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**News:** International Cricket Council – New regulations

- Recently, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled groundbreaking measures aimed at revolutionizing the sport's regulations.

## **Stop-Clock System**

- The introduction of a stop-clock system aims to address the persistent issue of time wastage between overs, enhancing the efficiency of gameplay.
- This initiative is set to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and will persist until April 2024.
- As per the existing rule, if the fielding side is behind the clock by the time the innings is supposed to be finished, they must bring in an additional fielder inside the 30-yard circle for those many overs.
- But despite this, there were numerous instances where teams still lagged.
- Mechanism: Once an over concludes, the fielding team is allotted a strict duration of 60 seconds to prepare for the subsequent over.
- Match officials will activate the stop-clock upon the completion of an over.
- Failure to comply within the stipulated time will result in a five-run penalty, imposed upon the third violation in a single innings.

## **Revamped Transgender Policy**

- Players transitioning from male to female, having undergone any form of male puberty, are now ineligible to participate in women's international cricket, irrespective of surgical or gender reassignment treatments.
- Previously, transgender women were required to maintain testosterone serum levels below 5 nanomoles for 12 months, in accordance with the International Olympic Committee's guidelines.
- However, the ICC's revised stance now excludes individuals who have experienced male puberty from competing in women's international cricket.

### **Comparative Analysis with Other Sports Bodies**

- The ICC's revised policy echoes similar stances adopted by other sporting bodies.

### **World Athletics**

- Restricts transgender athletes who have experienced male puberty from competing in female world ranking competitions.

### **FINA (Swimming)**

- Prevents transgender athletes who underwent any part of male puberty from participating in elite women's races.

## World Rugby

- Prohibited transgender women from competing at the elite and international levels of the women's game, pioneering this stance among international sports federations.