

ECB Regulations for the Review of Bowlers Reported with Suspected Illegal Bowling Actions 2019

A. Introduction

1. Nothing contained herein shall override an umpire's responsibility and discretion to apply Law 21.
2. These Regulations will apply to registered players playing in:
 - 2.1 Competitive County Cricket as defined in the Regulations Defining the Qualification and Registration of Cricketers with the exception of Minor County Cricket, and to any team participating in First Class County Second XI cricket under the jurisdiction of the ECB (including MCC Young Cricketers and Unicorns); and
 - 2.2. the Kia Super League; and
 - 2.3. any matches involving an England representative side at any level which do not fall under ICC Regulations (Competitive Cricket).
3. In these Regulations references to a Player's Team shall refer to the First-Class County or Kia Super League Team with whom the Player is registered at the relevant time or for whom the Player played in the relevant match. Where a Player is not registered to any Team, notifications shall be sent directly to the Player or, with the Player's permission, the PCA, and any references to the Player's Team in these regulations shall be instead refer to the Player. Where a player is reported in a match in which they have played whilst on loan on another Team, both the Team they are registered for and the Team they are on loan to shall be sent notifications (so long as the loan continues).
4. Where a player is registered by a new Team, the ECB shall inform that Team of any relevant past actions or records under these Regulations involving that Player.

B. ECB Panel of Human Movement Specialists

1. The ECB shall appoint a panel of human movement specialists when required.
2. The members of this panel shall have the credentials, equipment and facilities to conduct analysis of the bowling actions of bowlers in accordance with the ECB Standard Analysis Protocols (Annex 1 hereto).

C. Bowling Review Group

Upon receipt of an application for a Bowling Appeal Group (BRG) hearing in accordance with paragraph F below, the ECB shall convene a Bowling Review Group in accordance with the following terms:

1. The BRG shall normally comprise the following persons: The Chairman of the Cricket Discipline Commission or his nominee (in the Chair and with the casting vote, and who would normally be legally trained), the Chairman of the ECB Cricket Committee (or his nominee), the PCA Chief Executive (or his nominee), and a human movement specialist. The ECB will nominate an individual to fulfil the role of Human Movement Specialist.
2. The Chairman of the BRG shall be responsible for selecting/approving the other members of the BRG in accordance with paragraphs C 3 and 4 below.
3. The human movement specialist shall be appointed from the ECB panel of human movement specialists referred to in paragraph B above. The human movement specialist shall not be the same person as the specialist who conducted the independent analysis referred to paragraph E below.
4. No member of the BRG shall have clear associations with the Player or the Team of the player who is the subject of the BRG hearing.

D. Reporting Procedure

If a player is called by an umpire for throwing in accordance with Law 21.2 or is suspected by the umpire(s) for bowling with an action which contravenes Law 21.2, the following reporting procedure shall apply.

Note: Umpires, in deciding whether to call or report a player as set out above, should use the naked eye viewing the action live and/or on television at normal speed. Slow motion television replays should only be used to confirm initial suspicions.

