



QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS FOR PCB DOMESTIC TOURNAMENTS **2019-2020**

These Regulations will apply to all PCB Domestic tournaments with the exclusion of HBL PSL. All matches will be played under the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition – 2019) and ICC Standard Playing Conditions as adopted in the PCB Domestic Cricket Playing Conditions for all formats.

These Regulations will operate based on the underlying principle that the PCB organized Domestic Tournaments will take precedence over any privately organized league(s) or competition(s).

1. Qualification Regulations

1.1 A Cricketer is qualified to play for Cricket Association, National Inter City, Intra City and U-19 provided that:

- i) He must have been born in the area under the jurisdiction of that Cricket Association / City Cricket Association or tagged City.
OR
- ii) He has permanent domicile of that City Cricket Association or tagged City.
OR
- iii) He has completed a residence period of 183 days in the area under jurisdiction of that City Cricket Association or Tagged City.
OR
- iv) He has been selected by former national selectors, the current junior selection committee and head coaches and has been verified by an independent panel for the cricket season 2019-2020.

1.2 Exceptional Circumstances Related To Birth or Residence

- i) Should a player be deemed ineligible under 1 (i),(ii),(iii) and (iv) above and his Cricket Association/ City Cricket Association believe that there are exceptional circumstances requiring consideration, a written application shall be made to DDCO, who will forward along with his recommendations to the PCB Chairman and the CEO, whose decision will be final.
- ii) A player can only represent one Cricket Association in all Cricket Association Tournaments in one Domestic Cricket Season.

- iii) Change of Cricket Association team is not allowed during the season.
- iv) No guest player is allowed for Intra/Inter City U-19 tournaments.
- v) U-19 players shall be allowed to participate in all domestic tournaments including first class cricket.

2. Overseas Players

- a) First Class and 2nd XI Cricket Teams can register one overseas player in their squad in addition to the original squad of 32 players submitted, subject to a written approval from PCB and a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the relevant Cricket Board of that player. The NOC requirement is only applicable to the current players.
- b) All such requests to include overseas player at the start of the 2019-20 cricket season, must be submitted at least one month prior to the cricket season/tournament. If a Cricket Association wishes to register an overseas player during the season, then a special request may be submitted to PCB Director Domestic Cricket Operations for consideration.
- c) The player whose name is registered by PCB as an overseas player can play in any domestic tournament of that season.
- d) The City Cricket Association may register an overseas player and such player could play club cricket only. It would be obligatory for City Cricket Associations to get the approval from its respective Cricket Association and inform PCB accordingly.

2.1 Approved and Disapproved Cricket Tournaments / Leagues

- a. If any team(s) or player(s) or PCB match official(s) desire to take part in any approved cricket tournaments or leagues within the PCB's jurisdiction, must get prior written approval from PCB before any such event.
- b. Any Team / Registered Player or PCB match official, who participates in any cricket event which has not been approved by PCB/ICC, will not be eligible to participate in any PCB organized cricket tournaments.

2.2 National Under-19

- a) Players born on or after 1st September 2001 shall be eligible to participate in the National U-19 tournament 2019-2020.

- b) A player can participate for a maximum of three seasons since his first participation in U-19 competition provided he remains within the age limit as laid down in the regulations.
- c) All Cricket Associations must submit the names of their 20 players along with their date of birth duly certified by the President/Secretary of the concerned Association and player's bio-data forms duly filled and signed by each individual player along with two recent colored passport size photographs to the relevant Cricket Association, which will later be forwarded to PCB domestic cricket operations by respective CA(s).
- d) All Cricket Associations must ensure that players who are selected to represent their respective Cricket Association at National U-19 tournaments are genuinely U-19 and no overage player is included in the team. All Cricket Associations must verify all- the documents of players from the concerned departments before sending the names to CA(s).
- e) For all age group tournaments, the first birth certificate submitted shall be considered as final and cannot be challenged subsequently. No change or alteration in the date of birth once registered with the PCB shall be accepted on any ground whatsoever including change by an affidavit.
- f) Team officials will have to produce on demand either by opponent team /Umpires / Match Referee, original educational and age certificates along with photocopy of father's CNIC and original CRC/FRC and photograph of each player, failing which Rs.10,000/- fine may be imposed on the team by Match Referee or umpires and further action will also be taken on protest by PCB.
- g) Officials and players will be proceeded against for inclusion of over age players.

