

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 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.

1. The ICC’s Anti-Doping Code (the “Code”)

In order to remain at the forefront of effective doping control in the sport of cricket, the ICC has promulgated and maintains the Code in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code. The Code applies to all players that play (or have played in the past 24 months) in any Test Match, ODI Match, Twenty20 International Match and/or Domestic Match and it therefore applies to you. In accordance with the terms of the Code, the ICC will focus its Testing under the Code on International-Level Players.

2. Your selection in the NPP

In accordance with the Code and in order to assist the ICC in its Out-of-Competition Testing programme, the ICC has established criteria pursuant to which selected groups of players who compete regularly at the highest level of international competition and, separately, their respective National Cricket Federations are required to provide information about their individual whereabouts/their team’s ‘whereabouts’ so that the Players can be located for testing out-of-competition.

In particular, the ICC has established three whereabouts pools, a National Cricket Federation Pool (the “NCFP”) and two player pools: (a) an International Registered Testing Pool (the “IRTP”); and (b) the National Player Pool (the “NPP”). The criteria for selection into these pools has been established by the ICC following consultation with all Full Members and FICA (and have been approved by the ICC Board) and are set out in the ICC’s “*Whereabouts Requirements for Out-of-Competition Testing*”, a copy of which is attached and is available on the anti-doping section of the ICC’s website – www.icc-cricket.com/about/integrity/anti-doping.

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’.

As described in the accompanying letter, in accordance with Article 3.1 of the Whereabouts Requirements, you have been selected in the NPP.

Accordingly, you must therefore comply (and your National Cricket Federation must also comply) with the relevant sections of the “*Whereabouts Requirements for Out-of-Competition Testing*”. Should you not have access to a computer or the internet, please contact the ICC who will arrange for a hard copy of the documents to be made available to you.

Your National Cricket Federation has also been notified of your inclusion in the NPP.

3. What information needs to be filed?

- You need to provide the ICC with the details of the home address at which you will be primarily residing over the 6-month period (namely your home address, whether rented or owned) (the “NPP Player Filing”).
- Your National Cricket Federation will have to provide the ICC, on a rolling four week basis, with full details (location, full address, dates, times) for all dates in that period when its senior men’s and/or women’s national representative team(s) will be together for the purposes of training with the international team or playing in an international match, as well as the date(s) and full address of where the international team will be staying overnight (the NCF International Team Filing); and
- The relevant National Cricket Federation (namely the one under whose jurisdiction the Specified Domestic Event is taking place) shall also, no later than fourteen days prior to the first scheduled match of any Specified Domestic Event(s) in which you are participating, provide the ICC with full details of the match and training schedules as well as details of team overnight accommodation for all teams participating in that Specified Domestic Event (the NCF Domestic Event Filing).

Please note that in circumstances where you complete three consecutive months of no cricket activity, you will be immediately elevated into the IRTP, whereupon you will be required to comply with the more onerous whereabouts requirements placed on players in that pool.

All whereabouts information submitted, whether that be NCF International Team Filings, NCF Domestic Event Filings or NPP Player Filings must be accurate and sufficiently detailed to enable Players to be located for testing.

Your National Cricket Federation will submit its national team whereabouts using the online Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) and the Specified Domestic Event(s) schedules submitted to the ICC via e-mail.

4. What happens if my Cricket Information changes?

All whereabouts information submitted, whether that be NCF International Team Filings, NCF Domestic Event Filings or NPP Player Filings must be accurate and sufficiently detailed to enable Players to be located for testing. Where any of this information changes, meaning that the information is no longer accurate or complete, that information must immediately be updated with the ICC.

Where the full whereabouts information is not known at the time of the filing deadline, the best information available must be provided, and it must then be updated as soon as better information becomes available.

You can update your cricket information by SMS, WhatsApp or e-mail. Further details of which are available on the ICC website.

5. What are the consequences of non-compliance?

Any failure by you to be available for testing or to be located for testing when you are with a relevant team (as per the whereabouts information contained in the NCF International Team Filing or the NCF Domestic Event Filing) amounts to an “NPP Missed Test”.

Further, any failure to comply with your requirements to file the NPP Player Filing (and/or to update that NPP Player Filing as necessary) amounts to an “NPP Player Filing Failure”.

If, on three occasions within a twelve-month period, you commit three NPP Player Filing Failures and/or NPP Missed Tests (or any combination thereof), you will be immediately elevated into the International Registered Testing Pool (IRTP) and subject to the more onerous filing obligations on players in that pool.

6. How do these obligations impact upon any existing obligations to National Anti-Doping Organisations?

You may also have been notified by your National Cricket Federation or local National Anti-Doping Organisation that you have also been selected by it as part of a National Registered Testing Pool and are therefore required to comply with similar obligations in relation to your ‘whereabouts’. If that is the case, the ICC will contact the relevant organisation and agree on a method of compliance which does not involve any duplication on your part. However, you should continue to comply in full with any such requirements until advised otherwise.

7. How can I find out more information about the NPP and my obligations?

You can find out more information about the Whereabouts Requirements (including the various whereabouts pools, the information that is to be submitted and the consequences of non-compliance) and the Code in general on the anti-doping section of the ICC’s website. (www.icc-cricket.com).

Alternatively, if you have any questions in relation to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the anti-doping team on the following details:

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