



# MAHARASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION OFFICE OF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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## **MCA ELECTIONS 2026-29**

(Affiliated to The Board of Control for Cricket in India 10-1-37),  
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### **BEFORE THE ELECTORAL OFFICER MAHARSHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION (2026-2029)**

Order on Objection dated 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025 filed by Members of Pune District Cricket Association

#### **Parties and Description**

1. The present objection is filed by a few Members of Pune District Cricket Association (PDCA), a Full Member of the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) in the category of District Cricket Associations hailing from the jurisdiction of MCA, as recognised under the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of MCA (MoA).

#### **Grounds Urged**

2. Broadly, the Objectors has *inter alia* raised the following grounds:
  - a. That the PDCA is presently being governed by an Executive Committee (Governing Body) whose term has already expired, and that no subsequent elections have been conducted to constitute a duly elected Governing Body in accordance with law.
  - b. That pursuant to the Maharashtra Public Trusts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, which came into effect on 01.09.2025, the Governing Bodies of public trusts whose tenure has expired cease to have any legal authority to take decisions of any nature, including decisions relating to representation before any apex or affiliated body.
  - c. That in view of the aforesaid statutory amendment, PDCA does not retain the legal competence or authority to nominate or send any representative to the MCA, and any such nomination or representation would be *ultra vires*, illegal, and void *ab initio*.
  - d. That any such unlawful representation is likely to have an adverse impact on the functioning and legitimacy of the duly elected Executive Committee (Apex Council) of MCA and would result in grave prejudice to the members of PDCA who have been associated with the Association for several years.



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### **Response from the PDCA**

3. It appears that a faction within the PDCA has raised the present objection, seeking to oppose the inclusion of PDCA in the election process. Accordingly, and in compliance with the principles of natural justice, the PDCA was afforded an opportunity to submit its response. The PDCA, *inter alia*, raised the following points:
  - a. The PDCA has stated that the voter list and initiation of the election process are undertaken only after due approval of the General Body, and that pursuant to the Resolution, passed at the Special General Meeting held on 31.05.2024, the elections were postponed for a period of one year owing to pending cases involving the Association.
  - b. It was also submitted that the decision to postpone the election process for the said period was taken with the consent of the members, and that the postponement was a conscious and collective decision of the General Body of PDCA.
  - c. The PDCA further submits that objectors, despite having participated in and consented to the said resolution, are now raising objections and complaints before MCA and other fora, thereby adopting contradictory positions and creating impediments to the functioning of the Association.
  - d. The PDCA has therefore requested that, notwithstanding the postponement of its internal elections, it be permitted to continue its representation and exercise its voting rights in the elections of the Maharashtra Cricket Association, relying upon its Constitution, AGM/SGM resolutions, and election-related records.

### **Findings and Reasons**

4. The objection raised pertains to expiry of the term of existing Trustees under the provisions of the Maharashtra Public Trusts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, which involves questions relating to the internal administration and statutory compliance of PDCA as a public trust. Such issues fall within the jurisdiction of the competent authority under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950, and do not lie within the limited and defined scope of powers of the Electoral Officer appointed for conducting the elections of the Maharashtra Cricket Association. The role of the Electoral Officer is confined to preparation and finalisation of the voter list and conduct of the election process in accordance with the MCA Constitution. Any alleged non-



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compliance with the Ordinance, even if assumed, does not itself result in disqualification of PDCA or warrant its exclusion from the Draft Voter List. Accordingly, the objections raised by members of the PDCA stand rejected herewith with the direction that the voting rights of PDCA would be subject to its compliance with applicable provisions of law. Further, there is no explanation in the response of PDCA as to how the resolution of the General Body to postpone elections referred to in the reply will amount to compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance dated 01.09.2025. Accordingly, it is directed that the validity of nomination of representative by PDCA, if any, and its voting right would be subject to its compliance with applicable provisions of law.

Signed under my hand and authority, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

Ashok Lavasa

Electoral Officer

Maharashtra Cricket Association.