1. At the conclusion of the match the umpire(s) shall write a report (the Umpires' Report) detailing their concerns about the bowling action of the player (the Player), including, where relevant, whether those concerns relate to the Player's bowling action generally or whether they relate to one or more specific types of delivery, and immediately inform the ECB Head of Operations (First-Class Cricket) or ECB Cricket Operations Manager. The umpire(s) shall inform the coach, or other representative of the Player's Team who is present, that they have submitted a report before leaving the venue.
2. If an umpire(s) reports a player who has been assessed previously, whether under these or any predecessor Regulations or under any equivalent ICC Regulations, the umpire(s) shall be shown the reports, and where available video based evidence of that player, and asked whether they wish to confirm their original report. If the umpire(s), having viewed that evidence, does not wish to confirm their original report, their report will be withdrawn.
3. Within 5 days (120 hours) of the conclusion of the match in which the Player is reported, the ECB shall furnish the Chief Executive of the Player's Team with a copy of the Umpires' Report.
4. Should a bowler be 'called' or 'reported' by an umpire they shall be required to submit to an independent assessment (herein referred to as the Independent Assessment) of their bowling action as outlined in paragraph E below. This paragraph will apply regardless of whether the report was in relation to the Player's bowling action generally or any specific types of delivery.
5. Until the receipt by the Chief Executive of the Player's Team of the Independent Assessment, the ECB will where possible not make any public comment regarding any Umpires' Report of a Player's bowling action. However, where it is considered necessary in order to address or minimise media/public speculation, at any time after the Chief Executive of the Player's Team has been furnished with a copy of the Umpires' Report and after the Player has been informed of the situation, the ECB may issue a media release to the effect that the Player has been called or reported and that they will be subject to the Independent Assessment process as set out herein. Where the Independent Assessment of the Player results in a Suspension or Warning as outlined in E8 and E9 then ECB will issue a media release summarising the outcome of the Independent Assessment and the action to be taken by ECB. Where the Independent Assessment does not result in a Suspension or a Warning the ECB may, with the agreement of the Player, issue a media release summarising the outcome of the Independent Assessment.
6. When the report is made in a match that has been televised or filmed, upon receipt of the Umpires' Report, the ECB will arrange for copies of the footage of the bowling spells of the Player in the match in question to be produced as soon as possible. Once copies of this footage have been received, the ECB shall forward a copy to the Team who shall retain one copy for its own purposes and provide a copy to the Player. A copy shall be retained by the ECB for the Independent Assessment and BRG hearing referred to in paragraphs E and F below. If footage from the match when the report was lodged is not available or not of an appropriate quality then the Independent Assessment may analyse other footage of the Player bowling in matches during the previous 12 months. Such footage should be selected following consultation with the Player and/or his Team in order to discuss whether any changes have been made to his action since the footage was filmed.

E. Independent Assessment

If a Player is reported in accordance with paragraph D above, they shall be required to submit to an independent assessment of their bowling action (Independent Assessment) carried out in accordance with the following terms:

1. The Independent Assessment shall be carried out by an ECB appointed human movement specialist referred to in paragraph B above (the Appointed Specialist). The Appointed Specialist shall not have clear associations with the Player or the Player's Team.
2. The Independent Assessment, which shall be carried out as soon as reasonably possible but in any event (unless in exceptional circumstances) within 21 days of receipt by the Player's Team of the notice of the Umpires' report referred to in paragraph D 3 above.
3. The Independent Assessment shall be carried out in accordance with the ECB Standard Analysis Protocols (Annex 1 hereto). The Independent Assessment shall take into account the Umpires' Report. If the Player expresses any concern or complaint regarding the circumstances or conduct of the Independent Assessment, they should make these known to the Appointed Specialist before the conclusion of the Independent Assessment. The Appointed Specialist should make a written note of the relevant concern or complaint which should be agreed with the Player.
4. The ECB shall specify the time and place at which the Independent Assessment shall be carried out and shall ensure that the Player, through the Player's Team, is given reasonable notice thereof, as far as is practicable. The Independent Assessment shall take priority over any playing commitments the Player may have (for example, if the Independent Assessment coincides with a match being played by the Team). It is expected that the Player's Team Coach or Director of Cricket at the time of the Umpires' report will be present at the Independent Assessment. Alternatively, or in addition, the Player shall be entitled to be accompanied at all times during the Independent Analysis by a representative. This individual shall be permitted to observe the Independent Assessment but cannot (unless invited by the ECB/Testing Team) be involved or interfere in any aspect of it. (See Annex 1 – ECB Standard Analysis Protocols - 9)
5. In the event of the Player failing to submit to the Independent Assessment as required above, such failure will be regarded as an admission that they bowl with an Illegal Bowling Action and they shall be immediately be suspended from bowling for England and in Competitive Cricket until such time as they have submitted to a fresh Independent Assessment in accordance with the provisions as set out in paragraph G below, and in which fresh Independent Assessment it is concluded that they have remedied their action.
6. Within 14 days of the date for the carrying out of the Independent Assessment, the Appointed Specialist shall furnish the ECB with a written report (hereinafter referred to as the Independent Assessment Report) in the format as set out in the ICC Standard Analysis Protocols. Where the Independent Assessment Report concludes that the Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Assessment, it should indicate whether the Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action generally or in respect of specific type(s) of delivery only and whether, in the Appointed Specialist's opinion, such conclusion is not inconsistent with the relevant video evidence. Where the Independent Assessment Report concludes that the Player did not employ an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Assessment, it should, where relevant, indicate whether, in the opinion of the Appointed Specialist, the Player's bowling action during the Independent Analysis was materially different to their action in the relevant video evidence (whether generally or in respect of the specific type(s) of delivery (if any) identified in the Umpires' Report). The Independent Assessment Report should also include any notes of concerns or complaints of the Player made under paragraph 3 above.