3. Registration

- a) A 32 member squad, selected by the former national selectors, current junior selection committee and head coaches and verified by an independent panel, will be registered with the PCB for the 2019-2020 season.
- b) Each of the nominated 32 players shall be eligible to play either for their respective First Eleven or the Second Eleven during 2019-2020 season.
- c) All 6 participating Cricket Association teams shall have the option to include any outstanding performers from U-19 and list-A cricket, based on merit of selection, subject to the approval from PCB Domestic Cricket Operations.
- d) During a particular tournament, if any player is ruled out of the entire tournament due to any injury or any other unforeseen event, a replacement request can be submitted to the Director Domestic Cricket Operations for consideration.
- e) All disputes regarding nominated players should be settled by the match official(s) between the captains before the start of each tournament.
- e) Cricket Association(s) /City Cricket Association(s) failing to submit the names of

players along with Pro-formas within scheduled dates may be fined Rs. 10,000/-

3.1 Special Registration

- a) In case any change or addition is desired in the names of nominated / registered players between the last date of receipt of names and start of the tournament in which City Cricket Association teams are participating, special registration may be allowed by the PCB on payment as under:-
 - i) Cricket Associations Rs.5,000/- per Player.
- b) No change of player is allowed after the start of any tournament.
- c) In case a player(s) is selected in National Team or called for camp, the Cricket Association concerned may be allowed replacement by equal number of fresh player(s) without any extra payment.
- d) If a player is called for national duty during the course of a match, Replacement will be allowed during the course of that match who may bat and bowl but original player will not be allowed to come back in the team in that match. If a player is called for National duty before the start of domestic match the concerned team will not be allowed to nominate his name in the playing XI.
- e) In case a player(s) is returned from National Duty, he may join his team on his return from national duty and his replacement player will not be allowed to participate in the remaining matches of the tournament.
- f) A player who is under a ban placed on him by the PCB or Cricket Association/City Cricket Association (with Board's approval) shall not be allowed to play for any team in PCB organized tournaments (In all forms of cricket)
- g) If a player, who is not qualified to play under the regulations, plays for an Association, such Association may be disqualified for the rest of the tournament and disciplinary action will be taken against the player.
- h) If more than 32 players (First class & 2nd XI teams) play for any Cricket Association the concerned President / Secretary of relevant City cricket association may be banned at least for a period of one year and Cricket Association may be fined Rs.50,000/-
- i) If any Association includes unregistered/non-qualified player(s) in the playing eleven, the concerned President of City cricket association shall be banned at least for a period of one year and concerned Cricket Association shall be fined Rs. 100,000/-. The concerned player(s) will be banned for at least one year.

4. Penalty for Infringement of Regulations

- a) A player who infringes these **Regulations** shall be debarred, for a minimum period of one year from the date of decision, to participate in all the

tournaments conducted by the PCB or by any Cricket Association/City Cricket Association.

- b) The team for which a player as in (a) above has played will be declared loser and full match points will be awarded to the opponent. The defaulter team will be allowed to play the remaining pool matches but would not be allowed to play in the next round/Semi Finals/Final, even though it wins all remaining pool matches of the tournament.
- c) Any Cricket Association / City Cricket Association despite the fact that the player has surpassed the age limit or has completed the maximum participating terms as laid down in the regulations for Under-19 has in the opinion of the PCB, allowed a player to play in the competition, PCB may penalize the concerned Cricket Association / City Cricket Association and player(s) as follows:-
 - i) Atleast one year ban will be imposed on the President of the concerned City Cricket Association and Cricket Association shall be fined Rs. 100,000/-
 - ii) The concerned player(s) will also be banned for a minimum period of one year.

5. Expenses

- a) The competing teams shall bear all their expenses on ground hire charges, boarding lodging, transportation, lunches, teas, furniture hire, in the following manner:
- b) When two Associations play with each other on the third place outside their jurisdiction they shall equally share all their expenses on ground hire charges, furniture hire charges, lunches and teas and any other unforeseen expenditure duly agreed by teams concerned.
- c) When a City Cricket Association plays another City Cricket Association in its jurisdiction, the host City Cricket Association will bear the ground and furniture hire charges, lunch and tea expenses etc. Similarly Zonal teams will be responsible to share expenses equally.
- d) For matches played at Gaddafi Stadium Lahore, National Stadium Karachi, Multan Cricket Stadium Multan, Bugti Stadium Quetta, Pindi cricket stadium, Rawalpindi and Abbottabad Cricket Stadium Abbottabad when two Associations are playing against each other, no ground hire charges will be charged from them. The City Cricket Association will not charge ground hire charges of those grounds, which are under their jurisdiction from their respective Cricket Association set up.

6. Appointments

The venues, grounds, dates and match officials (Umpires, Match Referees and Scorers) will be nominated by the PCB and not to be changed as far as possible.

