

India cricket board warns ECB on ICL players

The Indian Cricket Board was at loggerheads with the England and Wales cricket Board (ECB) Sunday after approving a proposal asking the English counties to dump the breakaway Indian Cricket League (ICL) players for the \$10 million Twenty20 Champions League to be held in India later this year.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) working committee after passing this proposal said it is up to the cricket boards of Australia, Pakistan and South Africa, the other participants besides England, to take a consensus on the issue.

England is the only country where the banned ICL players are playing officially in the counties.

'Clubs from England who qualify can play provided the teams do not include players who are with ICL,' BCCI said in an official statement.

BCCI vice-president Lalit Modi said: 'The board has stuck to its stand of not allowing banned ICL players to participate in any tournament.'

'We have given our perspective on the issue. We will discuss it with other participating countries during the International Cricket Council's meeting in Dubai next week where a consensus will be reached.'

BCCI though remained adamant that it would not participate in the tournament if English counties field ICL players.

'We have made it very clear and now it is for the other boards to decide,' Modi said.

ECB had shown its displeasure few days back that they cannot leave any players from the county teams for the tournament because it would be a violation of English laws.

When asked whether the BCCI and ECB are now in direct conflict, Modi said: 'We are not in a conflict with ECB. They are right as far as their law goes and we are right as per our rules. We are very clear on our perspective.'

The eight-day tournament will be held in India during late September but the dates are yet to be finalised. BCCI also said that it will be organised at a time when all teams are free of any international commitments and can field their best side.

BCCI is going to be fifty percent partner in the venture. Top two IPL teams --Rajasthan Royals and [Chennai](#) Super Kings -- will compete from India while the other four countries will also send their top two domestic Twenty20 teams.

Cricket Australia (CA) will frame the rules of the tournament while BCCI will oversee other details of the tournament.

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