7. Immediately upon receipt of the Independent Assessment Report by the ECB, the ECB shall furnish the Player's Team with a copy thereof.

8. Subject to paragraph 9 below, in the event that the Independent Assessment Report concludes either that

(i) the Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action during the Independent Assessment and that such conclusion is not inconsistent with the relevant video footage or that

(ii) the Player's bowling action during the Independent Assessment was materially different to their action in the relevant video footage,

the Player shall immediately be suspended from bowling for England and in Competitive Cricket until such time as they have submitted to a fresh Independent Assessment in accordance with the provisions as set out in paragraph G below, and in which fresh Independent Assessment it is concluded that they have remedied their action (a Suspension). The Suspension shall become operative from the date of receipt by the Player's Team of a copy of the Independent Assessment Report in accordance with paragraph E 7 above.

Note: The ECB Standard Analysis Protocols (Annex 1) contain reference to a level of acceptable elbow extension. Should the Independent Assessment Report conclude that the Player's action exhibits a degree of elbow extension of the bowling arm higher than the said acceptable level; the action of the Player shall be deemed to be an Illegal Bowling Action.

It should be noted that in order for the action to be classified as a legal action, the degree of elbow extension recorded for each delivery which is not materially different to the Player's action in the relevant video footage shall be within the level of acceptable elbow extension.

9. In circumstances where the Independent Assessment Report concludes that The Player employed an Illegal Bowling Action or used a materially different bowling action during the Independent Assessment in respect of a specific type of delivery only, the Player will be allowed to continue bowling for England and in competitive Team cricket but subject to the warning (Warning) that should they continue to bowl any of the specific type(s) of delivery for which they have been found to have an Illegal Bowling Action, they will run the risk of being reported again. In these circumstances further reports resulting in an Independent Assessment concluding that the Player has employed an Illegal Bowling Action (whether in respect of a specific type of delivery or more generally) will result in the immediate suspension of the Player from bowling for England and in Competitive Cricket and such suspension shall be considered a second suspension under the provisions of paragraph H below.

Note: This is intended to cover the circumstances where a bowler employs a different technique to deliver a specific type of delivery e.g. propelling the ball out of the back of the hand to produce a "googly" or "doosra". It is not intended to cover the situation where the same basic technique is used to produce a different type of delivery e.g. more effort to produce a "bouncer" or a "yorker".

10. Throughout the period from the date of the Umpires' Report which triggers an Independent Assessment up to the date of receipt by the Player's Team of the Independent Assessment Report, the Player shall be permitted to continue bowling in Competitive County Cricket. At any time throughout this period the Player is subject to being called on the field by an umpire in accordance with Law 21.2 and the consequences of such Law must apply. During this period a further Umpires' Report will however have no consequence.

11. In the event that the Player does not accept any aspect of the outcome of the Independent Assessment or any Warning or Suspension imposed they shall be entitled to a hearing of the ECB Bowling Review Group (BRG). The conclusions of the Independent Assessment Report and any Suspension or Warning imposed as a consequence of those conclusions will stand pending the decision of the BRG.

