

BEFORE THE ETHICS OFFICER AND OMBUDSMAN ADDL. CHARGE
THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION
RAJIV GANDHI INTERNATIONAL CRICKET STADIUM,
AT UPPAL, HYDERABAD.

CASE NO. 8 OF 2024

Present: Former Acting Chief Justice, Justice V. Eswaraiah.

Dated: 07.06.2024.

BETWEEN:

Balaaji Cricket Club.

Rep. by its Secretary Sri. R.N. Bhaskar,
Villa No. 29, Indu Aranya, Bandlaguda,
GSI Post, Nagole, Hyderabad 500068.

...Petitioner

AND

The Hyderabad Cricket Association

RGICS, Uppal, Hyderabad. Represented by
its Secretary R. Devraj.

...Respondents

Proceedings Dated: 07.06.2024.

The Petitioner made a representation dated 31.05.2024 stating that the Petitioner Club has played for 3 years from 2020-21 till 2022-23 in A1 Division (3 days) and all the 3 years their Club topped the table in C Group. In spite of their top positions their Club was demoted to A2 Division (2 days) during the year 2023. Therefore, they have also made a representation before the Single Member Committee, Justice L. Nageshwar Rao on 24.05.2023 but their Club was not retained in the A1 Division (3 DAYS). Thus, the Petitioner, represented by its Secretary, appeared before me on 31.05.2024 and 06.06.2024 and requested to do the justice to encourage the Cricket players and the Club for the rightful inclusion in the A1 Division.

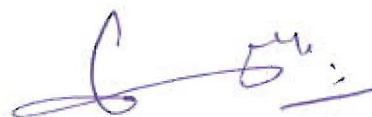


Perused in the Records. The CEO put up a note with reference to the Records.

As per the records it is established that the Balaaji Cricket Club has secured 1st Place in A1 Division Group C of 2020-21 and 2021-22 Seasons and 3rd Place in A1 Division Pool 1 of 2022-23 Season. But due to unknown reasons the Sportive Cricket Club was put in A2 Division (2 day league) and it stood First in the A2 Division (2 days) Pool B for the Season 2023-24.

Therefore, the Balaaji Cricket Club is entitled for the promotion to the A1 Division (3 days) League for the ensuing 2024-25 for the reasons that the Club was not allowed to continue to play in A1 Division during the year 2023-24 and however the Balaaji Cricket Club stood First in the A2 Division (2 day) Pool B for the year 2023-24 and therefore the Club is entitled to promotion for A1 Division.

I am also of the opinion that to improve the quality and standards of the game of Cricket, the age-old practice of promotion of Meritorious 2 Top Teams to the Higher Division and Demotion of the Bottom 2 Teams to the Lower Division should be followed. This shall be a continuous process and the same shall be adopted for the ensuing year 2024-25.



Justice V. Eswaraiah
Ethics Officer and Ombudsman Addl. Charge
The Hyderabad Cricket Association