

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

CASE NO. 7 OF 2024

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

BETWEEN:

The Sportive Cricket Club, Represented by
its Secretary Sri Mohammad Iqbal. H.No. 2-
4-285, Subash Road, Near Mahankali Police
Station, Secunderabad - 500003.

...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's Club has played for 3 years from 2020-21 till 2022-23 in A1 Division (3 days) and all the 3 years and topped the C Group in A1 Division. 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 it's Club was not retained in A1 Division (3 days). It is further stated that the Committee realised its mistake and expressed that the 3 days draws were already prepared and assured to consider the Club in A1 Division in the Year 2024-25. 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 Sportive Cricket Club has secured 2nd Place in A1 Division Group C of 2020-21 and 2021-22 Seasons and 1st 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 days) and it stood first in the A2 Division (2 days) Pool A for the season 2023-24.

Therefore, the Sportive 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 Sportive Cricket Club stood First in the A2 Division Pool A 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