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Conduct of Elections to the posts of Councillors and Office Bearers of the Maharashtra Cricket Association ("MCA")

- (1) The Election Schedule for the elections to the Apex Council and Office Bearers of the MCA was published on 22nd December 2025. The elections shall be conducted in two stages. The first stage of the elections (hereinafter referred to as the "**Part-A Election**") shall be held for the purpose of electing sixteen Councillors to the Apex Council, as provided under Clause 14(2)(a) to (e) of the Rules and Regulations. The second stage of the elections shall be held for the purpose of electing five Office Bearers from amongst the Councillors so elected to the Apex Council (hereinafter referred to as the "**Part-B Election**"), in accordance with Clause 6(1) of the Rules and Regulations.
- (2) This Procedure is framed to prescribe a framework for the conduct of both parts of the elections (Part-A and Part-B). It sets out the eligibility criteria and procedure for filing nomination papers, the process for raising and adjudicating objections thereto, the scrutiny of nominations, and the arrangements relating to polling, voting, and declaration of



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results. The Procedure further incorporates general provisions, a Model Code of Conduct, and binding instructions issued by the Electoral Officer, with a view to ensuring fairness, integrity, and the orderly conduct of the electoral process in accordance with the applicable Rules and Regulations of the MCA.

Part-A Election

- (3) This part of the Procedure is framed to prescribe a framework for the conduct of elections to the posts of Councillors of the MCA. It sets out the eligibility criteria and procedure for filing nomination papers, the process for raising objections thereto, and the scrutiny of nominations, withdrawal of candidature, and finalisation of the list of contesting candidates.
- (4) As per Clause 14(2) of the Memorandum of Association, read with the Rules and Regulations of the MCA, the following sixteen members are to be elected to the Apex Council:
 - (a) Ten to be elected amongst the 21 District Cricket Associations on a Zonal basis (Two from each of the five Zones),



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- (b) Two to be elected from and amongst the Life Members, Patrons and Benefactors of MCA,
- (c) Two to be elected from and amongst the Affiliated Club Members of MCA,
- (d) One to be elected from and amongst the four Founder Gymkhanas and the Special Gymkhana,
- (e) One to be elected from and amongst the Institution Members (Colleges)

(5) Eligibility and procedure to file nomination papers:

- (a) Nominations for election to each category, as enumerated under Clause 14(2), shall be restricted to and may be made only by members belonging to the respective category. In categories where the member is an association or body, including District Cricket Associations, Affiliated Clubs, Founder Gymkhanas, the Special Gymkhana, and Institutional Members, such member shall be entitled to nominate one individual as its duly authorised nominee or representative to contest as a candidate for the relevant post of Councillor. In the case of Life Members, Patrons,



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and Benefactors, being individual members, nominations for the said category shall be filed only by and from amongst such individual members.

- (b) A candidate's nomination shall be signed by a proposer and a seconder, each of whom shall be a Member of the MCA whose name appears in the final electoral roll published on 29th December 2025, or an authorised representative of such eligible member, and shall contain all particulars as prescribed in the nomination papers published along with the Election Schedule on 22nd December 2025.
- (c) The nomination paper shall be complete in all respects. Any nomination that is incomplete or improperly filled shall be invalid and liable to rejection, without any notice or opportunity for rectification.
- (d) The nomination paper shall be filed in person by the candidate, or by the proposer or the seconder of the candidate, at the Office of the Electoral Officer, located at Room No. 7, Block-D, 1, Modibaug, Narveer Tanaji Wadi, Shivajinagar, Pune- 411005,



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within the time prescribed in the Election Schedule.

- (e) A candidate shall be entitled to file only one nomination papers for election as a Councillor. No person shall be permitted to contest the elections simultaneously in more than one capacity, whether as an individual member or as a nominee or authorised representative of any association or body. Accordingly, a person who is eligible to contest as an individual member, including a Life Member or Patron, shall not be entitled to contest as a nominee of any District Cricket Association or any other association, and vice versa. Submission of nomination forms for more than one post or in more than one capacity shall render all such nominations invalid and liable to disqualification.

(6) Objections to Nominations:

- (a) As stipulated in the Election Schedule, the list of candidates from whom nominations have been received shall be published on the Notice Board as well as on the website of the MCA.
- (b) Any Member whose name appears in the final electoral roll may



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raise objections to the nomination of any candidate on the ground of ineligibility under the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the MCA.

