

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PLAYER POOL (NPP)

INTRODUCTION

The ICC Anti-Doping Code (the “ICC Code”) recognises and accepts that No Advance Notice Out-of-Competition Testing is at the core of effective Doping Control, and without accurate information as to a player’s whereabouts, such testing can be inefficient and often impossible. With that in mind, the ICC has developed the document titled ‘Whereabouts Requirements for Out-of Competition Testing’ which forms part of the ICC Code and sets out in detail the ICC’s approach to collecting ‘whereabouts’ information. The ICC has three whereabouts pools which includes two player pools namely the International Registered Testing Pool (“**IRTP**”)¹ and a National Player Pool (“**NPP**”) and one National Cricket Federation Pool (“**NCFP**”). Upon selection in either player pool, players must provide certain information to the ICC about their ‘whereabouts’ in specific circumstances. The specific information that players are required to submit is different depending on which pool they are in.

The remainder of this document sets out the additional obligations of those players selected in the **NPP**. If you are in the NPP it is extremely important that you read this document very carefully and take great care to comply with its requirements.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION INTO THE NPP

The criteria for selection of players to be included in the NPP is based firstly on Test team rankings and then on individual Test and T20I player rankings. For full details of the selection criteria used, please refer to Article 3.1 of the Whereabouts Requirements for Out-of-Competition Testing available on the [ICC website](#).

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM IN THE NPP?

If you meet the NPP selection criteria, you will be formally notified in writing by the ICC and will be provided with resources as well as the option to attend a training session to understand the consequent obligations that flow from your selection in the NPP. Following such notification, you will be required to thereafter comply with all NPP obligations as set out in the ‘Whereabouts Requirements’ and summarized in the remainder of this document.

You will also receive written notification from the ICC a week or two prior to you potentially completing three consecutive months of no cricket activity.

HOW LONG AM I IN THE NPP FOR?

You will remain in the NPP unless and until you are informed by the ICC that you are no longer part of the NPP, or you retire from all formats of international cricket and give written notice to the ICC to that effect. This does not mean that players that have not been selected in the NPP are not subject to Out-of-Competition testing; all players are potentially subject to Out-of-Competition testing at all times. However, only those selected in the NPP have to provide the cricket whereabouts information specified in this document.

¹ For additional information regarding the obligations of those players selected in the International Registered Testing Pool, please see the document on the [ICC website](#) titled ‘About the International Registered Testing Pool’.

The ICC will revise the NPP selection criteria from time to time to ensure that it remains fit for purpose, and the membership of the NPP shall be reviewed every six (6) months.

WHAT INFORMATION IS MY NATIONAL CRICKET FEDERATION (“NCF”) REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FOR ME?

Your NCF is required to submit directly to the ICC all of your international cricket whereabouts information including all the details for your hotel overnight location(s) when touring with an international team and the full details of all trainings and matches you will participate in whilst with the international team during the respective month.

Your NCF will also submit whereabouts information of a Specified Domestic Event(s) under its jurisdiction that you may or may not be participating in. Should you however complete three consecutive months of no cricket activity and are therefore required to submit a 60 minute testing slot every day, you will remain personally responsible unless the ICC has been formally notified through an ‘NPP Authorised Delegate’ form (available on the anti-doping section of the [ICC website](#)) that you are delegating your filing responsibility to a third party.

Please note that, although your NCF will be submitting your international cricket whereabouts information, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are available for testing at all of the cricket whereabouts locations provided. It is essential that you communicate regularly with your NCF to ensure that the international cricket whereabouts information submitted to the ICC is accurate and up to date.

WHAT NPP WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION AM I (THE PLAYER) REQUIRED TO SUBMIT?

Once you have received notification that you are in the NPP, the ICC will be monitoring to check if you complete three months of no cricket activity. This would mean you have not trained or competed with an international or domestic team for three full months and therefore not been available for testing by any anti-doping organization.

On nearing three months or no cricket activity, you will receive written notification from the ICC that you are about to complete three consecutive months of no cricket activity on a specific date and it is your personal responsibility to submit the following whereabouts information on the specified date.