F. ECB Bowling Review Group Hearing

1. The Player seeking a hearing of the BRG shall lodge with the ECB Head of Operations (First Class Cricket), or ECB Cricket Operations Manager, written notice thereof within 14 days of the date of receipt by the Player's Team of the Independent Assessment Report. The BRG hearing will be held as soon as reasonably possible but at least normally within 21 days of receipt by the ECB of the Player's written notice referred to above.
2. The BRG shall determine the procedure for the hearing.
3. Subject to clause C above, the ECB in consultation with the Chairman of the BRG shall be responsible for arranging the appointment of the BRG and for determining the time and place for the hearing. The ECB shall ensure that the Player, through the Player's Team, is given reasonable notice thereof.
4. The Player shall be entitled to attend the hearing. However, if the Player has received notice of the hearing in terms of clause F 3 and fails to attend the hearing, the hearing may at the absolute discretion of the Chairman of the BRG, proceed in the absence of the Player.
5. The Player shall be entitled to a representative who shall be entitled to attend the hearing.
6. The BRG hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Principles of Natural Justice.
7. The BRG will consider the following:
 - 7.1 The Umpires' Report.
 - 7.2 The Independent Assessment Report together with any video based evidence accompanying such assessment.
 - 7.3 The video based evidence referred to in paragraph D 6 above.
 - 7.4 Any further evidence that the Player and/or their representative wishes to present in the Player's defence.
This may include a written report, a verbal submission, any expert evidence and video based evidence.
 - 7.5 Any evidence that the Player's Team wishes to be considered on behalf of the Player.
 - 7.6 Any evidence that the ECB considers potentially relevant
 - 7.7 Any other evidence the BRG requests
8. The Player and/or their representative and the ECB shall be entitled to question any person called to give evidence in the course of the hearing on any issue relevant to the hearing. The members of the BRG shall be entitled to question the Player and/or any person called to give evidence.
9. After all the evidence and argument has been presented, the BRG shall adjourn the hearing to deliberate on its decision.
10. The BRG shall reach a decision by a simple majority vote on the balance of probabilities. The Chairman of the BRG has the casting vote.

11. The BRG shall decide:

- 11.1 whether or not the Player has an Illegal Bowling Action or used a materially different bowling action during the Independent Assessment, or whether it is not possible to determine if the Player has an Illegal Bowling Action or used a materially different bowling action during the Independent Analysis; and
 - 11.2 that (i) the Suspension of, or the Warning to, the Player be maintained; or
(ii) the Suspension of, or the Warning to, the Player be lifted; or
(iii) the Suspension of a Player be lifted but a Warning imposed in respect of a particular type of delivery; or
(iv) the Player should be required to submit to a repeated Independent Analysis in accordance with the procedures in clause E and any other condition the BRG shall consider appropriate.
12. The BRG may consider any procedural irregularities, but these shall not invalidate any aspect of the outcome of the Independent Assessment or any Warning or Suspension imposed under clause E unless the BRG determines that its ability to make the decision required in Clause 11.1.
13. The BRG must, in each case, set out the reasons why the decision has been reached, including a summary of the evidence on which the decision was based.
14. The ECB will communicate the decision of the BRG in writing to the Player, through their Team as soon as reasonably practicable after the hearing.
15. Subject to the right of the Player to re-assessment in accordance with paragraph G 2 below, the decision of the BRG shall be final and binding.
16. Unless otherwise ordered by the BRG, the ECB shall be responsible for the costs of convening the BRG hearing, and each party presenting evidence shall be responsible for any costs associated with presenting the evidence, and for the costs of any representation they obtain.

