

### Suspect Actions Advisory Group (SAAG)

The VMCU have in partnership with the Cricket Victoria have established an advisory group specifically to deal with suspect actions. The VMCU Community SAAG comprises members from both the VMCU & Cricket Victoria, with the ability to co-opt as required.

### LEVEL 1A:

In any scheduled match of the VMCU or one of their affiliate associations, if there is a doubt, the first mention\* is to be made by the umpire(s) to their local association administrator/secretary on a note, separate from the Match Report, naming the bowler and expressing what the concerns are.

Upon receipt, the association administrator/secretary makes contact with the club administrator/secretary and requests the club investigate the matter and take remedial action if necessary.

**#Note 1: For clubs who require assistance and are aware it is a user pays service, they are able to contact CoachForce via email ,**

### LEVEL 1B:

If there is a second mention\* (same process – umpire(s) make a separate report to the association administrator/secretary). Upon receipt of the second mention, the association administrator/secretary makes contact with the **VMCU administrator**; at this point the player is placed on the VMCU suspect action registry.

Upon receipt, the **VMCU administrator** makes contact with the club administrator/secretary and asks the club to investigate the matter and take additional remedial action.

Refer Note 1.

*# VMCU Note: Should a player be deemed suspect in any VMCU or one of their affiliates scheduled matches that do not have a league umpire, a report is to be lodged by a designated official from the club making the report. For senior matches it is to be the club President, in all junior matches any player is referred via their club President or designated Junior coordinator.*

### LEVEL 2A:

If there is a third mention\* (same process – umpire(s) make a separate report to the association secretary, and then on forward to VMCU). The **VMCU administrator** contacts the club and requests that video footage be taken and forwarded to the Cricket Victoria Suspect Action Advisory Group, who will then liaise with the **VMCU administrator** to provide remedial action advice. The cost to the club will be, **(\$150)** for the video review and report production.

The bowler and club are provided with a video analysis and a report. The Suspect Action Advisory Group, (**VMCU administrator, Coach Force personnel, (Kane and Neil), Association Umpire Manager**) will consult with the bowler on areas to rectify any problems with the bowling action. A copy of the report is also forwarded to the **VMCU administrator**.

There will be an 8 week “intervention period” following this analysis to allow remedial work to be undertaken. During this intervention period the player will be permitted to bowl in matches.

### **Umpires will be advised of the player’s situation.**

(If there is any doubt\* during this intervention period then the umpire(s) will continue to make a separate report to association secretary).

**Should the bowler/club decide not to co-operate or participate in this part of the procedure the player will immediately be classified as Level 4, and will be suspended from bowling for 12 months.**

### LEVEL 2B:

If there is a fourth mention\* (same process – umpire(s) make a separate report to association secretary). The **VMCU administrator** contacts the club and advises that the bowler is to undergo a Pace Bowling Technique analysis with Cricket Victoria coaching group. The cost to the club will be

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**\$150** for the video review and report production; the player will be required to travel to MCG to complete this assessment.

The bowler/club is provided with a video analysis and a report. At the analysis session, a Cricket Victoria Coach will consult with the bowler on areas to rectify any problems with the bowling action.

There will be an additional 8 week “intervention period” following this analysis to allow remedial work to be undertaken. During this intervention period the player will be permitted to bowl in matches.

### **Umpires will be advised of the player’s situation.**

(If there is any doubt\* during this intervention period then the umpire(s) will continue to make a separate report to the association administrator/secretary).

**Should the bowler/club decide not to co-operate or participate in this part of the procedure the player will immediately be classified as Level 4, and will be suspended from bowling for 12 months.**

*# VMCU Note: Should a player be deemed suspect in any VMCU or affiliate scheduled junior matches. A report is to be lodged by a designated official from the club making the report. It is to be the club Junior President or designated Junior coordinator. All junior players loop through Level 2 whilst they remain eligible for junior cricket and all are free to play senior cricket during this time. However, at the time the player moves out of junior cricket and receives a first mention whilst participating in a senior match, they are automatically placed on Level 2B.*

### **LEVEL 3:**

Following the intervention period, at Level 2A and 2B, should there be a further mention\* the bowler will not be permitted to bowl in any VMCU or affiliate scheduled matches for a further period of 8 weeks.

This is to allow any remedial work to be continued, without the pressures of bowling in matches.

Upon activation of Level 3, the region secretary makes contact with the **VMCU administrator**; at this point the player is placed on the VMCU suspect action registry.

### **LEVEL 4:**

Following Levels 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B & 3 if the bowler is mentioned\* again, he will not be permitted to bowl in Community Cricket for a period of 12 months. (MyCricket player registration used to track current playing status during this 12 month period.)

**“The procedure is ongoing and players do not return to Level 1 each season. Each mention will progress the procedure, irrespective of time”.**

### **SUBSEQUENT MENTION:**

If a player suspended from bowling at Level 4 resumes bowling after the specified suspension period, and he is mentioned\* again, he is immediately at Level 4 and suspension from bowling will apply forthwith.

**\* THIS ENTIRE PROCESS DOES NOT PRECLUDE ANY UMPIRE FROM CALLING A BOWLER FOR THROWING, AT ANY TIME, IF THE UMPIRE IS IN NO DOUBT.**

***Throughout the process clubs and coaches are to act in the best interests of the player and cricket in general with the overall welfare of the player and the game being the prime considerations.***

***All VMCU Region Suspect Action Registers are to be made available to other VMCU regions and Cricket Victoria on request.***