



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated to the Board of Control for Cricket in India)

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Subject: Restructuring and Regulatory Framework for Institution Teams (Season 2026-27 & 2027-28)

Dear Members,

The Head of Cricket, in the presence of the Secretary of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), held a constructive meeting on June 28, 2026 with the members representing institution teams within the HCA.

Following a detailed discussion regarding the concerns raised by the teams, the following are the decisions that emerged from the meeting for the season 2026-27 and beyond.

1. For the season 2026-27, all institution teams in HCA will play under a single division called A-Institutions, except for the institution teams who are currently playing in HCA's A-Division, B-Division or C-Division in the season 2026-27 - they will be placed straight into the A-Institutions for the next season 2027-28.
2. At the end of the current season 2026-27, rankings will be assigned to all institution teams that play in A-Institutions, based on their standing in the season of 2026-27. Based on these final rankings, institution teams will be divided into three divisions for the season 2027-28 - A-Institutions, B-Institutions and C-Institutions. The institution teams that are currently playing in HCA's A-Division, B-Division or C-Division in the season 2026-27, will automatically be placed into A-Institutions for the season 2027-28
3. The match formats for each institution division will be decided and communicated before the commencement of each league season.
4. Institution teams are free to field players from Telangana in their squads without any restrictions on age, employment or stipend.
5. Matches played under the institution divisions will be considered of the same importance as all other league matches for selection purposes for super league and eventually for state cricket.

This initiative will create a great platform for the youngsters of Telangana to participate in the HCA league system, enabled by the institutions. It is expected to make available a crop of over 600 new players from Telangana for Super League selection and eventually state selection.

We are grateful to the institutions for supporting this noble cause.

Sincerely,

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