



Tamil Nadu Premier League 2018

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Dear Sirs,

1. We are given to understand that (a) Tamil Nadu Cricket Association ("TNCA") is organising the third edition of the Tamil Nadu Premier League ("TNPL") from 11th July 2018 to 12th August 2018 and (b) players from outside the jurisdiction of TNCA will be participating in 3rd edition of TNPL.

2. As you are aware, Rule 28(b) of the Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of the BCCI (“**BCCI Constitution**”) stipulates that previous permission of the BCCI is required for conducting/organising any tournament in which players from “region outside” the jurisdiction of a member are participating or likely to participate. Rule 28(b) goes on to further provide that such permission will be accorded only to members of the BCCI in accordance with the rules framed by the BCCI in this regard from time to time. Additionally, the advisory issued by the BCCI on 3rd July 2018 (“**Advisory**”) to all its affiliated units including TNCA provide terms and conditions on the basis of which approval may be issued by the BCCI to member associations for conducting the T20 tournaments. For sake of convenience, the BCCI Constitution and the Advisory are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Rules and Regulations of BCCI”.

3. Further, pursuant to the decision of the Working Committee at its meeting(s) held on 13th August 2009 and 24th June 2016, BCCI does not grant permission to any member to allow participation of players from outside the jurisdiction of the said member in the T20 tournament being organised or conducted by any member. This decision has been consistently applied/ enforced since 2009 by refusing permission to other State Associations like the Karnataka State Cricket Association and the Goa Cricket Association as well as in respect of the second edition of the TNPL in 2017. This decision has been incorporated in the Advisory and the relevant extract therefrom is reproduced below for ease of reference:

“It is clarified that players registered with the Staging Association and/or with the clubs/districts within the territorial jurisdiction of the Staging Association for the sake of playing local matches/Tournament, but who represent another State Association in the BCCI Domestic Tournaments are not eligible to participate in the Tournament. For avoidance of doubt, it is emphasized that players outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Staging Association are not eligible to participate in the Tournament and that players can represent only one state association in a particular cricket season.”

A copy of the Advisory is also enclosed for ready reference.

4. In relation to the third edition of TNPL, the Committee of Administrators has been informed that:

(a) You have till date not sought permission from the BCCI to conduct the same, thereby acting in contravention of the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI; and

(b) Players from outside the jurisdiction of the TNCA are intended to be included.

5. In light of the above, you are called upon to:

(a) comply with the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI (including the Advisory) by seeking permission for the third edition of the TNPL in terms thereof and providing the requisite information to the BCCI as specified therein for due scrutiny by BCCI by end of day on 6th July 2018; and

(b) confirm that players from outside the jurisdiction of TNCA are not participating in the third edition of the TNPL.

6. Please note that in the event of your failure to comply with the aforesaid, the third edition of the TNPL may be declared as an “**Unapproved Tournament**” as provided in the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI.

7. All the members of the BCCI are also requested to take note of the aforesaid and communicate the same to their registered players and advise the players accordingly so that they are complaint with the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI, failing which appropriate action as prescribed under the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI will be initiated against defaulting Members, players and individuals.

Yours faithfully,

The Supreme Court Appointed Committee of Administrators

Encl: As above



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Advisory to State Associations for hosting T20 State Cricket Association Tournaments

This advisory is being issued by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (“BCCI”) to provide guidance to affiliated units of BCCI for conduct of T20 state cricket association tournament (“**Tournament**”) including but not limited to franchisee based/sponsor based/team based tournaments. The State Associations staging the Tournament (“**Staging Association**”) are required to ensure strict compliance with this Advisory for conducting the Tournament.

1. **Application for Approval:** Each Staging Association is required to take approval from the BCCI prior to staging/hosting the Tournament every year or as the case may be. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that such State Associations who have been hosting Tournaments in the past are also required to take fresh approval each year and comply with the requirements of this Advisory (as may be amended by BCCI from time to time and notified to the State Cricket Associations). The application shall be made as follows:
 - (a) The application to stage the Tournament should be submitted at least Forty Five (45) days prior to the start of the Tournament. The said application should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, BCCI by e-mail and hard copy.
 - (b) The application should be accompanied with the following details/information for scrutiny by BCCI.
 - (i) Details of the governing committee/sub-committee responsible for administering the Tournament.
 - (ii) Details of the event management company, if any has been engaged by the State Association.
 - (a) Organization profile
 - (b) Profile of the Tournament Operation Managers.
 - (iii) Practice and match schedules, venues, hotels etc. for the Tournament.
 - (iv) Details of all players in Tournament draft.
 - (v) Details of the support staff appointed by the franchisees.
 - (vi) Details of mentors/icons etc. as appointed by the franchisees
 - (vii) Details of team owners, team officials and team managers, sponsors

