



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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HCA Men's Senior Super League Selection Guidelines (2026–27 Season)

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) introduces the Men's Senior (seniors & Under-23 Category) Super League Selection Policy (Season 2026–27) to establish a transparent, performance-driven framework that rewards merit and consistency. This policy ensures that all deserving players, top league performers, and the previous season's state players (who played in BCCI state tournaments) are given a fair and structured opportunity to showcase their potential in the Super League, from which the final official state teams will be selected.

Below are the finalized automatic player qualification criteria and selection guidelines for the Men's Senior (seniors & Under-23 Category) Super League season 2026-27.

1. BCCI State Level Players - Automatic Qualification Criteria

Players who featured in the **Playing 11** during the 2025–26 season across the following categories automatically qualify:

- **Senior Men's:** All players who featured in the Playing 11 in Multi-Day, One-Day, and T20 formats.
- **Under-23:** All players who featured in the Playing 11 in Multi-Day or One-Day formats.
- **Under-19:** All players who featured in the Playing 11 in Multi-Day or One-Day formats, and who have crossed the age limit for BCCI Under-19 state tournaments for the current season 2026-27. Any player who represented Under-19 India in the previous season or the current season will automatically qualify for this Super League irrespective of his age.

BCCI Domestic Tournament - 2025-26
Senior Team in Playing 11 - All Formats
Under-23 Team in Playing 11 - All Formats
Under-19 Team in Playing 11 - All Formats

2. A-Division 2-Day League (2026–27 Performers) - Automatic Qualification

To ensure no deserving performer is missed, players from the **A-Division 2-Day Format League (current 2026–27 season)** will qualify automatically based on the top performers list of this current season:

A-Division 2 Day League - 2026-27	No. of Players
Top Order Batsmen (Openers and Number 3) - Top 7 Run Getters	7
Middle Order Batsmen (Number 4, 5, 6, 7) - Top 7 Run Getters	7

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Wicket Keepers - Top 3 Run Getters	3
Fast Bowlers - Top 5 Wicket Takers	5
Left Arm Spinners - Top 3 Wicket Takers	3
Leg Spinners - Top 3 Wicket Takers	3
Off Spinner - Top 3 Wicket Takers	3
Top Fast Bowling All Rounders (To be selected by selectors)	3
Top Spin All Rounders (To be selected by selectors)	3

3. A-Division Multi-Day League (Previous Season 2025–26 Performers) - Automatic Qualification

To ensure no deserving performers from previous season's (2025-26) A-Division Multi-Day leagues are missed, top performers from the A-Division Multi-Day League 2025–26 who did not feature in BCCI State Matches in the previous season will also automatically qualify based on the criteria below:

A-Division – 2025-26	No. of Players
Top 10 Run-getters	10
Top 10 Wicket Takers	10

4. Open Trials Players

Open Trials Player Slots: 5 Players will be picked by the Senior Selection Committee from the Open Trials conducted for the current season. For this season (2026-27), the 5 players to be selected for the multi-Day format Super League (Seniors & Under-23 Category) will be selected from the Men's open trials which were conducted at Gymkhana Grounds in May and June 2026.

Qualification

To ensure top performers from the districts of Telangana are recognized and integrated, top performers from the District Teams in A & B Divisions, will automatically qualify based on the criteria below:

District Players	No. of Players
Top 4 Run-getters	4
Top 4 Wicket Takers	4

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A player is considered a district player for this purpose if he has represented the Combined Districts teams in A-Division 2-Day League 2026-27 or he has played in any of the 8 district teams in B-Division 2-Day League 2026-27, or was identified through Open Trials conducted in May-June 2026. If a district player is picked among the 5 Open Trials candidates, that player may also fulfill a slot in this 8-player district list.

6. Clarification for Future Seasons

- **Current Season (2026–27):** Last season's (2025–26) top league performers as per the above mentioned structure automatically qualify for this year's Senior's Super League 2026-27.
- **Subsequent Seasons (2027–28 onwards):** However, performance in this year's league season 2026-27 does **not** grant automatic qualification for future Super Leagues beyond 2026–27. For the league season 2027-28, Automatic qualification criteria will only apply to the players who were in the Playing 11 of the previous seasons and to the league performers in that current season (2027-28 for that season).

7. Super League - Each Team Structure

- **Number of Teams & Squad Size:** There will be a total of 8 teams in total in the Senior Men's & Under-23 Men's category combined. Each team squad will have 15 players.
- **Team Structure:** Each Senior Super League team will follow the following structure to ensure balance in teams.

Team Structure	No. of Players
Openers	3
Middle Order	5
Fast Bowlers	4
Spinners	3

8. Manual Selections

Over and above the list of automatically selected players, for the remaining slots that are open as per each team's structure mentioned in Point 7, the Senior Selection Committee will pick the players. Selectors are requested to ideally pick from the next set of top performers as per the slots remaining, in the A & B Division Two Day League 2026-27 who are not part of the automatic list.



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For example, if a fast bowler has to be picked and the top 5 wicket takers in fast bowlers from the A-Division 2-Day League 2026-27 are automatically selected, then the 6th highest wicket taker among fast bowlers in the said league season must be ideally considered.

The open slots will be filled by the selectors as per the Super League Team Structure mentioned above in Point 7.

These automatic selection guidelines are mandatory and must be followed, without which the selection list will stand null and void.

FAQ

1. What if an automatically selected player is injured and unable to play in the Super League?

If any of the players who automatically qualify based on the above criteria are unable to play in the Super League due to injury/playing higher cricket etc. then the next name on that particular category list will qualify for automatic selection.

2. What if a player is automatically selected in 2 or more lists?

All such players will be considered as a part of both lists and there will be no additional slots opened in any such automatic selection lists.

Example: If a player has already played for HCA in the Playing 11 of the BCCI State matches in the previous season (2025-26) in the Senior Men's category and he is also among the top 7 Run Getters in Top Order category for the A-Division 2-Day league 2026-27, then he will be a part of both the lists and the 8th highest run getter in the A-Division 2-Day league 2026-27 will not be automatically selected.

3. Will the Knock-out matches be considered in calculating the total runs, wickets etc. of a player?

Yes, the Knock-out matches will be considered for all calculations/statistics of every player. Please follow the above guidelines strictly for selection of players for the Senior Super League 2026-27.

**By Order,
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