G Re-assessment of Player's Action

- 1. A Player who has been suspended from bowling for England and in Competitive Cricket under these regulations may be permitted under the supervision of their Team and with the consent of the ECB to continue to play 2nd XI County Cricket, Women's County Cricket, Minor Counties Cricket and League cricket (subject to the relevant authority giving approval to this arrangement).
- 2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph G 5 and paragraph H below, a Player who has been suspended from bowling for England and in Competitive Cricket under these regulations, may at any time apply to the ECB for a re-assessment of their bowling action.
- 3. Such re-assessment shall be carried out in the same manner as the Independent Assessment referred to in paragraph E above.
- 4. In the event of such re-assessment concluding that the player has remedied their action and that their action is no longer an Illegal Bowling Action the Player's suspension shall be lifted and they shall be permitted to continue bowling in Competitive Cricket forthwith (and for England assuming that they are not suspended by ICC).

5. The BRG shall have the discretion to specify a fixed period before the expiry of which the bowler shall not be entitled to approach the ECB for a re-assessment of their bowling action in terms hereof. Such discretion shall only be exercised in the instance where an application discloses no rational or coherent grounds for a BRG hearing and the maximum period so specified shall be 1 year.
6. The Independent Assessment resulting from re-assessment will stand in the place of the original Independent Assessment, and the provisions of paragraphs E 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 and of paragraph F will apply in respect of it.
7. Any player suspended from bowling in international cricket or receiving a warning regarding a particular type of delivery by ICC (including any provisional suspension) will also be deemed to be suspended from bowling or warned against bowling that particular type of delivery in Competitive Cricket. ECB may in exceptional circumstances permit the Player to continue to play in certain defined competitions within the domestic cricket programme whilst undergoing remedial coaching and / or supervision as ECB deems appropriate. If ICC lifts a suspension on a bowler, then any suspension on the bowler imposed by the ECB will also be deemed to have been lifted.

H. Second and Further Suspensions

In the event of a Player receiving a Suspension or Warning from bowling in Competitive Cricket under these regulations for a second time within a period of 2 years from the date of the commencement of the first Suspension or Warning, the Player shall be suspended from bowling in Competitive Cricket for a minimum period of 1 year. Only after the expiry of this 1-year period is the Player entitled to approach the ECB for a re-assessment of their action in accordance with paragraph G above.

In the event of a Player receiving a Suspension or Warning from bowling in Competitive Cricket under these regulations on a third or subsequent occasion within a period of 3 years from the date of the commencement of the previous Suspension or Warning, the Player shall be suspended from bowling in Competitive Cricket for a minimum period of 1 year. Only after the expiry of this 1-year period is the Player entitled to approach the ECB for a re-assessment of their action in accordance with paragraph G above.

(See also paragraph E9 above).

I. Costs

1. The ECB will be responsible for the costs of the first Independent Assessment and the first re-assessment under paragraph G (subject to a maximum of one re-assessment within a period of 2 years) of any bowler as well as the costs of the BRG hearing, excluding the costs incurred by the Player to attend thereat. The ECB shall be responsible for the costs of any Independent Assessment ordered by the BRG under clause F, unless otherwise specified by the BRG.
2. The Player and/or their Team shall be responsible for the payment of any costs of representation of the Player and for any subsequent re-assessments carried out at the Player's or Team's request.

Annex 1

ECB Standard Analysis Protocols

Introduction

The ECB has introduced a revised process for the review of bowlers with suspected illegal bowling actions (Bowling Review Process). This process is in accordance with the ICC standardised protocols for the assessment of suspected illegal bowling actions.

In order for the Bowling Review Process to be conducted in a fair and consistent manner the following standard protocols for the collection of data and the assessment and analysis of bowling actions have been introduced. The overall purpose of the report is to confirm the legality / or not, of the action of the player as used in the match situation. Thus, the protocols are provided not only for how the action should be analysed in the laboratory setting, but also highlight the need for a detailed comparison between the action performed during match situations and the bowling action analysed in the laboratory.

It has been determined that it is the degree of elbow extension, as opposed to hyperextension or abduction / adduction that is prohibited. An Illegal Bowling Action is a bowling action where the Player's Elbow Extension exceeds 15 degrees, measured using the Standard Analysis Protocols from the point at which the bowling arm reaches the horizontal until the point at which the ball is released. Any Elbow Hyperextension shall be discounted for the purposes of determining an Illegal Bowling Action. Elbow hyperextension and elbow abduction / adduction are involuntary movements that cannot be controlled by the individual during the bowling action.