- (c) BCCI reserves the right to ask for further information from the concerned State Association once it is in receipt of the application as above. The State Association is obligated to provide any such further information as maybe requested by BCCI from time to time in a timely manner.
- (d) BCCI may accept or reject the application of the Staging Association in its absolute discretion. The decision of the BCCI will be final and binding in this regard.

2. Eligibility of participants :

- (i) Players: The participation of players shall be restricted to only those players who are registered with the Staging Association and qualify to represent the said Staging Association for the purpose of BCCI Domestic Tournaments. It is clarified that players registered with the Staging Association and/or with the clubs/districts within the territorial jurisdiction of the Staging Association for the sake of playing local matches/Tournament, but who represent another State Association in the BCCI Domestic Tournaments are not eligible to participate in the Tournament. For avoidance of doubt, it is emphasised that players outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Staging Association are not eligible to participate in the Tournament and that players can represent only one state association in a particular cricket season.
- (ii) Eligible franchisees/match officials/support staff/curator etc. : The franchisees must have registered office in the jurisdiction of the Staging Association. The support staff, match officials must also be from the jurisdiction of the Staging Association.
- (iii) All the participants are subject to the respective association's Conflict of Interest Rules, as prescribed by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha (Retd.) Committee.
- (iv) The Staging Association must check the background and credentials of the prospective participants including the franchisees to ensure that image and integrity of cricket and the Tournament is protected.

3. Conduct of the Tournament – The Staging Association is allowed to conduct only one (1) Tournament annually. The Staging Association shall have authorised governing

committee to run the Tournament. The Staging Association may engage an event management company for the purpose of providing support for staging the Tournament and only cricket operations related work maybe outsourced. The Staging Association is not allowed to sub-license the hosting rights to the Tournament.

4. **Window for the Tournament** – The Staging Association is not allowed to conduct the Tournament during the IPL and/or fifteen (15) days before or after the IPL and/or during 15th September to end of February every year.
5. **Inter-State T20 Tournament** – BCCI does not allow State Cricket Associations to conduct inter-state T20 tournaments.
6. **Compliance with the BCCI rules and regulations** – All participants including but not limited to the sponsors, franchisees, players, support staff of the teams and other persons associated with organizing the event shall be covered by the BCCI rules and regulations, as may be amended from time to time. It is the responsibility of the Staging Association as the member of BCCI to ensure strict compliance and to provide the relevant stakeholders/participants with copies of the said rules and regulations. The Staging Association must incorporate by necessary reference in the contracts with franchisees/players etc. the applicability of the BCCI rules and regulations, more specifically the Anti-Corruption Code of BCCI, the BCCI Players and Match Officials Area Minimum Standards and any such advisory as may be issued by BCCI from time to time.
7. **Protocols to be followed regarding BCCI Anti Corruption Code and BCCI Players and Match Officials Area (“PMOA”) Minimum Standards**

BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit (“ACU”) shall have the oversight of the Tournament in regards to enforcing the BCCI Anti Corruption Code for the participants and the PMOA Minimum Standards. For avoidance of doubt, BCCI Anti Corruption Code and PMOA Minimum Standards (offence and penalties) shall not be diluted or modified for any Tournament.

