3.1):
- 4.1.1** The *Lead DCO* is responsible for ensuring that all *Samples* are stored in a manner that protects their identity, integrity and security whilst at the collection site.
 - 4.1.2** The *Lead DCO* shall keep the *Samples* secured and under his/her control until they are passed to a third party (e.g. the laboratory, or a courier to take them to the laboratory). *Samples* must not be left unattended unless they are locked away in a refrigerator or cupboard, for example. In the absence of a secure area where the *Samples* may be left, the *Lead DCO* shall keep the *Samples* under his/her control. Access to *Samples* shall be restricted at all times to authorised personnel and a detailed record of where the *Samples* are stored and who has custody of them and/or is permitted access to the *Samples* shall be kept by the *Lead DCO*.
 - 4.1.3** Where possible, *Samples* shall be stored in a cool environment and warm conditions should be avoided. In the case of blood *Samples*, these should preferably be stored in a refrigerator or cool box. Variations in temperature should not exceed 2-8 degrees Celsius. Any variations in temperature should be recorded by the *Lead DCO* who shall report the same to the ICC.
- 4.2** Secure handling of documentation for each *Sample* (ISTI Article 8.3.2):
- 4.2.1** The *Lead DCO* is responsible for ensuring that the documentation for each *Sample* is securely handled after completion.
 - 4.2.2** Those parts of the *Sample* collection documentation that identify the *Player* and can be used to identify which *Player* provided a particular *Sample* shall be kept separately from the *Samples* themselves. Where a separate secure storage site is available at the collection site itself (lockable and/or accessible only by authorised personnel), the documentation may be stored there. Otherwise, it shall be kept by the *Lead DCO* and taken away from the site overnight.