

OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER
CONDUCT OF BCCI ELECTIONS - 2023

Rules of Procedure

I. PREAMBLE

As per the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations (“**Constitution**”) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (“**BCCI**”) in Rule 33 of the Constitution, the appointed Electoral Officer of the BCCI (“**Electoral Officer**”) shall Oversee and Supervise the entire Election Process.

The Rules of procedure which shall cover the Election of the following Post (“**Elective Post**”) are hereby prescribed and set out below:

A. Two (02) elective posts of Members of the Governing Council under Rule 28 of the BCCI Constitution.

II. PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS OF QUALIFIED MEMBERS

As soon as may be but not later than one (01) week before the date of the Annual General Meeting of the BCCI wherein Elections of the above referred Elective Posts are to be held (“**Election Day**”), the Electoral Officer shall publish the Electoral Roll of Representatives of eligible members qualified to participate in the BCCI Elections viz. entitled to vote and field Candidates for Elections.

III. CALL TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR ELECTIVE POSTS

As soon as may be but not later than 2 weeks before the Election Day, the Electoral Officer shall issue a notice calling upon Representatives of eligible Members to file Nomination Papers for Election to the above referred Elective Posts, indicating the schedule for covering every activity related to the elections.

IV. ELIGIBILITY AND PROCEDURE TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS

- a. A Candidate can Contest only for ONE POST.
- b. A Candidate must fill up the “Nomination-Cum Affidavit Form” which is prescribed as per the Elective Posts at **Annexure II (Form A)**. The Nomination Form should be duly signed by Him / Her. The signature of the Candidate should be attested by Notary/Oath Commissioner.
- c. (i) A Candidate’s Nomination should have been physically signed by a Proposer and Secunder, who shall each be a Representative of an eligible Member with all details as prescribed in the “Nomination Cum Affidavit Form” as Annexure II (Form A).

(ii) However, with reference to (i) above, taking into account the post Covid – 19 pandemic situation and the safety Protocol Notified by the Union Government and the State Government of the Country, it is Desirable that the Candidate, the Witness, the

Proposer and Secunder of a Candidate should not have to undertake Journey by Air / Rail or Road or have to visit any Office.

(iii) It is therefore Decided that the Candidate can submit the “Nomination cum Affidavit Form” as Annexure II Form A, on-line, Without Physical Signature of the Proposer and Secunder. The Proposer and the Secunder can submit their Consent On-line for the Candidate concerned. The Proposer and the Secunder can fill the Form Placed at Annexure – II (Form B). The signature of Proposer and the Secunder should be Dully Attested by Notary / Oath Commissioner. The Proposer and Secunder can separately send the scanned copies of the Annexure II (Form B) dully completed to the concerned Candidate On-line

(iv) The concerned Candidate would duly enclose the scanned copies of Annexure II (Form B) for the Proposer and the Secunder with His / Her- “Nomination Cum Affidavit Form”, to be submitted to the RO/Authorised Officer appointed by the EO.

(v) It is further clarified that the “Nomination Cum Affidavit Form” as Annexure II (Form A) can also be submitted in a manner that it is signed either by proposer or secunder (if physical signature for either of proposer or secunder is possible) and remaining consent can be submitted in Annexure II (Form B) online or digitally.

- d. No Representative shall be a Proposer or a Secunder to more than ONE Candidate in respect to ONE POST.
- e. A candidate may personally come to BCCI office and file His/Her nomination papers or His/Her nomination form duly signed by the candidate can be deposited by an Authorized Person whose name and address is duly verified and authorized by the candidate Himself/ Herself.

V. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION FORM AND PREPARATION OF LIST OF DULY NOMINATED CANDIDATES AND CONTESTING CANDIDATES

- a. (i) Normally a Candidate is required to file a Single Nomination Form for the post He/She is seeking to be a Candidate.
 - (ii) In case a Candidate Files Two (02) Nomination Forms for a Post, the Two (02) Nomination forms filed by Him/Her would be marked as “S.N.1” and “S.N. 2” by the Candidate Himself /Herself while giving it to the RO/Authorised Officer.
 - (iii) The Candidate who has Filed Two (02) Nomination Papers for the same Post, would have to withdraw One (01) of the Nomination Form out of the Two (02) Nomination Forms Filed by Him/Herself before 11:00 AM on 21 September 2023.
 - (iv) In case the Candidate does not withdraw One (01) of the Nomination Form out of the Two (2) Nomination Forms filed by Him/Her, the Nomination Form marked as “S.N.2” shall be taken up for scrutiny by the EO.