- (a) **Appointment of Anti-Corruption officials (“ACOs”):** BCCI ACU shall nominate and appoint two (2) ACOs for the Tournament. BCCI ACU may appoint additional person(s), if required and deemed fit by BCCI. The terms and conditions of their appointment will be as follows:
- (i) Staging Association shall be responsible for their accommodation, travel and ground transport for the tournament.
 - (ii) Staging Association shall provide full cooperation to BCCI ACOs appointed officials in performing their duties.
 - (iii) BCCI shall be responsible for paying the ACOs their professional fees and allowances as per BCCI norms
 - (iv) The ACOs shall report only to BCCI ACU. BCCI is under no obligation to share any information with the Staging Association, which may come in possession of the ACO’s while on duty in connection with the Tournament. Wherever appropriate and deemed fit, the ACOs shall share the information with Staging Association.
 - (v) The ACOs shall have the right to inquire and take statements from Team Officials, Players, Support Staff and Match Officials under the provisions of the BCCI Anti Corruption Code.
 - (vi) Should the Staging Cricket Association decide to hire services of an external agency for Anti Corruption/Integrity work, prior permission should be taken from BCCI ACU.
 - (vii) Any person representing to be an ACO, who is deployed without consent from BCCI ACU shall have no authority under the BCCI Anti-Corruption Code. Any participant, should he choose to report any ‘approach’ or misconduct to such individual would not have fulfilled his obligation under the BCCI Anti Corruption Code. If approved by the BCCI ACU, such person/s will work under the authority of ACOs.
- (b) All stakeholders including the team officials, players and support staff, match officials, curators and people associated with organizing the Tournament shall be bound by the BCCI Anti Corruption Code. The staging SCA shall provide complete and accurate information to BCCI along with its application in this regard.

- (c) **Anti-Corruption Education Program** : The ACOs shall conduct anti corruption education programme (“ACEP”) for the teams, team officials, curators and match officials and support staff associated with the Tournament. All participants will sign an undertaking of having attended the ACEP and acknowledge that they are bound by the BCCI Anti-Corruption code and shall abide by them.
- (d) **Accreditation** – The event management company/Staging Association shall issue appropriate accreditation to all stakeholders for the Tournament. Separate PMOA accreditation will be issued to the players, support staff, match official and other attendants in accordance with the BCCI PMOA Minimum Standards, with the prior approval of BCCI. Staging Association shall provide to BCCI the details of the persons to whom any accreditation is issued for the Tournament with their contact details, photographs and valid identity documents in a timely fashion, prior to the Tournament. It is clarified that only professional support staff shall be issued PMOA accreditation. Team Owners or their kins shall not be given accreditation for PMOA in roles like Mentor, Selector etc.
- (e) All participants are obliged to report to BCCI appointed ACOs, not only instances of approaches to themselves, but also any information which they receive and any knowledge they obtain, however far-fetched they personally may regard it, concerning any other person including a colleague, which is suggestive of improper conduct should be reported to ACU officials.
- (f) BCCI ACU Hotline +91-7506003000 number shall be displayed during the tournament in the PMOA and tournament handbook, if applicable.
- (g) All complaints/reports to be immediately forwarded to the BCCI ACU at their confidential email id integrity@bccitv
- (h) CCTV cameras to be installed to cover all entry and exit points of PMOA. The recording from the moment of first arrival into the PMOA until the match is over to be provided to the ACU official immediately after the match.

- (i) Headshots and other signage to be displayed at entry points and inside the PMOA as per the BCCI Anti-Corruption Code.
- (j) Security personnel to be deployed at the entry and exit points of the PMOA to assist ACU officials in keeping unaccredited people from entering the player's area.
- (k) No communication device/mobile phones are permitted to be carried or used inside the PMOA by any participant. Please refer to the BCCI PMOA Minimum Standards.
- (l) If any match video footage is required for an ACU investigation, it will State Associations responsibility to obtain and provide unedited video footage of the match(s).
- (m) A copy of the video recording of the entire match as recorded by the video analysts for the match officials will be provided to the ACU officials at the end of the match.
- (n) It is mandatory to make full and immediate disclosure by players and officials of any gifts received (whose value exceeds Rs. 30000/-) or additional income earned besides the contracted fee in connection with the Tournament. It is clarified that "gifts" would mean any interest or income or other unusual benefit which is not cricket related. If a player has any doubt about the propriety of anyone's conduct with regard to an offer, or potential offer, of a gift, he should immediately report it to the ACO.

8. Staging Associations are required to honour the sanctions imposed on players by the BCCI. When entering into contracts with its official sponsors/franchisees/broadcasters/event management company the Staging Association shall incorporate prohibition on availing the services of any banned player in any manner, including as TV/radio commentator, during the period of such ban.

9. **Award of contracts:** The Staging Associations are obligated to maintain and adhere to the highest level of transparency, integrity and ethics in awards of contracts in connection with the Tournament. The Staging Associations shall follow established procedures and principles for award of contracts such as tenders, request for proposals, request for quotations etc.

10. **Report:** The Staging Association is required to submit a report within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the Tournament to Honorary Secretary, BCCI. The said report should contain evidence of the Staging Association complying with the terms and conditions of this Advisory.