

BCCI Electoral Officer – Terms of Reference

The BCCI Electoral Officer is receiving numerous communications from various stakeholders, wishing to bring certain issues to his notice regarding the functioning of Indian cricket, the BCCI and BCCI members to the attention of the BCCI Electoral Officer. It should be noted, however, that the BCCI Electoral Officer has been appointed with a specifically defined remit.

This notification is being issued to inform the public of the scope of the role of the BCCI Electoral Officer in order to ensure, to the extent possible, that only such communications that are related to the issues to be addressed or decided by the BCCI Electoral Officer are sent to him.

Accordingly, members of the public are hereby requested to note the enclosed Terms of Reference that are applicable to the BCCI Electoral Officer.

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1. Under Rule 33 of the Rules of Regulations of the BCCI (the “**Rules**”):
 - a) The BCCI Electoral Officer has been appointed to oversee and supervise the election process for the Apex Council of the BCCI and the newly constituted Indian Cricketers’ Association, which has been officially recognised as the association for ex-cricketers by the BCCI.
 - b) The BCCI Electoral Officer’s role includes the scrutiny of electoral rolls, including all nominations and candidatures being subject to the provisions of the Rules.
 - c) The BCCI Electoral Officer has the power to adjudicate or decide on any dispute or objection as to the candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote in an election relating to the BCCI Apex Council, the Indian Cricketers’ Association or any BCCI Committee.

Enclosed overleaf is the extract of Rule 33 specifying the scope of the role of the BCCI Electoral Officer.

33. THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

- (1) At least four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting at which an election is to be held, the Apex Council shall appoint an Electoral Officer, who shall be a former member of the Election Commission of India.
- (2) The Electoral Officer shall oversee and supervise the entire election process including scrutiny of the electoral rolls for Councillors and the Players' Cricket Association, which shall include all nominations and candidatures being subject to his scrutiny in accordance with the Rules.
- (3) In case of any dispute or objection as to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote in the elections to the Apex Council, the Players' Cricket Association or any of the Committees, the Electoral Officer shall decide the same and such decision shall be final and conclusive.

2. The BCCI Electoral Officer is in the process of finalising the election protocol that shall be applicable to elections conducted for the BCCI and also a model election protocol to be used as guidance by various State Associations for the elections to be conducted for such State Associations under the supervision and guidance of their respective duly appointed Electoral Officers. The election protocols shall be notified in due course.
3. Further, as per the BCCI Notice date June 21, 2019 (*Appointment of Electoral Officer by State Associations*), in the event any State Association faces difficulty in finding suitable candidates for appointment as Electoral Officer for such State Association, such State Association can write to the electoral.officer@bcci.tv for assistance. It is clarified that in such instance, the BCCI Electoral Officer's assistance will be limited to the BCCI Electoral Officer suggesting appropriate candidates who meet the qualification criteria required to be an Electoral Officer for such State Association, as recommended in the Lodha Committee Report and in line with the instructions issued in this regard by the Committee of Administrators (COA) of the BCCI.

It is hereby clarified that the BCCI Electoral Officer is not required to address or respond, as the case may be, to other issues or queries.

Further, persons desirous of resolving any issue or filing a complaint regarding the elections for State Associations are requested to address the same to the concerned and duly appointed State Association's Electoral Officer.

Issued by Shri. N Gopalaswami, BCCI Electoral Officer

Dated this 25th day of July, 2019.