Equipment for Independent Assessments

- 1 The Testing Centre shall be equipped with high speed video cameras, a 3D motion analysis system, a standardised kit of markers and calibration tools.
- 3 The data collection and camera system shall be standardised by calibration tools used in accordance with the instructions of the panel of Human Movement Specialists.
- 3 Standardised software packages shall be used by the Testing Team to analyse the data from the Independent Assessment and produce the Independent Assessment Report.

Preparation for Independent Assessments

- 4 Prior to the Independent Assessment, the ECB shall provide the Appointed Specialist with video footage of the Player's bowling action from the match in which the relevant Umpires' Report was submitted and/or other relevant video footage of the Player's bowling action. This video footage shall be used to compare the Player's match bowling action with the Player's bowling action during the Independent Assessment.
- 5 The Testing Team may, at the sole discretion of the Appointed Specialist, include a relevant cricketing expert (for example a former player, umpire or coach) to help determine if the Player is accurately reproducing their match bowling action during the Independent Assessment.
- 6 Prior to the Independent Assessment the Testing Team shall provide the Player with an explanation of the requirements for the Independent Assessment under these Standard Analysis Protocols, including the deliveries that the Player shall be required to bowl in accordance with paragraphs 19-22.

- 7 The Testing Team, prior to the Independent Assessment, shall:
 - a) record the Player's age, injury status, bowling arm and bowling style (Standard Delivery Type and any Specific Variations)
 - b) measure the Player's height and weight and record this information on the Independent Assessment Report; and
 - c) assess the Player for joint hypermobility using the Beighton scale.
- 8 Prior to the Independent Assessment, the Testing Team shall give the Player the opportunity to present to the Appointed Specialist any medical and/or scientific information relevant to the Independent Assessment.
- 9 The Player may, at the cost of the Player and/or Team, be accompanied to the Independent Assessment by an individual or individuals approved in advance by the ECB and/or Testing Team. Such person(s) may include a chaperone, the Player's coach or a member of the Player's Team's support staff. This individual or individuals shall be permitted to observe the Independent Assessment, and if agreed by the ECB/Testing Team, perform the role of a batsman, wicketkeeper and/or umpire to replicate a match environment but cannot interfere in any aspect of the Independent Assessment.

Calibration and warm-up

- 10 Male Players shall undertake the Independent Assessment with a bare torso; female Players shall wear appropriate clothing as agreed with the Testing Team. The Testing Team may require shaving of some areas of the Player's skin for the purpose of securely attaching the marker set.
- 11 The Testing Team shall:
 - a) place the marker set on the Player's bowling arm and torso;
 - b) take photographs of the placement of the marker set; and
 - c) perform a series of shoulder and arm movements (system calibration) before and after the Player has bowled deliveries during their warm-up
- 12 This process above in 11 shall be repeated until the Testing Team is satisfied that the testing equipment is adequately calibrated.
- 13 The Testing Team shall provide the Player with the opportunity to conduct their normal pre-bowling warm-up routine, which shall comprise as many deliveries and shall be of such duration as the Player may require.
- 14 The Testing Team shall indicate clearly to the Player when the calibration process is complete and shall establish from the Player when their warm-up is complete and when the Player is ready to commence the Independent Assessment.

Procedure for Independent Assessments

- 15 The Independent Assessment shall be completed in one day.
- 16 Wherever possible, the Independent Assessment shall be conducted indoors on a full-length cricket pitch with creases marked in accordance with Law 7 and with a full run-up available to the Player.
- 17 The Testing Team shall provide the ball to be used during the Independent Assessment, which may be new or used and shall be of the approved standard under the relevant ECB Playing Conditions.