1. To file whereabouts information of a 60 minute whereabouts slot from 6am – 11pm on a monthly basis for every day during the respective month:
 - the address where you will be for the 60 minute time slot; and
 - the start and end time of your 60 minute time slot.
2. Ensure that all of the information you provide in your whereabouts filing is accurate and in sufficient detail to enable a Doping Control Officer to locate you for Testing at or during your 60 minute time slot.
3. Update your whereabouts information if your plans change with an accurate address and 60 minute testing slot where you can be located for testing.

You must provide the required whereabouts information to the ICC on a monthly basis no later than the last day of the previous month. For example, your cricket whereabouts submission for September must be received by the ICC on or before 31 August. Please note that you must submit the NPP whereabouts using the NPP Player Filing form available on the [ICC website](#). Instructions on how to complete the form are also available on the website in the document titled, ‘How to complete the NPP Player Filing Form.’

HOW DO I AUTHORISE SOMEONE TO SUBMIT NPP WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION ON MY BEHALF?

The ICC's whereabouts rules allow for you to delegate your filing responsibilities to a third party using the 'NPP Authorised Delegate' form (available on the anti-doping section of the [ICC website](#)) which must be signed by you. The completed and signed form should be submitted to the ICC Anti-doping Manager via e-mail prior to the date that the change to the filing responsibilities come into effect.

It is important to note that you remain personally liable for any failure to comply with the whereabouts requirements irrespective of who you have authorized.

HOW TO SUBMIT NPP WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION?

You are expected to submit your 60 minute time slot whereabouts information to the ICC each month using the NPP Player Filing form.

You may authorise third parties (partners, agents, friends etc) to submit and/or update your whereabouts information on your behalf. However, the accuracy of this information remains your personal responsibility at all times and any inaccuracies or errors in that information caused by any third party you may have authorised to fill in your whereabouts information on your behalf will not excuse any NPP Player Filing Failure or NPP Missed Test that may arise as a result.

WHICH ANTI-DOPING ORGANISATION DO I SUBMIT MY NPP WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION TO?

Although you may be subject to testing by more than one Anti-Doping Organisation (ADO), you are only required to submit your NPP whereabouts information to the ICC. Your National Anti-Doping Organisation may be informed that you have been included in the ICC's NPP and, until and unless you are advised otherwise, the ICC may share that information with organisations with the requisite jurisdiction and authority to conduct testing on you.

HOW DO I UPDATE MY NPP WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION?

It is recognised that you may not know exactly where you will be on each day. In addition, previously made plans might change. Nonetheless, you should be sure to meet the appropriate filing deadline providing the required details to the best of your knowledge.

It is crucial that the information that is filed with the ICC is accurate at all times, and so you must update your whereabouts information as soon as there is a change in circumstances which means that any part of the NPP whereabouts information previously provided is no longer accurate or complete. There are several different ways that you can do this, and, for further information you should refer to on the anti-doping section of the [ICC website](#) titled '**How to update my NPP whereabouts**'.

Updates to your whereabouts must be received by the ICC prior to the date and time of the whereabouts information that you are updating or changing through this form.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT SUBMIT MY NPP WHEREABOUTS INFORMATION OR IT IS INACCURATE OR INCOMPLETE?

If you either fail to submit your NPP whereabouts information by the specified deadline or the NPP whereabouts information submitted is incomplete or inaccurate this may result in a 'NPP Player Filing Failure'. If you are not available for testing at the times and places specified in your whereabouts locations (irrespective of who has filed such information), this, may result in a 'NPP Missed Test'.

Any combination of three (3) NPP Player Filing Failures and/or NPP Missed Tests within a 12-month period will result in you being elevated to the IRTP where you will be required to meet all of the more onerous IRTP filing obligations.

WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

If any point remains unclear after reading this document, please do not hesitate to contact the ICC Anti-Doping team on the details set out below.

ICC Anti-Doping Contacts:

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When contacting the ICC for assistance on anti-doping matters via SMS, or e-mail, please include your:

- *full name;*
- *detailed phone number (country code and area code);*
- *country and city you are currently in (to calculate the time difference and call you at a reasonable hour if required); and*
- *a short note summarizing the purpose of your SMS or e-mail.*