



Suspect Bowling Actions



The following is the recommended process to be followed if an Umpire suspects that, in his/her opinion, an individual player's bowling action may not conform to the Laws of Cricket.

On the first occurrence in a match of what the umpire suspects is an illegal action the umpire should first confer with their standing partner to establish if they have similar concerns

A note should be taken to be used as a formal record if required in the future, containing the name of the player, over and ball.

Upon a second occurrence, the umpires should consult again and deem if any further action should be taken. If so deemed:

The Captain of the fielding side must be alerted in the presence of both umpires as to the nature and recorded facts of the observations and informed that a report will be made in writing to NCU General Secretary immediately following the completion of the game. It is the responsibility of the Captain to inform the player concerned and the game should continue without undue delay.

The calling of "No Balls" should be discouraged as finite assessment would not have been made at that time.

If in the opinion of BOTH/EITHER Umpires their concern regarding the player's bowling action is of such a nature that it could affect the game itself, then TOGETHER they may agree to:

- i) Advise the Fielding Captain of their concerns and recommend that he/she takes appropriate action, which could mean amending delivery action or remove from bowling attack
- ii) Inform the Fielding Captain, who will inform the bowler, that each subsequent delivery, suspected to be illegal, WILL be called "No Ball".

Post-Match Report

A report form must be completed by the observing Umpire(s) and signed by both Officials to be sent by email to NCU General Secretary within 48 hours of the game.

Upon receipt of the report the details of the report will be entered into a database maintained by the General Secretary. For information purposes, General Secretary will make regular reports to NCU Domestic Directorate, advising of the number of reports on the database

If the report is the second regarding the player and his/her bowling action, within any 36 month period, the General Secretary will notify NCU Domestic Directorate (Subsequent reports from the same Umpire will not count as a second report)

The player must not bowl until an assessment of the bowling action has taken place.

NCU Domestic Directorate refers the issue to the players' club advising that they carry out an internal assessment and make a report back to that Directorate. This assessment and report should happen within a 14 day period of notification.

The report is considered by NCU Domestic Directorate

If that report clears the bowlers' action and the report is accepted by NCU Domestic Directorate

Player is free to bowl in all competitions

If that report identifies an issue with the bowlers' action

OR

If the conclusions of the report are not accepted by NCU Domestic Directorate

An independent review will be made of the bowlers' action. This will be done under the direction of NCU Domestic Directorate

The Independent review identifies the need for remedial action

Remedial Action is undertaken by the bowler

A further independent review is undertaken of the bowlers' action

Further issues remain

The Independent review clears the bowlers' action