- (c) All objections shall be raised in writing and addressed to the Electoral Officer, and may be submitted either in person or via email at elections@cricketmaharashtra.com. Each objection shall clearly specify the provision under which the nominated candidate is alleged to be ineligible, the grounds and particulars of such objection, and shall be accompanied by all supporting material. Objections must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM (14:00), in accordance with the Election Schedule. Any objection received after 2:00 PM (14:00) shall not be accepted.

(7) Scrutiny of Nominations, Withdrawal of Candidature, and Finalisation of List of Contesting Candidates:

- (a) On the date specified in the Election Schedule for the commencement and conclusion of scrutiny, the Electoral Officer shall consider and decide upon the objections, scrutinize all nomination papers, and thereafter prepare and publish the list of



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validly nominated candidates for each post.

- (b) A validly nominated candidate may withdraw from the contest within the time prescribed for such withdrawal by personally submitting a withdrawal application, in the prescribed form, to the Electoral Officer at the prescribed venue, namely, the MCA Office.
- (c) The Electoral Officer shall, after considering any withdrawals by validly nominated candidates, publish the final list of contesting candidates for each post in accordance with the timeline specified in the election schedule.

Part-B Election

- (8) This part of the Procedure is framed to prescribe a framework for the conduct of elections to the posts of Office Bearers from amongst the Councillors elected in the Part-A Elections. It sets out the eligibility criteria and procedure for filing nomination papers, the process for raising objections thereto, and the scrutiny of nominations, withdrawal of candidature, and finalisation of the list of contesting candidates.



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(9) As per Clause 6(1) of the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the MCA, the following office bearers are to be elected from amongst the Councillors elected in the Part-A Elections:

- (a)** President
- (b)** Vice President
- (c)** Secretary
- (d)** Joint Secretary
- (e)** Treasurer

(10) Eligibility and procedure to file nomination papers:

- (a)** Nominations for election to each post of the Office Bearers shall be restricted to and may be made only by the Councillors elected in the Part-A Elections. A candidate's nomination shall be signed by a proposer and a seconder, each of whom shall be a Member of the MCA whose name appears in the final electoral roll published on 29th December 2025, or an authorised representative of such eligible member, and shall contain all particulars as prescribed in the nomination papers published along with the



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Election Schedule on 22nd December 2025.

- (b) The nomination paper shall be complete in all respects. Any nomination that is incomplete or improperly filled shall be invalid and liable to rejection, without any notice or opportunity for rectification.
 - (c) The nomination paper shall be filed in person by the candidate with the Electoral Officer at the venue of the election, within the time prescribed in the Election Schedule.
 - (d) A candidate shall be entitled to contest for only one post of Office Bearer. No person shall be permitted to contest the elections simultaneously for more than one post, and submission of nomination forms for more than one post shall render all such nominations invalid and liable to disqualification.
- (11) Objections to Nominations, Scrutiny of Nominations, Withdrawal of Candidature, and Finalisation of List of Contesting Candidates:**
- (a) As stipulated in the Election Schedule, the list of candidates from



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whom nominations have been received shall be published on the Notice Board at the venue.

- (b) Any Member whose name appears in the final electoral roll may raise objections to the nomination of any candidate on the ground of ineligibility under the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the MCA.
- (c) All objections shall be raised in writing and addressed and submitted to the Electoral Officer in person at the venue clearly setting out the provision under which the nominated candidate is alleged to be ineligible, the grounds and particulars of the objection, together with any supporting material and shall be submitted prior to the conclusion of scrutiny, in accordance with the Election Schedule.
- (d) Any nominated candidate may withdraw from the contest within the time prescribed for such withdrawal by personally submitting a withdrawal application, in the prescribed form, to the Electoral Officer at the prescribed venue.



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- (e) The Electoral Officer shall consider and decide upon the objections, scrutinize all nomination papers, and after taking into account any withdrawals prepare and publish the final list of contesting candidates for each post.

