

Age Determination Policy for ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup

A. Definitions

1. **Chronological Age:** this is based on the birth date, registration on the birth certificate, school certificate, passport and registration with the national cricket association.
2. **Physiological Age:** this is based on the body structure and other physical characteristics.
3. All other definitions shall be as those contained in the Participating Nations Agreement and/or the ICC Code of Conduct.

B. Background

As the international governing body for the sport of cricket the ICC is responsible for ensuring that appropriate protocols are put in place to ensure players are of the correct age for the ICC U19 CWC and thus maintain a level playing field.

At its meeting on the 20th March 2006 the ICC Executive Board resolved to adopt this policy for all future ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup events.

C. Persons/Matches Covered

This policy will become a schedule to the Qualification Rules for the ICC U19 CWC and shall apply to all Players participating in that particular ICC event.

D. Process to be followed

1. Once named in the initial squad the Player completes and files the Age Verification section of the Age Determination Form, shown as Annexure 1, (together with the supporting documents requested in the Age Determination Form) with his Home Board.
2. The Home Board (with the assistance of a doctor) then completes the Physiological Age section of the Age Determination Form and declares the Player's age.
3. To compete in the ICC U19 CWC Players from Full Member countries must be under the age of 19 on the 1st of September before the event takes place and Players from Associate or Affiliate Member countries must be under the age of 20 on the 1st of September before the event takes place. (For the avoidance of doubt this means that at midnight (in the country of birth) at the changeover from the 31st August to the 1st of September immediately before the event, players from

Full Member countries must be under the age of 19 and players from Associate and Affiliate Member countries must be under the age of 20. If Members are in any further doubt as to the eligibility of a player they should contact ICC offices as fielding an ineligible player is a serious offence.)

4. Both sections of the Age Determination Form must be sent to the ICC. The deadline for receipt shall be (insert date – probably two months before the commencement of the Support Period).
5. Upon receipt and review of the Age Determination Forms ICC retains the right to
 - A) Request additional documentation.
 - B) Request the Player to submit to an independent Physiological Age examination.
 - C) Disqualify a Player if, upon the evidence in its possession it is reasonably satisfied that the Player is over age and/or if it is not satisfied as to the existence, quality and/or authenticity of the relevant Player's Chronological Age documentary proof. A Player disqualified under this provision would be entitled to appeal against disqualification in accordance with Clause F below.

E. During the event

1. The Chairman of the Event Technical Committee shall be entitled to randomly select Players to examine and review their Chronological Age documents.
2. The Chairman of the Event Technical Committee may also examine and review the Chronological Age documents of a specific Player if he is in receipt of a written complaint from one of the Participating Nations about that specific Player.
2. If the Chairman of the Event Technical Committee is not satisfied as to the existence, quality and/or authenticity of the relevant Players Chronological Age documentary proof he shall be entitled to request that the Player submit to an independent Physiological Age examination. A local doctor will be selected by the Event Technical Committee for this purpose. The cost of any such examination will be paid by the ICC from the event budget.
3. Results of any independent Physiological Age examination will be carefully considered by the Event Technical Committee and it shall then decide if the player is, in its opinion, over age.

F. Penalties to be imposed

1. If a Player is found to be over age then he will be disqualified from the Event immediately.
2. If more than one Player from a team is found to be over age then IDI retains the right to disqualify the whole team and the Chairman of the Event Technical Committee shall notify the IDI Board accordingly.
3. The Chairman of the Event Technical Committee shall be entitled to advise the media of any penalties imposed.

F The Appeals System

1. The Player will be afforded a right of appeal to an Appeal Commissioner appointed by ICC In House Lawyer using the following system:
 - a) A Player found to be over age shall be permitted to appeal against the doctor's declaration that he is over age.
 - b) The relevant Player seeking to appeal against a decision (the appellant) is to lodge with ICC In House Lawyer, or her nominee, written notice of appeal setting out the grounds of the appeal within 3 hours of notification to the Player of the doctor's declaration that he is over age.
 - c) Within 12 hours of receiving the appellant's notice of appeal, ICC Legal Counsel shall appoint an Appeals Commissioners, from a country other than that of the relevant Player, to hear and determine the appeal.
 - d) The Appeals Commissioner shall hear and determine the appeal as soon as possible.
 - e) The process for conducting the hearing shall be left in the discretion of the Appeals Commissioner provided that at all times the hearing is conducted in accordance with the ICC Guidelines on the Principles of Natural Justice. In most cases, he will make his decision on the basis of the written submissions of the appellant and the doctor. Where it is available, he shall view all the Chronological Age and Physiological Age evidence submitted. Together with the independent Physiological Age test result. In his/her absolute discretion he may conduct a hearing in person or by telephone conference. In the event that the Appeals Commissioner elects to conduct a hearing in person or by telephone the appellant and the doctor shall be given the opportunity to be present at or listen to all of the evidence and to question any witnesses.
 - f) The Appeals Commissioner shall provide a written decision to ICC which shall be forwarded to the appellant, his Team Manager and the Chairman of the Event Technical Committee.

- g) Pending resolution of an appeal, a Player shall not be permitted to play in a match that is scheduled to commence prior to the announcement of the Appeals Commissioner's decision.
- h) The decision of the Appeals Commissioner shall be final and binding.