



IMPACT PLAYER REGULATIONS

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The Board of Control for Cricket in India (“**BCCI**”) is the body responsible for the operation of the Indian Premier League and this impact player regulations (the “**Impact Player Regulations**”) is adopted and implemented as part of the BCCI’s effort to add a new tactical dimension to the game.

A. Impact Player

The concept of an Impact Player is to allow one substitute player per team to take a more active part in an IPL match. This will add a new tactical / strategic dimension to the game.

A number of team sports allow teams to make tactical substitutes i.e., football, rugby, basketball, baseball. The substitute is allowed to perform or participate like any other regular player.

Introducing Impact Player will allow one more Player an opportunity to play in the IPL and would maintain IPL’s position at the forefront of innovative cricket and continue the evolution of the T20 format.

B. Impact Player Rules

- 1.1. Teams need to identify playing XI and 5 (five) substitutes at the time of the toss. Out of the 5 substitutes named in the team sheet, only one player can be used as an Impact player.
- 1.2. Both teams are allowed to use one Impact Player per match. It is, however, not compulsory. It is up to teams whether they want to use the Impact Player or not.
- 1.3. The Impact Player can be used in the following manner: The Captain will nominate the Impact Player to the umpire and the umpire will signal in the manner stated in **Schedule 1** indicating that the Impact Player is being introduced. The Impact Player can be introduced (i) before the start of the innings; or (ii) after completion of an over; or (iii) in case of a batter, at the fall of the wicket or the batter retiring at any time during the over (as provided in Clause 1.8 (iv) below). The bowling team can also get an Impact Player during the fall of the wicket, but that Impact Player will not be permitted to bowl the remaining balls in that over if the wicket has fallen mid over.
- 1.4. A Player who is replaced by an Impact Player (“**Replaced Player**”) can no longer take part in the remainder of the match and is also not permitted to even return as a substitute fielder.
- 1.5. If a player gets injured while fielding mid over, the current playing condition will prevail (refer *Rule 24.1 - Substitute Fielders*). The injured player can no longer take part in the match if the team introduces Impact Player to replace him. Otherwise, Impact Player can only be introduced in the manner provided in Clause 1.3 above.
- 1.6. In case of Impact Player used by a team, and if an injury occurs, the same rule will apply as they currently do under playing condition (refer *Rule 24. Fielders' Absence; Substitutes*). If umpires are satisfied that a fielder has been injured or becomes ill during the match, a substitute fielder is allowed to field in place of an injured player. The substitute shall not bowl or act as captain. Penalty time for the batting and fielding teams will apply to the player off the field for the substitute as per the playing conditions.
- 1.7. Impact Player can only be Indian player unless there are less than 4 overseas players in the Playing XI.

1.8. Batting Team

- (i) Impact Player can be introduced in the manner provided in Clause 1.3 above.
- (ii) Only the Captain, can notify the on-field umpire or the fourth umpire, at the fall of the wicket or the batter retiring at any time during the over (as provided in Clause 1.8 (iv) below) or at the innings break about the introduction of the Impact Player.
- (iii) After the introduction of Impact Player in game, a player can bat and may bowl a full allotment of 4 overs in an uninterrupted innings.
- (iv) Retired Batter:
 - (a) In the event, a batter is retired and is replaced by an Impact Player and such retired player is nominated as the Replaced Player, then such Replaced Player will no longer take any further part in the game. It is clarified that in the above case, a wicket will be deemed to have fallen.
 - (b) In the event, a batter is retired and is replaced by an Impact Player, but another player is nominated as the Replaced Player, then the player that has been retired can come back and participate in the game subject to Clause 25.4¹ of IPL Match Playing Conditions.
- (v) In any situation, only 11 players can bat.

1.9. Bowling Team

- (i) Impact Player can be introduced in the manner provided in Clause 1.3 above. If the Impact Player is introduced at fall off wicket during the over, in that scenario the Impact Player cannot bowl till the over is completed.
- (ii) The fielding captain will notify one of the standing umpires before the start of the new over if he wants to get the Impact Player. At the end of the over the standing umpire will signal a change and the Impact Player would replace the outgoing player.
- (iii) An Impact Player may bowl a full allotment of 4 overs in an uninterrupted inning irrespective of the number of overs previously bowled by the player he is replacing.
- (iv) If a bowler is injured mid over or he is suspended during the over, the current playing conditions shall prevail (*refer rule 17.8, bowler incapacitated, or suspended during an over*). The Impact Player can be introduced immediately and could finish the

¹ 25.4 Batter retiring

25.4.1 A batter may retire at any time during his innings when the ball is dead. The umpires, before allowing play to proceed, shall be informed of the reason for a batter retiring.