General Provisions and Guidelines Applicable to Both Part-A Elections and Part-B Elections

(12) Identification and Verification on the Day of Polling:

- (a) Verification stations shall be set up at the entrance of the polling venue. All voters shall be required to proceed to the designated verification station for identification and verification before being permitted to access the polling area.
- (b) Voters shall produce a valid photo identity card for verification at the verification stations. Aadhaar Card shall be the primary document for identification of voters. If any voter does not have an Aadhaar Card, the following photo identity cards shall be accepted for the purposes of identification and verification:
- Driving Licence



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- Passport
- PAN Card
- Voter Identity Card issued by the Election Commission of India

- (c) Upon successful verification of identity, voters shall be issued two distinct wrist bands authorising them to vote in Part-A and Part-B of the elections, respectively. Voters shall not remove the wrist bands at any time during the election process. Only voters wearing valid wrist bands shall be permitted entry into the polling area for the purpose of casting their votes. The wrist bands shall be removed only by the polling official inside the polling booth immediately prior to the voter casting their vote in the respective part of the elections.

(13) Polling Arrangements:

- (a) Twenty polling stations shall be established for the conduct of the elections. Each polling station shall be manned by a designated Polling Officer responsible for overseeing the voting process at the respective station.



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- (b) Voters shall be divided and allocated among the polling stations in accordance with a predetermined allocation. Each voter shall be directed to and shall cast their vote only at the polling station to which they have been assigned.
- (c) For ease of voting and counting, ballot papers shall be colour-coded with distinct colour strips, as follows:
- Sixteen Councillor Positions: Each Councillor position shall have a separate ballot paper with a designated colour strip.
 - Five Office Bearer Positions: Each Office Bearer position shall have a separate ballot paper with a designated colour strip.
- Each ballot paper shall clearly indicate the post being contested and shall bear a unique colour strip for identification and counting purposes.
- (d) Vote shall be marked by putting a tick mark (✓) against the name of the candidate in the column meant for marking the vote. Voter shall ensure to restrict the vote to the number of seats to be filled in the relevant category. Marking votes in excess of the number



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of seats shall render the ballot invalid for that particular category.
Further, any writing other than marking of vote shall render the
ballot invalid at the time of counting.

(14) Voting and Declaration of Results:

- (a)** Voters shall proceed to the polling booths allocated to them in accordance with their voter list assignment. At the designated polling booth, the ballot papers shall be issued to the voter by the Polling Officer.
- (b)** The polling schedule, as specified in the Election Schedule, shall be strictly adhered to. No extension or modification of the polling timings shall be permitted, except in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Electoral Officer.
- (c)** Every voter whose name appears on the Final Voter List shall be entitled to exercise their voting rights to elect Councillors (Part-A Elections) across all categories, as well as to elect the Office Bearers (Part-B Elections).



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- (d) Upon completion of the poll for **Part-A Elections**, the counting of votes shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Electoral Officer. Candidates shall be permitted to remain present and observe the counting process. Upon completion of counting, the Electoral Officer shall announce the results in respect of each contested post. After the declaration of results for the Apex Council positions, the Electoral Officer shall formally announce the conclusion of the **Part-A Election**, which shall mark the commencement of the polling process for the **Part-B Elections** in accordance with the Election Schedule.
- (15) As stipulated in Rule 33 of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations, “In case of any dispute or objection as to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or admission or rejection of a vote, the Electoral Officer shall decide the same, and such decision shall be final and conclusive.”
- (16) The Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations are available on the official website of the MCA and shall serve as the governing documents for all matters relating to the elections. Members



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are advised to refer to the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations for detailed provisions.

- (17) In the event that the election to any position, or part thereof, is unopposed, the Electoral Officer shall declare the unopposed candidate(s) as duly elected without the need for polling, and the election process shall continue only in respect of the contested positions.
- (18) In order to ensure free and fair elections, as envisaged under the MCA's Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations, all candidates contesting the elections for Councillors as well as Office Bearers shall be required to file duly notarised nomination papers. Any nomination paper that is not duly notarised shall be rejected at the time of scrutiny.
- (19) Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
- (20) Pamphlets and posters, if circulated, shall not appeal to religious, caste, or communal sentiments for the purpose of soliciting votes. Further, any pamphlets or posters displayed or circulated shall be in strict compliance with the applicable local laws in force.



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- (21) No pamphlets/ posters/ banners are allowed to be used/ put up, in or around the venue of the polling. Photography is strictly prohibited inside the polling area.
- (22) Candidates shall maintain peace and calm in the polling venue during the polling period in order to maintain law and order.
- (23) All candidates are expected to cooperate with the Office of the Electoral Officer for smooth conduct of voting during the entire process.

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