

Shaheen Afridi under fire as PCB investigates alleged misconduct with coaches

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Pacer Shaheen Afridi is reportedly facing allegations of misconduct involving head coach Gary Kirsten and other support staff during both the Ireland-England tour and the T20 World Cup 2024. According to a recent report, Afridi's behaviour towards Kirsten and Azhar Mahmood raised concerns, yet team management allegedly refrained from taking any disciplinary action against him. The incident has prompted an inquiry into why disciplinary measures were not enforced despite the reported misbehaviour, highlighting the responsibility of team managers to maintain discipline. The PCB chairman has reportedly received complaints from coaches regarding disciplinary infractions and the overall conduct of players. Additionally, the Pakistan cricket team is under scrutiny as coaches raised concerns about player lobbying and lack of seriousness during recent competitions. Sources indicated that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is investigating

players allegedly involved in lobbying and examining the advantages gained from such practices.

A day earlier, test players including former fast bowlers Wahab Riaz and ex-allrounder Abdul Razzaq were dismissed from the national team's selection committee by the PCB. Sources reveal the duo was accused of favouring underperforming players in the men's team selection. Other selectors opposed the inclusion of these players, but Wahab and Razzaq reportedly insisted on their selection. Additionally, Wahab Riaz has been criticised for failing to fulfil his responsibilities as a senior manager during tours. According to coaches' reports, he did not address the unprofessional behaviour of Shaheen Shah Afridi and other players who violated discipline due to the presence of their families. Wahab Riaz and team manager Mansoor Rana have also been blamed for not enforcing curfew timings. Reports suggest the board chairman has instructed action against those creating factions within the team.