

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PROTESTS & DISPUTES TRIBUNAL - MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees	
Panel / Official	Champion Lakes Representatives
David King (DK) – SMCA	Kamalpreet Anand (KA) – Player
Mark Iannello (MI) – SMCA	Sachin Jassal – Captain
Joe Covic (JC) – SMCA	Thanigachalah Nataratan – Club Official
Matt Watson (MW) – CCC	

Case 2 - Playing Whilst Under Suspension

Executive Summary
<p>On 11 February 2026, the SMCA Protests & Disputes Tribunal considered a matter concerning Kamalpreet Anand (Champion Lakes CC) playing whilst under an outstanding suspension from the 2022/23 season. The Tribunal established that ten (10) playing days of the original sixteen (16) day suspension remained unserved and that the player had participated in another competition during that period.</p> <p>While the Tribunal accepted that the player had sought clarification of his eligibility and was incorrectly advised that he could play in a different competition, it determined that ultimate responsibility for compliance rests with the player and that the integrity of the competition must be upheld. The Tribunal therefore ordered that the outstanding ten (10) playing days be served immediately, with a further twelve (12) playing days imposed but suspended for a period of two (2) years.</p>
Background
<p>During review of the player’s disciplinary record, it was identified that KA had an outstanding suspension from the 2022/23 season.</p> <p>The original suspension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total: 16 playing days• 12 days – Playing under a false name• 4 days – Playing without clearance <p>KA served six (6) playing days before leaving the SMCA competition.</p> <p>Ten (10) playing days remained outstanding.</p> <p>It was established that KA participated in another association competition while the SMCA suspension remained active.</p>
Player Submission
<p>KA submitted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He was unaware the SMCA suspension applied outside the competition.• He did not know the requirements• Curtin (WASTCA) had previously advised him he was ineligible to play.• A team within the PCA advised him he could play as it was “a different competition”.

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- He raised the suspension issue with that team.
- He relied on advice provided.
- He apologised to the Panel.

Panel Deliberation

The Panel considered:

- The original suspension remained active and partially unserved.
- KA did seek clarification of his eligibility.
- Incorrect advice appears to have been provided.
- Responsibility for eligibility ultimately rests with the player.

The Panel noted:

- Administrative systems have evolved with the introduction of PlayHQ.
- While sympathetic to the confusion, competition integrity must be upheld.

The Panel therefore found KA **Guilty** of playing whilst under suspension.

Determination – Case 1

The Tribunal resolved:

Suspension Orders

1. The outstanding ten (10) playing days from the 2022/23 suspension are to be served effective immediately.
2. For the breach of playing whilst under suspension:
 - An additional twelve (12) playing days are imposed.
 - These twelve (12) playing days are suspended for a period of two (2) years.
 - The suspended penalty will be activated if KA commits a further disciplinary breach within that period.

Additional Administrative Action

- Mark Iannello to follow up with the PSCA regarding the circumstances of KA's registration and eligibility advice.
- The Association emphasises that eligibility compliance is the responsibility of both player and club.