

# HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

## Notification for Institutional Clubs

Date: March 10th 2026

To,

All Affiliated Institutional Clubs (A & B Divisions)

Subject: Mandatory Playing XI Ratios for Institutional Teams (2026–2027)

1. Rationale to safeguard the professional future of local cricketers, the HCA is implementing a phased transition for institutional teams. The objective is to move away from temporary "stipend-only" rosters and toward a sustainable model of permanent employment for athletes representing corporate and government institutions.

### 2. Current Season Requirement (2026-27)

For all tournaments commencing in the 2026 season (including the One-Day/ T-20/ and Two days' league) the following Playing XI composition is mandatory.

Minimum Employees: 4 Players in the playing XI (Must be permanent employees /contractual staff in service for at least three years of service by 31-03-2026 with valid payroll proof).

Maximum Stipend Players: (7 seven) Stipend players are those who are engaged by the team for next 1 year before the league starts.

### 3. Future Mandate (2027-28 Season)

Starting from the April 2027 season, the requirement will shift to prioritize institutional stability:

Minimum Employees: 8 Players in the playing XI (Must be permanent employees /contractual staff in service for at least three years of service by 31-03-2027 with valid payroll proof).

Maximum Stipend Players: 3 Players (in the Playing XI). Stipend players are those who are engaged by the team for 1 year before the league starts.

4. There is an age limit of 40 years for players representing institutions. The cut-off date of birth is 1st September 1986.

### 5. Penalties for Non-Compliance

The HCA remains committed to the competitive integrity of the A and B Divisions.

Therefore: Failure to meet the "4-Employee" requirement for the season 2026 and "8-Employee for the season 2027 will result in immediate and automatic relegation to the C-Division.

Relegated teams will lose their standing in the higher divisions regardless of their previous season's performance or points table ranking.

## 6. Compliance Documentation

Institutional teams are required to submit the following to the HCA Office 15 days prior to their first match:

Employee Roster: Certified by the Institution's HR/Head of Office.

PF/Salary Statements: To verify the employment status of the designated 4 permanent employees/ contractual staff in service for at least three years by 31-03-2026 with valid payroll proof).

Stipend Agreements: For the remaining Stipend players.

All institutional teams are requested to kindly inform office of Hyderabad Cricket Association about their participation in all formats for the upcoming season 2026 on or before 16<sup>th</sup> march by 5:00 PM. Teams opting out in any of the 3 formats will not be allowed to take part in the remaining formats.

All the institutions who are complying with above conditions can pay the subscription fees accordingly.

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