

Q&A on registration of Cricket Associations

Question - Is the inclusion of PCB staff in the Northern Cricket Association a temporary or a permanent arrangement?

Answer - This is purely an administrative and transitory step to create the legally registered entities. The cricket associations **will not be run by the PCB employees** who have been utilised as **founding members** for purposes of registration.

The next step is to constitute interim committees to;

- a) adopt the model constitution, and
- b) to run the affairs of the associations till the duly elected representatives take offices.

To elect the first office-bearers prior logical steps have to be completed:

- a) clubs registered with City Cricket Associations,
- b) general body elects office-bearers of City Cricket Associations, and
- c) the elected representatives of City Cricket Associations form the general body of the Cricket Associations.

Any attempt to corrupt the proper logical steps leading to formation of the Cricket Associations will take away from the long term independent structure of the Cricket Associations and City Cricket Associations the PCB wants to ensure.

Question - What was the need to use PCB officials?

Answer – The PCB officials were used to aid in the registration process as this was the most time efficient, reliable and logistically convenient mechanism. Furthermore, there is no bar in the **PCB Constitution 2019** on its employees being founding members of a Society for any Cricket Association to get it registered.

Question - Is the inclusion of PCB staffers in the Northern Cricket Association General Body not a case of conflict of interest, violation of PCB Constitution and clause 12.1(e) of the Cricket Associations?

Answer – Firstly, it should be remembered the present management is internationally acclaimed, recognised and respected for its integrity, competence and professionalism. This is also the set-up, which is in the process of decentralising and democratising domestic cricket. This is also the regime, which, first time in the PCB's history and as part of its good governance practices, introduced the Code of Ethics.

Secondly, there is no violation of the PCB Constitution 2019. As the Model Constitutions are yet to be formally adopted by the Cricket Associations, there can be no violation of any of its provisions.

Question - What is the difference between founding members and office-bearers?

Answer - Office-bearers will be elected personnel in accordance with the **Model Constitution** once the Cricket Associations formally adopt the Model Constitutions. This step is yet to happen.

The founding members have helped and played a key role in aiding to register the societies.

As per PCB's implementation plan, the next step will be for the founding members to resign and give way to Interim Committees who will run the day-to-day affairs of the Cricket Associations till elected personnel take over.

Question - Will these founding members run the interim set-up?

Answer - No. Their role is limited to registration of societies and any other formalities required to handover the Cricket Associations to the Interim Committees (in which no PCB employee will be a member).

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Question - Who will appoint the interim set-ups and who will feature in them?

Answer – The PCB Chairman has the authority and powers to appoint the interim committees and he will make the announcements in due course.

Question - Has the PCB staff been used only for the registration of the Northern Cricket Association or all Cricket Associations?

Answer – For the reasons explained above, the PCB officials have been used to aid in the registration process of all Cricket Associations as this was the most time efficient, reliable and logistically convenient mechanism.

Question - What are the roles of the PCB staffers in the other five Cricket Associations?

Answer - The role of the PCB staffers is limited to the registration of societies and any other formalities required to handover the Cricket Associations to the Interim Committees in which no PCB employee will be a member.

As per PCB's implementation plan the next step will be for the founding members to resign and give way to Interim Committees who will run the day-to-day affairs of the Cricket Associations till elected personnel take over.

Question - None of the Northern Cricket Association members are permanent residents of the Northern jurisdiction as per the clause 12.1-b. Why?

Answer - As the Model Constitutions are yet to be formally adopted by the Cricket Associations, there is no violation of any of its provisions.

Question - Have any funds been released to any Cricket Association?

Answer – This is a baseless and libelous allegation. No funds have been allocated or released to any Cricket Association.

Question - When did the PCB apply for registration of the six Cricket Associations?

Answer – The registration process of the six Cricket Associations started in March after the Model Constitution for City Cricket Associations and Cricket Clubs were approved by the BoG in its November 2019 and February 2020 meetings, respectively. As in the case of the Northern Cricket Association, the PCB will announce the completion of registration process of the remaining five Cricket Associations as and when it happens.

Question - What are the next steps ref registration of Cricket Associations?

Answer - PCB has submitted its documentation for registration of all Cricket Associations and awaits the competent authorities to take appropriate actions.

Question - Why is there a need for the Cricket Associations to be registered under the Societies Act?

Answer - It is a requirement under the Clause 16(5) of the PCB Constitution 2019 as part of the PCB's good and transparent governance processes.

Question - Does sports (cricket) fall under the Societies Act?

Answer – Yes, otherwise how would Northern Cricket Association have been registered? There are other examples of societies of other sports entities as well.

Question - How powers will be transferred from the PCB staff to the interim committees?

Answer – This is explained in Clause 16(6) of the [PCB Constitution 2019](#), which reads as:

“The Board of Governors shall immediately upon the promulgation of this Constitution organise the first Cricket Association, including the first boards of each Cricket Association and do all such acts as necessary.

“Provided that the tenure of the first boards of each Cricket Association as organised by the Board of Governors shall be one year from the date of notification and shall thereafter be elected in accordance with the constitution of each Cricket Association.”

Question - Don't your actions contradict your transparency claims?

Answer – No. Unfortunately, some highly respected commentators, without reading the [PCB and Model Constitutions](#) and understanding/knowing the PCB's strategy, have drawn and jumped to wrong conclusions. If these commentators will carefully read and digest this document, they will realise their misunderstanding and make well-informed comments in future.

Question - When the elections of the Cricket Associations will take place and how they will be conducted?

Answer - First the registration of clubs shall take place; then elections of City Cricket Associations will take place and thereafter, the elections of Cricket Associations can be conducted

