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To,
Hon. Secretary
All Affiliated Units of BCCI

Sub: Additional measures to eradicate age and domicile fraud in Cricket.

Dear Sirs,

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as the governing body for the sport of Cricket in India is responsible for ensuring that appropriate checks and protocols are put in place to ensure a level playing field for competitive participation of players in its age-group tournaments.

To counter the menace of age fraud in Cricket, BCCI has adopted the below mentioned additional measures which will be applicable to all cricketers participating in the BCCI age-group tournaments, starting 2020-21 season onwards.

1. **Voluntary Disclosure Scheme** for players who are already registered:

Under this scheme, players who voluntarily declare that they have manipulated their date of birth by submitting fake/tampered documents in the past will not be suspended and allowed to participate in the appropriate age group level if they disclose their actual date of birth (DOB). Players have to submit a signed letter/email along with supporting documents to BCCI Age Verification Dept. (age.verification@bccitv) revealing their actual DOB before 15th September 2020.

However, if registered players do not disclose the facts and are found to have submitted fake/tampered DOB proof documents by BCCI, then they will be banned for 2 years, and after completion of 2-year suspension, they will not be allowed to participate in age group tournaments of BCCI, as well as, age group tournaments organized by the respective State Units.

2. Season 2020-21 onwards, any player submitting fake/tampered birth certificate will be banned for 2 years from all Cricket matches under the aegis of BCCI & State Units. After completion of 2-year suspension, such players will not be allowed to participate in age group tournaments of BCCI, as well as, age group tournaments organized by State Units.
3. All Cricketers committing Domicile fraud, including Senior Men & Women, will be banned for 2 years. Voluntary Disclosure Scheme does not apply for cricketers who have committed domicile fraud.
4. **No Guest Players will be allowed for age group teams. Guest players are only permissible in Senior Men and Senior Women squads.**

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5. Rule modifications for U-16 & U-19 participation (For Boys only) - Please see table below:

Sr. No	Current Rules	Modification from 2020-21 season
1	Under-16 participation allowed for anyone under the age of 16 years	Only 14 to 16-year old players (as per DOB) will be allowed participation in BCCI U-16 tournament
2	Anybody clearing TW3 bone test at U-16 level can participate in U-19 tournaments for a maximum of 4 years, provided he is eligible by date of birth.	In all such players, if birth certificate is registered after more than 2-years of birth, then the players will only be allowed 2 years U-19 participation
3	Any player directly entering the system at Under-19 level, without having undergone age verification at U-16 level, is allowed only 2 years of U-19 participation	If birth certificate is registered after more than 2-years of birth, then such players will be allowed only 1-year of U-19 participation
4	A player's U-19 participation is counted only when he is part of the playing 11 during any given season. Although players are allowed to participate in U-19 tournaments for a maximum of 4 seasons they are potentially eligible to participate in U-19 tournaments for more than 4 seasons.	Once a player participates in any U-19 match during any given season, the counting of 4 seasons will begin irrespective if the player participates in the following season or not.

Clarification on Under-19 eligibility – For Boys only

- Eligibility as per date of birth.
- If a player enters the system at U-16 level, clears the TW3 bone test and the birth certificate is registered within 2-years of birth, then the player is allowed to play a maximum of 4 years in U-19 age category.
- If player enters the system at U-16 level, clears the TW3 bone test and the birth certificate is not registered within 2-years of birth, then the player is allowed to play a maximum of 2 years in U-19 age category.
- Direct entry at the U-19 level and the birth certificate is registered within 2-years of birth, then the player is allowed to play a maximum of 2 years in U-19 age category.
- Direct entry at the U-19 level and the birth certificate is not registered within 2-years of birth, then the player is only allowed 1-year participation in U-19 age category.

Should you have any queries on the above rule changes, kindly contact Dr. Abhijit Salvi or myself for the same.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

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