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Annexure H - Player Grade Review Policy 2026-27

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote fair and balanced competition across all grades by ensuring that players participate in a grade that is appropriate to their demonstrated ability, experience, and performance.

1. Authority to Conduct a Review

A review may be initiated:

- Following a written request from a member club;
- Following observations by the PCA Committee or Competition Referee;
- Following recommendations from appointed PCA officials; or
- Where player performances indicate that the player may be materially impacting the fairness and competitiveness of the competition.

2. Grounds for Review

In determining whether a review is warranted, the PCA may consider, but is not limited to the following:

- Previous playing history and highest standard of cricket played;
- Current season performances;
- Performances over previous seasons;
- The player's demonstrated skill level;
- The overall impact of the player's participation on the competitiveness of matches;
- Any other information considered relevant by the PCA.

Note - No review can commence after the <u>latter</u> of the following:

- **The player has played sufficient games and is qualified for finals in the grade.**
- **After January 31st of the applicable season.**

3. Consultation

Prior to making a determination, the PCA shall:

- Advise the player's club that a review has commenced;
- Provide the club with an opportunity to make written submissions regarding the player and circumstances within a specified timeframe; and
- Consider any relevant information provided by the club.

Note - Any and all information relating to players circumstances will remain confidential.

4. Determination

Following the review, the PCA may:

- Determine that no action is required;
- Recommend that the player compete in a higher or lower grade;
- Direct that the player be ineligible to play below a specified grade for the remainder of the season or for a period determined by the PCA; or
- Impose any other conditions considered necessary to maintain the integrity of the competition.

5. Compliance

Member clubs must comply with any determination made under this policy. Failure to comply will constitute a breach of the PCA Bylaws 6.9 and will result in the associated penalties with this bylaw being applied.

6. Process

1. Request for review (from PCA Committee or Member Club) forwarded to Competition Referee noting that any and all supporting information is to be supplied with the request for review.
2. Competition Referee to determine whether a review is warranted.
3. Competition Referee to contact club advising of review and to request a response to the review.
4. Competition Referee to form a panel of 3 - 5 independent members to make a determination on request.
5. Competition Referee to advise PCA Committee and Players Club of result.