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WINN FAMILY T-20 LEAGUE

Module: Elite Match Official
Module Number: WFA303
The Winn Family Association (WFA)

Leading the Highest Standard of Officiating Across the Winn Family T-20 League!

WELCOME TO WFA303

Congratulations on reaching the highest stage of the WFA Umpire Pathway.

By successfully completing WFA301 – Umpire Level 1 and WFA302 – Certified League Umpire, you have demonstrated your commitment to developing your knowledge, skills and professionalism as a match official.

The Elite Match Official qualification prepares experienced umpires to officiate the league's biggest fixtures, including:

- 🏆 League Finals
- ❄️ Winter Cup Matches
- 🏅 Championship Fixtures
- 🌟 Play-Off Matches
- ★ Exhibition & Showcase Matches

Elite Match Officials are trusted to make accurate decisions under pressure, lead the officiating team and represent the Winn Family Association to the highest standard.

Key Message: Elite Match Officials are role models who lead with confidence, fairness and professionalism.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course you will be able to:

- ✓ Officiate elite WFA fixtures confidently.
- ✓ Manage high-pressure situations professionally.
- ✓ Apply advanced competition regulations.
- ✓ Lead an officiating team.
- ✓ Support and mentor developing umpires.
- ✓ Complete detailed match and disciplinary reports.
- ✓ Represent the WFA with integrity and professionalism.

THE ROLE OF AN ELITE MATCH OFFICIAL

Elite Match Officials are the most experienced officials within the Winn Family Association.

They are expected to:

Apply the Laws of Cricket consistently.

Apply WFA Competition Regulations.

Make fair and confident decisions.

Maintain player safety.

Promote the Spirit of Cricket.

Support fellow officials.

Represent the WFA professionally at every event.

An Elite Match Official should remain calm, confident and impartial throughout every match, regardless of the pressure or importance of the fixture.

Key Message: Players should have complete confidence that every decision is made fairly and without bias.

PREPARING FOR ELITE MATCHES

Preparation is essential before officiating any major fixture.

Before the Match

- Arrive at least 45–60 minutes before the scheduled start.
- Inspect the pitch, outfield and boundary.
- Confirm all match equipment is available.
- Check weather forecasts and safety arrangements.
- Meet the captains and fellow officials.
- Review any competition-specific regulations.

Final Checks

Before play begins, ensure:

- The match ball is approved.
- Boundary markers are correctly positioned.
- Scorers are ready.
- Emergency procedures are understood.
- First aid equipment is available.

Key Message: Thorough preparation reduces the likelihood of problems during the match.

MANAGING HIGH-PRESSURE MATCHES

Elite fixtures often involve increased pressure from players, captains and spectators.

As an Elite Match Official you should:

- Remain calm at all times.
- Never rush a decision.
- Ignore crowd reactions.
- Apply the Laws consistently.
- Work closely with fellow officials.
- Focus on every delivery.

When making difficult decisions:

- Take your time.
- Observe carefully.
- Be confident in your judgement.
- Signal clearly.
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Remember that players may be emotional during important matches. Your calm approach helps keep the game under control.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION

Elite Match Officials are leaders on and off the field.

You should communicate professionally with:

- Fellow umpires.
- Scorers.
- Captains.
- Tournament organisers.
- Ground staff.
- Medical personnel if required.

Effective Leadership

- Give clear instructions.
- Listen respectfully.
- Remain approachable.
- Encourage teamwork.
- Resolve issues professionally.
- Lead by example.

Good leadership creates confidence throughout the match.

MATCH REPORTS

Completing Official Reports

Every official league match should be accurately recorded. Reports provide an official record of the match and help the WFA deal with incidents fairly.

Reports You May Need to Complete

- Match Result Report.
- Incident Report.
- Disciplinary Report.
- Weather Report (if applicable).
- Ground Safety Report (if required).