- b. On the Appointed date, the Electoral Officer or the Authorised Officer shall scrutinize all Nomination Papers via Zoom Meeting wherein Candidate or their Authorised Representative can remain present. The Electoral Officer or the Authorised Officer would announce His / Her decision in respect of each Nomination and then proceed to prepare and announce a List of Validly Nominated Candidates for the Post.
- c. A Validly Nominated Candidate will be allowed to Withdraw from the Contest till the time allowed for such withdrawal by filing His/Her withdrawal application in the prescribed form in person before the Electoral Officer.
- d. On the stipulated Day, the Electoral Officer shall, after taking into account Withdrawal if any, of such validly nominated candidates from the contest, announce the list of Contesting Candidates.

VI. VOTING AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

- a. The Electoral Officer shall cause arrangements to be made for Voting by the Representatives of eligible members on the Election Day for the Post for which more than ONE Nomination has been received and will call the Representatives of Members eligible to Vote, to exercise their Voting Right in respect of the Contested Post.
- b. The Electoral Officer will prescribe the procedure for the Representatives to cast their vote including but not limited to the Ballot, its Design, its Authentication, the maintenance of Secrecy of Ballot, the time limit for exercising the Voting right, the Time Period for preservation of counted Ballots and other Election materials, etc.
- c. At the closure of the time prescribed for the Poll, the Electoral Officer shall cause the Counting of the Ballot papers and announce the Results in respect of each of the Contested Posts.
- d. After announcement of Results, the Electoral Officer shall announce the completion of the Poll Process.

VII. DISPUTES AND OBJECTIONS

In case of any disputes or objection arising at any stage of the election process from the declaration or publication of electoral roll of qualified members to the declaration of results including but not limited to objection to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote or the admission or rejection of a vote in the election for two members of the Governing Council, the Electoral Officer shall decide the same and such a decision shall be final and conclusive.

VIII. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

A Code of Conduct covering all the Activities relating to Elections is enclosed which is to be observed by all Members.

Shri A.K. Joti, Electoral Officer

Date: 5 September 2023

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BCCI ELECTIONS

Instructions of the Electoral Officer appointed to conduct BCCI Elections 2023

1. In order to ensure Free and Fair Polls, as envisaged in BCCI's MoA and Rules and Regulations ("**Constitution**"), candidates are expected to file the Nomination Papers along with an affidavit/declaration covering provisions mentioned therein. Nominations received without the affidavit/ declaration will be rejected at the time of scrutiny.
2. If Election is required to be held for the Elective Posts, the period between 22 September 2023 to 24 September 2023 would be designated as the "Campaign Period" to enable prospective candidate to seek support of members of BCCI in their favour on the Voting Day. The Campaign Period may be used for Candidates for Campaigning. However, during the Campaign Period, candidates will not use unfair means including bribery, or appeal to or use of religious symbols, nor distribute gifts of various kinds such as liquor, to induce members for support. They will strictly adhere to the prescribed campaign practices annexed to these instructions.
3. Candidates will not use vehicles to bring members to the voting venue on the date of polling.
4. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
5. Pamphlets and posters if circulated should not appeal to religious, caste, or communal sentiments to entice for votes. If pamphlets/ posters are put up, they should be not violative of the Local Law in force where the Election is to be held.
6. No pamphlets/ posters/ banners are allowed to be used/ put up, in or around the venue of the voting.
7. Candidates will maintain peace and calm in the voting venue during the polling period in order to maintain law and order.
8. Campaign office/ platform will not be opened in and around the Venue of Voting.
9. All Candidates are expected to cooperate with the Electoral Officer for smooth conduct of voting during the entire process.
10. As stipulated in Rule 33 of the BCCI Rules and Regulations, "In case of any dispute or objection as to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote or admission or rejection of vote, the Electoral Officer shall decide the same and such decision shall be final and conclusive."

