

## #BCCIvsNADA<sup>1</sup>

The 25<sup>th</sup> July meeting of senior Board of Control for Cricket in India officials did not resolve the year-long doping conundrum that the Board is facing. The acting President, CK Khanna, told the media that the Board has scheduled another meeting shortly to decide upon the issue of National Anti-Doping Agency's intervention to dope test Indian cricketers. BCCI believes that because the Board is not a national federation and has its own dope test system, which is in compliance with the WADA code, NADA has no business to intervene. This non-alignment stand against NADA has made ICC question the National Board as the former has agreed to collaborate with World Anti-Doping Agency on testing international cricketers for doping with compliance with WADA's rules.

### **BCCI Anti-Doping Framework**

BCCI has appointed International Doping Tests & Management, a Sweden based organization to handle all matters in relation to Pre-Competition, In-competition and out-of-competition dope test of its players. IDTM has also been engaged by ICC to provide collection sample services. Apart from that, through a letter to the Secretary of Department of Sports dated 8 November, 2017, the Board has mentioned that for analysis of samples, it complies with the WADA International Standard for Laboratories and the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations. The letter also stated the adherence of the Board to WADA's list of prohibited substances and prohibited methods.

### **The Fallout**

With the pressure mounting on NADA to comply with the orders of WADA in relation to bringing BCCI under the ambit of the former and its accreditation at stake, the tug of war can be detrimental to the game. It surfaced the issue of lack of coordination between national sporting organizations in the country and the necessity to have a homogeneous system to govern technical aspects of sports. The coming days will not only decide the upshot of BCCI-NADA dissension, but will also decide the fate of sports governance in India.

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