25.4.2 If a batter retires because of illness, injury or any other unavoidable cause, that batter is entitled to resume his innings. If for any reason this does not happen, that batter is to be recorded as 'Retired - not out'.

25.4.3 If a batter retires for any reason other than as in clause 25.4.2, the innings of that batter may be resumed only with the consent of the opposing captain. If for any reason his innings is not resumed, that batter is to be recorded as 'Retired - out'.

25.4.4 If after retiring a batter resumes his innings, subject to the requirements of clauses 25.4.2 and 25.4.3, it shall be only at the fall of a wicket or the retirement of another batter.

maximum over quota (4 in an uninterrupted match), provided he is not allowed to bowl the remaining balls of that over and he does not bowl two overs consecutively.

1.10. Overseas Players

An overseas player can be used as an Impact Player only in a situation where a team nominates less than overseas players in the starting XI. Only an overseas player who is part of 5 substitutes named in the team sheet can be used as an Impact Player. If a team introduces an overseas player as an Impact Player in a match, in no circumstance can a 5th overseas player take the field.

1.11. Delayed or Interrupted start

If a delayed start reduces the total amount of overs available to both sides to less than 20 overs per innings prior to the commencement of the match, there will be no change in the method of utilisation of Impact Player from what is stated above. Impact Player can be utilized at any time during the match.

1.12. Concussion Substitute

If a team introduces the Impact Player and the player get concussed during the match, please refer to Clause 1.2.9² of IPL Match Playing Condition.

1.13 Sanctions and Penalty

Any sanctions, penalty and/ or warnings which may have been issued to a Replaced Player will not be applicable to the Impact Player.

² 1.2.9 Concussion Replacement

1.2.9.1 If a player sustains a concussion or suspected concussion, as a result of a head or neck injury during the course of the relevant match, a Concussion Replacement may be permitted in the following circumstances:

1.2.9.1.1 the head or neck injury must have been sustained during play and within the playing area described in clause 1.2.7.2 above;

1.2.9.1.2 a concussion or suspected concussion must have been formally diagnosed by the Players' Medical Team Doctor

1.2.9.1.3 the Team Manager shall submit a Concussion Replacement Request to the IPL Match Referee on a standard form, which shall:

1.2.9.1.3.1 identify the player who has sustained the concussion or suspected concussion;

1.2.9.1.3.2 specify the incident in which the concussion or suspected concussion was sustained, including the time at which it occurred;

1.2.9.1.3.3 confirm that, following an examination, the Players' Team Medical Doctor believes or suspects that the player has sustained a concussion as a result of the incident specified in clause 1.2.9.1.3.2 above; and

1.2.9.1.3.4 identify the requested Concussion Replacement, who shall be like-for-like replacement for the player who has sustained the concussion or suspected concussion.

1.2.9.2 The Concussion Replacement Request must be submitted to the IPL Match Referee as soon as possible after the incident specified in clause 1.2.9.1.3.2 if a Concussion Replacement is to be permitted

1.2.9.3 The IPL Match Referee should ordinarily approve a Concussion Replacement Request if the replacement is a like-for-like player whose inclusion will not excessively advantage his team for the remainder of the match.

1.2.9.4 In assessing whether the nominated Concussion Replacement should be considered a like-for-like player, the IPL Match Referee should consider the likely role that the concussed player would have played during the remainder of the match, and the normal role that would be performed by the nominated Concussion Replacement.

1.2.9.5 If the IPL Match Referee believes that the inclusion of the nominated Concussion Replacement, when performing their normal role, would excessively advantage their team, the IPL Match Referee may impose such conditions upon the identity and involvement of the Concussion Replacement as he/she sees fit, in line with the overriding objective of facilitating a like-for-like replacement for the concussed player.

1.2.9.6 The IPL Match Referee may, in reviewing a Concussion Replacement Request made in accordance with clause 1.2.9.1.3 request any such further information as may be required in order to make the determination required under clauses 1.2.9.4 and 1.2.9.5.

1.2.9.7 The decision of the IPL Match Referee in relation to any Concussion Replacement Request shall be final and neither team shall have any right of appeal.

1.2.9.8 Once the Concussion Replacement has been approved by the IPL Match Referee, the replaced player shall take no further part in the match

1.2.9.9 Both the Concussion Replacement and the replaced player shall be considered to have played in the match for records and statistical purposes.

SCHEDULE 1: SIGNAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF IMPACT PLAYER

