

## Suspect Bowling Actions Policy

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The following procedures will be followed in the event of a bowler having a suspect bowling action.

### First Match Notification (Level 0)

An Umpire or Match Official (e.g. Coach who may be Umpiring) to notify each coach/captain of concerns.

The Coach/Captain notifies relevant members of Club that the play has deemed to have a suspect bowling action.

The WACA is to be notified via the Umpires Report or Captain's Report function in MyCricket.

Remedial work is to be carried out at Club Level (with WACA assistance where possible via written, online or phone enquiries to the WACA Coach Development Manager).

### Second Match Notification (Level 1)

An Umpire or Match Official (e.g. Coach who may be Umpiring) to notify each coach/captain of concerns.

The Coach/Captain notifies relevant members of Club that the play has deemed to have a suspect bowling action for the second time.

The player is allowed to keep bowling in matches. The onus of responsibility falls on the Player's Coach/Captain to notify opposition Coach/Captain and Umpire(s) on match day that the player is already undertaking remedial action so as to avoid any further reporting.

The player will be required to have footage captured as per WACA Guidelines (see appendix) within two (2) weeks of a Second Match Notification and provided by the player's Club to the WACA Approved Assessor.

The WACA Approved Assessor will provide a report to the WACA to provide to the Club, Coach & Player within one week of the footage being received.

The player then must undertake remedial work (minimum two weeks), following where new footage is to be captured and forwarded to the WACA Approved Assessor for reassessment.

The player will either have their action cleared, or if there is still a need for further remedial work, the process repeats until the action is cleared.

### Third Match Notification (Level 2)

Upon receipt of a **Third** Suspect Action Notification via Match Reports, on a player who is currently, or has been through the Level 1 process, the player moves directly to Level 2 status and will be ineligible to bowl in a match for 4 weeks.

The player will be required to have footage captured as per WACA Guidelines (see appendix) within two (2) weeks of a Second Match Notification and provided by the player's Club to the WACA Approved Assessor.

The WACA Approved Assessor will provide a report to the WACA to provide to the Club, Coach & Player within one week of the footage being received

The player will either have their action cleared, or if there is still a need for further remedial work, the player will have a minimum four (4) week period to work on the areas identified in the report before being eligible for refilming and further assessment.

Once the WACA Approved Assessor has completed the second report, within one week of the footage being received, the WACA Competitions Department will provide the report to the Club. The player remains ineligible to bowl whilst the report is created.

The player will either have their action cleared, or if there is still a need for further remedial work the process will be repeated.

## **Appendix**

The WACA will cover the cost of the first assessment and review; however the Club pays for any further testing if required.

The Competitions Department will notify the player's Club of any pending investigation and/or the receipt of notifications as they arise.

The Competitions Department will notify umpires involved in the player's upcoming matches (over remedial work periods) that the player is not to bowl in matches, or that the player is under the relevant Level of the policy already.

The Competitions Department has final jurisdiction as to assess the merits of any Suspect Bowling Action Notification received.