Good Report Writing

A report should always be:

- Accurate.
- Honest.
- Objective.
- Factual.
- Submitted within the required timeframe.

Avoid personal opinions or emotional language. Record only what you saw and heard.

Key Message: Reports should describe facts, not opinions.

MENTORING OTHER OFFICIALS

An important responsibility of an Elite Match Official is developing the next generation of WFA officials.

You should:

Support Level 1 umpires during training.

Observe Level 2 officials.

Provide constructive feedback.

Demonstrate correct techniques.

Encourage confidence and learning.

Share your experience and knowledge.

A positive mentor helps maintain high standards across the league.

Key Message: Great officials help create future great officials.

TOURNAMENT MATCH PROCEDURES

Elite officials are responsible for officiating the WFA's most important competitions.

These include:

- 🏆 League Finals
- ❄️ Winter Cup
- 🏅 Championship Matches
- 🌟 Play-Offs
- ★ Special Invitation Fixtures

You should understand:

- Competition regulations.
- Match schedules.
- Tie-break procedures.
- Weather interruption rules.
- Trophy presentation procedures.

Elite officials should always be familiar with any competition-specific rules before the match begins.

VIDEO REVIEW PROCEDURES (VAR)

Some WFA competitions may use video review technology.

If video review is available:

Only use it when authorised by competition regulations.

Review all available footage carefully.

Apply the Laws of Cricket fairly.

Communicate the final decision clearly.

If video review is unavailable, all decisions remain the responsibility of the on-field umpires.

Technology supports decision-making—it does not replace good umpiring.

REPRESENTING THE WFA

Elite Match Officials are ambassadors for the Winn Family Association.

Always:

Dress professionally.

Arrive prepared.

Be respectful.

Support volunteers.

Promote fair play.

Follow WFA policies and procedures.

Your behaviour reflects the values and reputation of the league.

SUMMARY

Today you have learned:

The responsibilities of an Elite Match Official.

Preparing for elite fixtures.

Managing pressure.

Leadership and communication.

Mentoring officials.

Tournament procedures.

Video review procedures.

Representing the WFA professionally.

Key Message: Elite Match Officials uphold the highest standards of fairness, integrity and professionalism while ensuring every major WFA match is played safely and in the true Spirit of Cricket.

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

Test Your Knowledge

- What are the main responsibilities of an Elite Match Official?
- Why is preparation important before a Final or Winter Cup match?
- How should you respond to pressure from players or spectators?
- What role do Elite Match Officials play in mentoring other umpires?
- When may video review procedures be used?
- Why is professionalism important both on and off the field?

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

WFA303 Assessment & Certification Assessment Requirements

To be awarded the WFA303 – Elite Match Official qualification, candidates must successfully complete all of the following assessment requirements:

- ✔ Successfully complete the WFA303 Elite Match Official Assessment.
- ✔ Achieve a minimum overall pass mark of 85%.
- ✔ Successfully officiate an observed elite-level fixture or practical assessment to the standard required by the Winn Family Association.
- ✔ Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the Laws of Cricket, WFA Competition Regulations, and the responsibilities of an Elite Match Official.
- ✔ Display the highest standards of leadership, professionalism, impartiality, communication and decision-making throughout the assessment process.

Authorisation

Accredited WFA Elite Match Officials are authorised by the Winn Family Association to officiate the league's highest-level fixtures, including:

-  WFA League Finals
-  Winter Cup Fixtures
-  WFA Championship Matches
-  Play-Off Fixtures
-  Invitational, Showcase and other Elite WFA Competitions as appointed by the Winn Family Association

Elite Match Officials may also be appointed to mentor developing officials, support umpire development programmes and undertake additional officiating responsibilities as determined by the WFA.

Certification

Upon successful completion of all assessment requirements, candidates will be awarded:

-  WFA Elite Match Official Badge
-  Official WFA303 – Elite Match Official Certificate
-  WFA Elite Match Official Accreditation



THANK YOU FOR WATCHING

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