



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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PRESS RELEASE

The Hyderabad Cricket Association Notifies Expression of Interest (EOI) for TG20 Franchise Ownership

Hyderabad, April 18, 2026

The Hyderabad Cricket Association today announced the launch of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process for franchise ownership in TG20, its premier T20 cricket league set to debut in June 2026.

The EOI marks the formal beginning of the franchise acquisition process for what is envisioned as a flagship sporting property of Telangana.

About TG20

TG20 is a franchise-based T20 league established by the HCA to create a high-performance platform for emerging cricket talent across Telangana. The tournament will be conducted under the aegis of HCA and hosted at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, Hyderabad. Matches will be played in accordance with BCCI regulations and broadcast across multiple platforms to ensure wide reach and engagement.

The inaugural season will feature:

- **8 franchise teams** representing regions across Telangana
- **32 matches** in a high-intensity format
- Up to **2 matches per day** across a **21-day window**

Proposed franchise regions: Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Ranga Reddy, and Warangal.

Final allocation of Eight teams will be determined through the bidding process.

Franchise Opportunity & Tenure

The rights to own and operate a TG20 franchise will be awarded through a transparent and competitive bidding process. The franchise term will be five (5) years, including the inaugural season, and thereafter renewable every three (3) years subject to compliance with league regulations and commercial terms.

The minimum bid amount for acquiring franchise rights to own a team shall be ₹3 Crore (Rupees Three Crore only), exclusive of applicable GST.

This franchise fee does not include team expenses related to player and staff salaries, player accommodation and catering, team jerseys etc.,

The successful bidder (Franchise Owner) shall be required to pay the bid amount annually, on or before the date set by the TG20 Governing Council each year.

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- **EOI Submission Deadline:** April 28, 2026
- **Shortlisting Notification:** By April 30, 2026
- **RFP Issuance to Qualified Parties:** By May 1, 2026

The EOI document can be obtained upon payment of a **non-refundable fee of INR 1,18,000 (inclusive of GST)**. Requests must be submitted via email with payment proof to the TG20 Governing Council.

Eligibility Criteria

Interested parties (single entity or JV/consortium) must meet the following:

- Minimum annual turnover of **INR 100 crore (single entity) or INR 50 crore per entity (JV/consortium)** over the last two financial years
- Positive Profit After Tax (PAT) for FY 2023–24 and 2024–25
- At least one entity must have a registered office in Telangana
- No criminal convictions, blacklisting, or conflicts of interest as per HCA regulations

All applications will undergo a detailed evaluation by the TG20 Governing Council in consultation with Grant Thornton Bharat LLP, the authorized advisory agency. Only shortlisted applicants will proceed to the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage.

Important Note

Issuance of the EOI does not constitute an offer or guarantee of franchise rights. Participation in the bidding process is subject to meeting eligibility criteria and compliance requirements as determined by the TG20 Governing Council.

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“The launch of TG20 represents a defining moment for cricket in Telangana. Our vision is to create a world-class league that nurtures local talent, builds strong regional identities, and engages fans across the state. We invite credible and visionary partners to be part of this journey and contribute to building a premier sporting platform of national significance.”

- Mr. V. Agam Rao, Chairman, Governing Council, TG20.

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