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To,
All Affiliated Units of
The Board of Control for Cricket In India

Sub: Postponement of Vijay Merchant Trophy

Dear Members,

Season's Greetings!

I trust that each one of you is doing well and taking precautions considering the new variant that is again threatening to disrupt our daily lives.

Ahead of the domestic season, we had said that will endeavor to have a full season across age groups. We started off well and are now mid-way into the season having completed 748 matches when we have again encountered a serious issue. The cases across India are spiraling and despite being a large number of adults doubly vaccinated, they have still been infected.

We have been closely monitoring the situation in India and across the world, and it is estimated that the caseload will shoot up in the immediate future if the situation is not controlled now.

After consulting experts and seeking views of the medical teams and operations team, it has been decided that keeping health and safety in mind, the U16 Vijay Merchant Trophy is postponed for this season.

The primary reason is that the participants are still not vaccinated and as such, are vulnerable.

We must exercise caution and not be adventurous and put the health of our talented cricketers at grave risk.

Let us hope we avoid the third wave and do everything within our control to stay safe.

Regards,

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