



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Press Release

UNDER-23 MEN'S EMERGING PLAYERS 4-DAY TOURNAMENT 2026-27

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) is pleased to announce the Under-23 Men's Emerging Players 4-Day Tournament 2026-27, aimed at providing a competitive platform for promising Under-23 cricketers and identifying players with the potential to progress to higher levels of cricket.

Tournament Format & Team Selection

A total of three Emerging Players teams, comprising 13 players each, will be selected by the Senior Selection Committee.

The squads will be selected from eligible Under-23 players participating in the A-Division and B-Division 2-Day and Multi-Day League matches during the ongoing 2026-27 season. Selection will be based on players' performances, consistency, potential and overall contribution during the league matches.

Players who are currently part of the Senior Men's Super League or the U-19 Selection Matches will not be considered for the Emerging Players teams.

The Senior Selection Committee has been requested to compile and submit the final lists for all three Emerging Players teams, comprising 13 players per team, by 2 September 2026.

Tournament Format

The tournament will be conducted in a Four-Day Match format on a Round-Robin basis, with all three teams playing against each other. Accordingly, the tournament will comprise a total of three matches, ensuring that each team gets an opportunity to play against the other two teams.

The Super Sub rule will also be applicable during the tournament, with the objective of providing opportunities to a larger pool of deserving players and enabling more young cricketers to showcase their abilities in a competitive multi-day format.

Tournament Schedule

The tournament is scheduled to be conducted during September 2026. The detailed schedule, fixtures, venues and final team compositions will be announced separately.



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Pathway to State-Level Cricket

The tournament will provide an important platform for emerging Under-23 players to perform at a higher level and come under consideration for future state-level opportunities.

Exceptional performances in the tournament will be taken into consideration by the Senior Selection Committee for selection to the HCA Under-23 State Team for the upcoming 2026–27 season, as well as for other relevant future state-level tournaments and assignments.

The HCA remains committed to providing a structured pathway for talented young cricketers and creating increased opportunities for them to progress through the various levels of competitive cricket.

Thanks

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