Shri A.K. Joti, Electoral Officer

Date: 5 September 2023

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Instructions of the Electoral Officer appointed to conduct BCCI Elections 2023

1. Electoral Campaigns shall be carried out by the Candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
2. Candidates shall conduct all Campaigns with dignity and moderation and with due respect to other candidates, the BCCI and its Members. A Candidate should not speak, written or make any representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause his/her prejudice. Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programmes, past record and work. Criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
3. Each Candidate may present to the electoral college His/Her plans and views for the post, in the form of a written document, whatever the means used to distribute it.
4. Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognising that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.
5. The promotion of a Candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of social media and networks. No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in the framework of promoting a Candidature. No use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the Media may be made in order to place a Candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
6. All Candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities that are “corrupt practices”, such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, etc.
7. Candidates may in no case and under no pretext give presents, offer donations or gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members or their representatives.
8. As the Voting is secret, Voting Members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly in any form whatsoever their intention to Vote or not Vote for a Candidate.
9. The incumbent BCCI Office Bearers shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their or others’ election campaign and in particular shall not (a) use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign; (b) issue any advertisement at the cost of the BCCI or its Members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the BCCI’s official media channels during the elections; and (c) sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced;

10. The BCCI's Executive Team and Administration shall maintain a duty of Neutrality at all times. No support or service in relation to a Candidature be given by any Member of the BCCI's Administration or Staff.

Shri A.K. Joti, Electoral Officer

Date: 5 September 2023

Annexure II (FORM A)

Board of Control for Cricket in India

Cricket Centre, Wankhede Stadium, D Road, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020

Nomination-Cum Affidavit Form

For Member of Governing Council

I, _____
S/o, W/o, D/o, _____
residing at _____

and representing _____
Association, hereby offer Myself for Election to the Post of Member of
Governing Council.

I, _____ hereby confirms and solemnly
affirms that I have been duly nominated by _____
which is a Member of the BCCI to be its representative to the BCCI Annual General Meeting to
be held on 25 September 2023 and I am not disqualified to be an Office Bearer, as applicable. I
particularly Affirm and Confirm That:

- a) I am a citizen of India;
- b) I have not attained the age of 70 years;
- c) I have not been declared to be insolvent or of unsound mind;
- d) I am not a Minister or a Government Servant;
- e) I have not been convicted by a Court of Law for commission of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment;
- f) I have not been an Office Bearer of the BCCI for a cumulative period of 9 years;
- g) I affirm that I am not required to undergo a cooling off period of 3 years to in accordance with the BCCI Rules and Regulations;
- h) I am attaching
 1. an Information Sheet detailing the periods for which I have been an Office Bearer in the BCCI and / Or any State Association; and
 2. Certified copy of the Resolution passed by the _____ of the Member association duly nominating Me as its Representative to the BCCI Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 September 2023.

I solemnly affirm that the information provided therein is true to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

Date:

Name and Signature of the Candidate

Witness Signature:

Name:

Member of BCCI Member Association:

Address:

Mobile No.:

E mail ID:

Signature of the Witness:

Proposer's Details:

Name:

Member of BCCI Member Association:

Address:

Mobile No.:

E-mail ID:

Signature of Proposer:

Secunder's Details:

Name:

Member of BCCI Member Association:

Address:

Mobile No.:

Email ID:

Signature of Secunder:

Verification:

Verified at _____ on this _____ day
_____ that the above stated contents of the present affidavit/nomination form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I Affirm that no material information has been concealed.

DATE:

CANDIDATE

(N.B: This Form is to be duly attested by a Notary / Oath Commissioner.)

Annexure II (FORM B)

Board of Control for Cricket in India

Cricket Centre, Wankhede Stadium, D Road, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020

Proposing/ Seconding Cum Affidavit Form



I, _____
S/o, W/o, D/o, _____
residing at _____
_____ and representing _____
Association.

I, _____ hereby confirm and solemnly affirm that I am duly Proposing/ Seconding _____, who is duly nominated Representative of _____ which is a Member of the BCCI for the post of _____ in BCCI Election to be held on 25 September 2023.

Proposer/ Seconder Signature:

Contact Details:

Mobile No.:

E-mail ID:

Verification:

Verified at _____ on this _____ day _____ that the above stated contents of the present affidavit/nomination form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I affirm that no material information has been concealed.

DATE:

PROPOSER/ SECONDER SIGNATURE

(N.B: This Form is to be duly attested by a Notary / Oath Commissioner.)