

**BEFORE THE FORMER ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE V. ESWARAI AH
ETHICS OFFICER AND OMBUDSMAN ADDL. CHARGE
THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION AT RGICS,
UPPAL, HYDERABAD**

CASE NO. 17 OF 2024

BETWEEN:

The Sportive Cricket Club

(Regd. No. 154 of 2003) having its Regd. Office at 3-4-285, Subhash Road, Near Mahankali Police Station – 500 003. Represented by its Treasurer, I. Uma Devi, D/o. I. S R.K. Raju, aged about 47 years, Occupation: Pvt. Service.

... Petitioner

AND

1. The Hyderabad Cricket Association

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

2. Ensconse Cricket Club

Breeze Apartments, Flat Nos.2 & 3, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, M.L.A. Colony, Huda Heights, Hyderabad - 500 034.
Mobile: 98490 11743.

3. Continental Cricket Club

1-8-815, Nallakunta, Hyderabad 500 044.
Mobile: 9849306203.

... Respondents

PROCEEDINGS DATED 01.08.2024

1. It is the case of the Petitioner that they have secured 1st position in A2 Division Group-A of 2023-24 league season and the 1st Respondent/HCA did not consider their performance while making promotions to the Elite Group of A1 Division and rather placed the Petitioner's Team in the plate Group of A1 Division.

2. It is further submitted that the Respondent No.2 has participated in A1 Division Pool A and played 8 matches of which, they have lost 3 matches, drawn 3 matches and there was no result for 2 matches but still the 2nd Respondent retained in the Elite category of A1 Division. The 3rd Respondent has participated in A1 Division Pool A and played 8 matches of which, they have lost 3 matches, drawn 3 matches and there was no result for 2 matches and thus they did not win single match, but still the 3rd Respondent was retained in the Elite category of A1 Division.
3. It is submitted that the Respondent No.2 & 3 both have played a total of 8 matches each but both of them did not perform well and they are standing last in their Groups in the points table but still they have been retained in A1 Division Elite Group A & B. The Respondent Nos.2 & 3 have to be demoted to the A1 Division Plate Group C as per their performance but the 1st Respondent instead of acting as per the Orders of the Ethics Officer & Ombudsmen Addl. Charge in Case Nos. 7 & 11 of 2024 illegally retained them in Elite Group of A1 Division. Even by taking the performance of the Cricket Teams in the League Season 2023-24 the bottom positioned two Teams have to be demoted. If the said orders are implemented the Respondent Nos.2 & 3 have to be demoted to the Plate Group C of A1 Division and the Petitioner is entitled to be promoted to the Elite Group.

4. It is the contention of the 1st Respondent/HCA that the performance of the last season 2023-24 was taken into consideration for promotion of the Teams. This is as per the notification issued by Single Member Committee prior to the last season and as per orders of the Ethics Officer and Ombudsman Addl. Charge dated 14.06.2024 in Case No. 11 of 2024. Hence, the performance of earlier years was not taken into consideration as these may vary over seasons.
5. The Petitioner's Club got 46 points in A2 Division in last season (2023-24) and are in 5th place in the overall standings of A2 Division. The top Teams of the A2 Division are given as below:

Position	Team	Group	Points	Net Run Rate	Win Ratio (excluding matches not conducted)
1.	PKMCC	D	58	2.073	100%
2.	Team Speed	E	53	2.166	90.9%
3.	Balaaji	B	49	3.321	100%
4.	Apex	D	49	2.043	88.8%
5.	Sportive	A	46	2.173	87.5%

6. It is stated by the 1st Respondent/HCA that the Apex Council has taken a decision to not to demote Teams in any Divisions as the full quota of matches could not be conducted in the 2023-24 season and the same parameter was taken for all Divisions of A3,

A2 & A1. Assuming that the demotion of the two Teams in question i.e., Ensconse and Continental/ Respondents No.2 & 3 were to have taken place, the Sportive Petitioner club would still not be in consideration for promotion to Elite Group as the Petitioner club is in 5th position in A2 Division in 2023-24 season based on their Points, Net Run Rate and Win Ratio, as shown in the above table.

7. Having considered the rival contentions I am of the opinion that the 1st Respondent/HCA has failed to implement the orders of this Authority in Case No.11 of 2024 dated 14.06.2024 as per its letter and spirit but the real effected parties are not before this Authority. The Petitioner Sportive Club being in the 5th position, even if two Teams are demoted the Petitioner club is not going to be promoted to the Elite Group of A1 Division. Therefore, I am not inclined to grant any relief to the Petitioner and the petition is disposed of with the above observation.



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