

**THE ELECTORAL OFFICER  
MAHARASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
(2026-2029)**

**Order on Objection filed on 03.01.2026 by Mr. Sanchit Kanchan Gundewar**

**Parties and description:**

1. The present objection is filed by Mr. Sanchit Kanchan Gundewar, a Life Member of the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) (at Sr. No. 347) as recognised under the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of MCA (MoA) against the nomination of Mr. Atul Jain.
2. On scrutiny of the records placed before me, it is evident that the Objector is a duly recognised Life Member of the MCA and has locus to file an objection to the Nominations filed for the post of a Councillor.

**Election schedule and limitation to raise objections:**

1. Under the election schedule and election procedure notified by the undersigned, any objections to the nominations list were scheduled to be filed before 02:00 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026. The present objection of Mr. Sanchit Kanchan Gundewar has been received in hard copy prior to the deadline on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026.
2. This order, therefore, deals with the objection on the substantive grounds raised.

**Scope of Objection and Grounds Urged**

1. The objection raised states that “The nomination of Mr Atul Jain must be rejected as he’s in gross violation of the cooling off period.” Upon scrutiny, it was observed that nomination papers have been filed by one Atul Jain / Atul Bhavarlal Jain under voter list Category E (MCA District Cricket Association) where the serial no. in final electoral roll is stated to be E-10 (North Zone – Jalgaon District Cricket Association).

**Record and material placed before the Electoral Officer:**

- a. The MCA Constitution i.e. its MOA and Rules and Regulations.
- b. “Conduct of Elections to the posts of Councillors and Office Bearers of the Maharashtra Cricket Association (“MCA”)” uploaded to the MCA website as Election Procedure 31.12.2025.

**Relevant rules:**

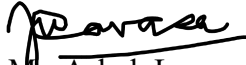
1. As per Rule 14(5) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the MCA, no individual shall be a Councillor for more than 9 years and in the event of a Councillor completing 9 years before the expiry of his/her term, he/she shall cease to be a councillor. Further, as per Rule 33 of 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.”

**Application of relevant rules:**

1. As per the declaration under Proforma C given by the candidate, he is eligible to contest the election as Councillor. Further, the candidate has provided an affidavit with his nomination papers that he does not attract any disqualification to become Councillor.
2. No substantive grounds have been raised by the said objector to prove that the candidate has served more than 9 years cumulatively as a Councillor of MCA so as to make him ineligible as per Rule 14(5) of the Memorandum of Association of the MCA, or for him to have violated the cooling-off period requirement laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 14.09.2022 in Civil Appeal No 4235 of 2014.

For the reasons recorded hereinabove, the objection is rejected.

Signed under my hand and authority, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2026.



Mr. Ashok Lavasa

Electoral Officer

Maharashtra Cricket Association.