- 18 The Player shall be required to replicate their match bowling action (including full length run-up), position on the crease, and pace of delivery in bowling the mode and quantity of deliveries specified by the Testing Team in accordance with paragraphs 26-29 below (as applicable).
- 19 The Player shall be required to bowl a minimum of 6 deliveries of any mode of delivery that has been mentioned on the Umpires' Report (Standard Delivery Type or Specific Variation) during the Independent Assessment.
- 20 In respect of all deliveries the Player shall be required to bowl a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 48 deliveries during the Independent Assessment. The Testing Team shall in their sole discretion determine the number of deliveries to be bowled using the Player's Standard Delivery Type and any Specific Variations.
- 21 Where the Player's Standard Delivery Type is that of a fast/medium pace bowler, the deliveries to be bowled using their Standard Delivery Type shall, unless the Testing Team determines otherwise, be equally divided between deliveries of the following lengths (subject to a small margin of error at the Testing Team's discretion in accordance with paragraph 25(c)):
 - a) good length;
 - b) yorker length; and
 - c) bouncer length.
- 22 Where the Player's Standard Delivery Type is that of a spin bowler, the deliveries to be bowled using their Standard Delivery Type shall, unless the Testing Team determines otherwise, be good length deliveries (subject to a small margin of error at the Testing Team's discretion in accordance with paragraph 25(c)).
- 23 The Player shall, for the purposes of enabling the Testing Team to make the judgement required under paragraph 25(b) (wide delivery), verbally notify the Testing Team at the commencement of the Independent Assessment as to whether they wish their deliveries to be assessed as being delivered to a right or left-handed batsman. The Player may inform the Testing Team at any stage of the Independent Assessment if they wish to change this earlier notification. In the absence of any such notification, the Independent Assessment shall be conducted on the basis of a right-handed batsman.
- 24 The Player may at any time during the Independent Assessment request a break and/or refreshments, which the Testing Team shall accommodate wherever reasonable.
- 25 The Testing Team shall require the Player to repeat any of the following deliveries, which consequently shall not comprise part of the Independent Assessment:
 - a) any delivery which would be deemed a no ball under Law 21.5 (the feet) or Law 21.6 (breaking wicket in delivering ball) of the Laws of Cricket;
 - b) any delivery which would be deemed a wide under Law 22 of the Laws of Cricket; or
 - c) any delivery which, allowing for a small margin of error on the part of the Player in terms of length, does not correspond to the length of delivery specified by the Testing Team in accordance with paragraph 21.

- 26 The Testing Team shall have complete discretion in judging (in respect of both the Player's Standard Delivery Type and all applicable Specific Variations):
- a) whether the Player has accurately complied with the requirements of the Independent Assessment (including but not limited to the replication of their match bowling action, length of run-up, position on the crease, and pace of delivery); and
 - b) whether any deliveries are required to be repeated under paragraph 25 above in order for the Independent Assessment to be completed by the Player.

Independent Assessment Reports

- 27 The Independent Assessment Report shall be presented to ECB as soon as reasonably possible after the Independent Assessment and, unless exceptional circumstances exist, no later than 14 days from the date of the Independent Assessment.
- 28 The Independent Assessment Report shall include:
- a) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of the Appointed Specialist, the Player accurately replicated their match bowling action in the Independent Assessment (including in respect of any Specific Variations); and
 - b) **the legality of the action with respect of the amount of elbow extension measured in comparison to the 15 degree elbow extension threshold.**

Where the validated Independent Assessment Report records the degree of Elbow Extension on any delivery of the Player's Standard Delivery Type to be in excess of the level specified in 28 b), the Player shall therefore be determined to have used an Illegal Bowling Action. Where the validated Independent Assessment Report records the degree of Elbow Extension on any delivery of a Specific Variation to be in excess of the level specified in 28 b), the Player shall therefore be determined to have used an Illegal Bowling Action in respect of that Specific Variation.

Accordingly, in order for a Player to be determined to have used a legal bowling action (in respect of both their Standard Delivery Type and any applicable Specific Variations), the degree of Elbow Extension recorded for every delivery from each mode of delivery during the Independent Assessment must be within the level specified in 28 b) above.