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Chris Wood receives suspended ban following ECB investigation

Hampshire bowler Chris Wood has received a two-month suspended ban following an investigation by the ECB's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).

Wood admitted to charges relating to a total of nine bets that he placed on cricket matches in 2011 (two bets) and 2016 (seven bets). These actions breached Article 2.2.1 of the relevant ECB Anti-Corruption Codes that were in place at the time.

When contacted by the ACU, Wood immediately accepted responsibility for

his betting activity and fully co-operated with the investigation.

Under Article 5.1.12 of the ECB Anti-Corruption Code for Participants, the ECB and Wood reached the agreed sanction, which was then ratified by the Chair of the independent Cricket Discipline Commission (CDC), Tim O’Gorman. The two-month period of ineligibility is suspended for two years.

The agreed sanction took into account several mitigating factors. The investigation found that the bets placed by Wood did not affect (or have the potential to affect) the result of the relevant matches and that he did not play in the relevant matches. At the time of the offences Wood was suffering from a gambling disorder; he has since sought help and has spoken publicly about the issues he has faced and is providing advice and assistance to others experiencing problems with or addiction to gambling, both inside and outside of sport.

Details of the charges and sanction in this case, including the mitigating circumstances that were considered, are available to download via the PDF document attached below.

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