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Announcement of HCA League Season 2023-24

Hyderabad Cricket Association announces 2023-24 League Season.

1. League commencement date: 6th June 2023
2. Number of A Division teams: 21
3. Number of B Division teams : 62
4. Number of C division teams : 105
5. **A Division Teams** : The teams that were existing in the A1 Division in 2018-19 and 2019-20 have all been included in the A1 Division. Since no logic was applied for inclusion of 15 teams in 2020-21 and more teams in 2021-22, diluting the standards of cricket in Hyderabad, the same were dropped from the list. However, to provide an opportunity to the players from the districts, the Combined XI team of the districts which was provided for in 2020-21 is retained this year also. Similar is the case of Budding StarCricket Club which stood at first place in the A2 Division in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. It also stood at first position in 2021-22 after inclusion into the A1 Division. 3-day League matches did not take place as scheduled in 2022-23. Only T-20 and 1-day Knock-out were played. Budding Star Cricket Club stood at 1st position in the 1-day Knock-out for A1 Division in 2022-23 group matches and 3rd position in T-20 played with 131 teams of A1 and A2 Divisions in 2022-23. Hence their retention in A1 Division.
6. **Promotion and Relegation**: It is being informed in advance to all the clubs that the 2 teams at the bottom of the points table of the A Division will be demoted to B Division while the top 2 of the B Division will be promoted to the A Division at the end of the season.
7. **Zonals**: The teams in the A Division will be split into 2 pools. After the League matches are over, Zonals will be played for finalising the team representing Hyderabad in the Ranji and U-23 Tournaments.
8. **B Division Teams**: The teams in B Division will be split into 5 pools. The top 2 teams in each pool will play against the top 2 teams from the other pools to decide the ranking among them. The top 2 teams of the B Division will be promoted to the A Division at the end of the season. Similarly, the bottom 2 teams in each pool

will play against the bottom teams from the other pools to decide the ranking and the 2 teams at the bottom of the points table of the B Division will be demoted to C Division.

9. C Division Teams : The teams in C Division will be divided into 6 pools. The top team in each pool will play against the top teams from the other pools to decide the ranking among them. The top 2 teams of the C Division will be promoted to the B Division at the end of the season.

10. Player Registration : Each club/institution is permitted to register 18 players.

- a. The registration commences from 24th May 2023 and will remain open until 3rd June 2023.
- b. 15 Players should be registered by 3rd June 2023.
- c. Remaining 3 players can be registered 2 days before the match date.
- d. No registrations will be permitted at the last minute.
- e. No transfer of player registration will be entertained once the player has played a single match.

11. Team Composition for A Division :

- a. Minimum of 3 players who played in Ranji in the last 5 years and minimum of 2 players who were in the Playing XI for Hyderabad in Vijay Hazare / Syed Mushtaq Ali / U-23 / U-19 / U-16 in the last 5 years.
- b. These rules are relaxed for government institutions/ teams playing with a minimum of 7 permanent employees on their rolls in the playing level.
- c. The age limit for players participating in A1 Division is 40 years. The cut off Date of Birth is 1st September 1983.
- d. The Combined Districts XI team will be relaxed from Rule 11, a & b above.

12. Team Composition for B Division :

- a. The age limit of 40 years is not applicable to A2 Division matches.

13. Publication of Team Details : Detailed information about the participating teams in the A and B Divisions will be published in the HCA website.

14. Publication of Rules and Regulations : HCA will publish comprehensive rules and regulations governing the upcoming season on the official website. The participants, team officials and all the clubs are advised to familiarise themselves with these guidelines.

15. Publication of Schedule: The HCA schedule for various tournaments will be uploaded in the website.