7. Final of Inter City U-19/Seniors, National U-19, 2nd XI

If both innings are not completed then the result will be determined on the basis of first innings of the stipulated overs. If the stipulated overs of the first innings of both teams are not completed within the allotted time then both the teams shall be declared joint winners

8. Final of QAT (First Class)

Finals of Quaid e Azam Trophy (first class) will be of 5 days duration. If the first innings is not completed within the scheduled duration, the match will be continued on one subsequent day so that the first innings is completed by both the sides. If the first innings of both the teams are not completed despite the extra day, both the teams will be declared as joint winners.

9. Report by Umpires, Match Referee and Captains

- a) At the end of each match, the Match officials shall send the following information to PCB:
- I. The Match Report by the Umpires.
 - II. Report on the conditions of the pitch and Teams sheet. (Match Referee if appointed)
 - III. Any other point, which Match Officials may consider of importance.
 - IV. Umpires and Match Referee will sign on each page of the original score book available with the scorer.

Note: Official scorer of the match shall be responsible to send the original score sheet of the match to PCB Domestic Cricket Operations, within 3 days of the conclusion of the match.

In case the umpires have difference of opinion or dispute they may send their individual report as per above (I & III) on separate paper.

- b) The umpires may check the Score Book at each interval, especially at the close of each day's play.
- c) The Captains of the Participating teams shall handover confidential report on umpires, in writing, to the Match Referee in a sealed envelope or directly email to PCB bilal.gureshi@pcb.com.pk or abdul.hameed@pcb.com.pk on the

prescribed pro-forma, at the end of each day's play. If a team does not submit confidential report on umpires at the end of each day's play, a fine of Rs.3000/- per day may be imposed.

10. Discipline on the Field

- a. In order to enforce discipline in the game it has been decided that under no circumstances any protest by team officials, Captain or the players verbal or through a gesture against umpire's decision will be tolerated by the PCB. Teams shall also be responsible for the conduct/behavior of their supporters. They are liable to disciplinary action including scratching from the tournament on this account alone.
- b. In order to curb growing cases of misconduct in and outside the field and in case an umpire reports to Match Referee against any team official/player(s) on account of misbehavior or misconduct then the team or the official/player in question will be fined under the PCB Code of Conduct for Players and Players Support Personnel by the Match Referee who will recover this fine from the defaulting player and send the same to the PCB along with the report of the match.
- c. In case an umpire reports against any Team official/player(s) on account of misconduct, the case will be reported to Match Referee/PCB who may take further action according to PCB Code of Conduct.
- d. Any infringement of these regulations will be dealt with by the Match Referee whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

11. Protest

A protest in respect of all the domestic tournaments would be entertained as under:

- i) Protest fee for Inter City Senior, Inter City U-19 & National U-19 will be Rs 5000/- (Non-refundable).
- ii) Protest fee for First Class tournaments and Non-First Class, ODs & T-20s will be Rs 10000/- (Non-refundable).
- iii) The protest must be given in writing to the Umpires within one hour of the close of the match duly signed by the Captain and the Manager. Both the Captain and the Manager have to be present at the time of submission of protest within the prescribed time limit. The Umpires shall forward the protest immediately with their comments to Match Referee (if appointed) or PCB.

- iv) PCB Domestic Cricket Operations will take appropriate action against such protest.
- v) An appeal against the decision made by PCB will be accompanied with an additional fee of Rs. 5,000/-(Non-refundable), within 24 hours of the decision of PCB. PCB Disciplinary Committee will take a decision within 15 days of such an appeal.
- vi) Decision of the Disciplinary Committee can only be challenged under Clause 37 of PCB Constitution.

12. Local Association

- a) For **Inter City U-19 and National City Championship** tournaments the local Association under whose jurisdiction the match center is located will provide administrative support for the match and work in accordance with the instructions issued by PCB.
- b) The local Association shall ensure ground reservations for matches of the Tournament well in advance and to liaison with the Match Referee/ PCB to ensure proper maintenance of the pitch and the ground throughout the cricket season.
- c) Ensure proper preparation of pitches and ground before each match.
- d) Ensure that scoreboard and items of furniture like chairs; tables etc. have properly been placed.
- e) Ensure that Umpires appointed for the match turn up in time. In case the appointed Umpires (s) fail to turn up at the ground on the first morning of the match, shall be empowered to appoint other umpire who has to be from the PCB panel of Umpires. In case the umpires from PCB panel are not available such umpires shall act until a regular umpire from PCB panel arrives. It will be the entire responsibility of local Association in case of no Match Referee to contact immediately to ask for PCB panel umpire to rush if the same is not available locally.
- f) Where there is no Match Referee to conduct an enquiry into matters of indiscipline reported by the umpires or captains before the day is out and passes their findings at once to the PCB for decision.

13. Dope Test

PCB may conduct in-competition **DOPE TESTING** during the event through the independent authorities.
