

ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT

CORRUPTION IN CRICKET – KEY MESSAGES

The ICC Anti-Corruption Unit are working hard to raise awareness of the corruption risks across all cricket.

- Corruptors will operate across all formats and levels of the game, including Women's cricket.
- Reporting from recent events has provided further insight into cricket corruption; including the networks and corruptors involved, and the types of fixes and payments being offered.
- Corruptors may contact you on social media Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or even directly on WhatsApp to offer sponsorship deals or entry into a franchise league. They take advantage of the fact players and staff are keen to gain experience abroad in new leagues, with exposure on TV and opportunities to earn money.
- It is not uncommon for fixers to use mobile numbers from different countries, from Europe to Americas through to Asia.
- A frequent tactic to trap you is to get all expenses paid trips to somewhere like Dubai to discuss the offer.
- It is important you ensure any offers for sponsorship or to play in leagues are done through the appropriate channels.
- In a recent example an Associate Member answered a call from an unknown number. The caller asked him if he was interested to play in an upcoming Franchise league and that he would get him into a team immediately as long as the player agreed to do what the team owner said and play as instructed. When the player queried this, the caller said he had to 'follow the script' and 'play to order'. The player immediately rejected the offer and reported to the Anti-Corruption Unit.

Approaches to fix matches can also come from inside cricket. The ICC Anti-Corruption Unit has recently seen a number of cases involving corrupt approaches being made from people close to a team.

- One investigation involved suspects who found opportunities to get close to cricketers through franchise cricket. The ICC identified the suspects and found they had links to other fixing plots.
- Enquiries also established that one of the suspects had bought into a T20 franchise league and their activities were disrupted by the Anti-Corruption Unit.

What are the warning signs of a person who has the potential to groom a player to fix a match?

- Groomers will often appear respectable and may be wealthy. They may try to befriend you at social events, bars, casinos or through mutual connections.
- The initial approach may not happen straightaway, with the groomer first attempting to build up a level of trust and familiarity before making a corrupt approach. Requesting inside information can also be a tactic to test the water before making a corrupt approach.

It is important to remember, becoming involved in corruption not only has the potential to affect your reputation, family and friends, but also your own mental health.

Further, in a number of countries, corruption in sports is a crime. In recent years, cricketers have been sentenced to prison for their roles in attempting to corrupt cricket.

If you have any suspicions, or you're approached, just **Recognise, Reject and Report**.

There's a hotline number for reporting and the ICC Integrity App also gives you the ability to report any corrupt approaches or suspicions immediately to the Anti-Corruption Unit.

Email – contactACU@icc-cricket.com

24-hour hotline - +971 56 545 8909

ICC INTEGRITY APP (Apple / Android)

Refer also 'Key Messages & Advice' & 'Case Studies' from ICC Integrity App - ACU section.

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