# COMMUNICATION FROM THE ELECTORAL OFFICER THE ANDHRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION (ACA)

Date: 19.08.2025

To
ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL BODY OF ACA,
THE DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATIONS,
ALL THE FULL MEMBERS CLUBS OF ACA AND
FORMER INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Subject: Andhra Cricket Association – Elections for the One (1) post of the Office Bearers i.e., the Vice-President as required under Rule 6 (1) of the Bye-Laws of Andhra Cricket Association – Election AGM 2 - Reg.

This is to inform that I have been duly appointed as an Electoral Officer to conduct the Elections for the below-mentioned posts:

• One (1) post of the Office Bearers i.e., the Vice-President under Rule 6 (1)

The list of eligible full members of ACA to participate in the elections i.e., entitled to vote and to file nomination for election is being made available on the ACA Website: https://andhracricket.org/

The full members of ACA have to submit the names of their authorized representatives along with two photographs on or before **25**<sup>th</sup> **August 2025**.

If there is any objection regarding the eligibility of the authorized representative, the full members are requested to send two passport-size photographs attested by the President/Secretary of the District Association/Club of the newly authorized representative mentioning the name of the person on their letterhead, duly signed by the President/Secretary of the District Association/Club, **On or before 05:00 PM on 29th August 2025.** 

The election process shall form a part of the Election AGM 2 of the Andhra Cricket Association to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Vijayawada Club, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

The election schedule and the Election nomination forms are uploaded on the website of the Andhra Cricket Association. The cooperation of all the members is solicited for the successful conduct of Elections.

Dr. N. RAMESH KUMAR, IAS (Retd.)

Electoral Officer The Andhra Cricket Association

**ELECTORAL OFFICER** 

Dated: 19.08.2025 Location: Hyderabad

# GUIDELINES TO THE FULL MEMBERS OF ACA TO SEND THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AS PER THE MOA AND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ACA

- 1. The Person/Representative shall be a member of your Association/Club.
- 2. The authorized representative who has the Right to Vote and the Right to Contest in election for the 5 posts of Office bearers and 1 post of Councillor is eligible to attend the Election AGM 2 of ACA to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Vijayawada Club, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
- 3. The authorized representative shall be disqualified if he/she:
  - a) Is not a citizen of India
  - b) Has attained the age of 70 years
  - c) Is declared to be insolvent or of unsound mind
  - d) Is a Minister or Government servant
  - e) Has been an Office Bearer of ACA for a cumulative period of 9 years
  - f) Has been convicted by a court of law for the commission of criminal affairs and sentenced to imprisonment
  - g) Has not completed a cooling period of 3 years after holding the post of an Office Bearer for two consecutive terms (6 years) in ACA

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# OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER, THE ANDHRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION (ACA)

Conduct of Elections to the One (1) post of the Office Bearers i.e., the Vice-President as required under Rule 6 (1) of the Bye-Laws of Andhra Cricket Association.

#### **Rules of Procedure**

#### 1. Preamble

As mandated by the Supreme Court of India (vide its Judgment dated 9<sup>th</sup>August 2018 in Civil Appeals No.4235/2014 and connected matters and in IA No. 49930/2020) and consequently provided for in the MoA and Rules & Regulations of the Andhra Cricket Association ("ACA") in Rule 37 of the Constitution, the appointed Electoral Officer of the ACA ("Electoral Officer") shall oversee and supervise the entire election process.

The Andhra Cricket Association which has been declared compliant with the Judgment rendered in IA.No.49930/2020 in CA.No.4235 of 14 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the ACA intends to complete the election process.

The rules of procedure which shall cover the Elections to the One (1) post of the Office Bearers i.e., the Vice-President and are hereby prescribed and set out below.

# 2. Eligibility and procedure to file nomination papers

- a) A candidate can contest only for one post.
- b) A candidate must fill up the prescribed nomination form duly signed by him/her and his/her signature attested by a notary/oath commissioner.
- c) A candidate's nomination should have been signed by a proposer and seconder, who shall each be a Representative of an eligible Full Member with all details as prescribed in the nomination form.
- d) The proposer's and seconder's signature should be duly attested by a notary/oath commissioner.
- e) No Representative shall be a proposer or a seconder to more than one candidate in respect of one post.

f) A candidate may personally come to the ACA office and file his/her nomination papers or his/her nomination form duly signed by him can be deposited by an authorized person whose name and address is duly verified and authorized by the candidate himself.

# 3. Scrutiny of nomination form and preparation of list of duly nominated candidates and contesting candidates.

- a) On the appointed date, the Electoral Officer shall scrutinize all nomination papers in the presence of the candidates or their authorized representatives and announce his/her decision in respect of each nomination and then proceed to prepare and announce a list of validly nominated candidates for each of the posts.
- b) A validly nominated candidate will be allowed to withdraw from the contest till the time allowed for such withdrawals before the Electoral Officer.
- c) On the stipulated day, the Electoral Officer shall, after taking into account the withdrawals, if any, of such validly nominated candidates from the contest, announce the list of contesting candidates for each of the posts.

### 4. 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 all the posts for which more than one nomination has been received.
- 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 the announcement of results, the Electoral Officer shall announce the completion of the poll process.

#### 5. Disputes and Objections

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

#### 6. Model Code of Conduct

A code of conduct covering all the activities relating to elections is enclosed, which is to be mandatorily observed by all members.

Signed,

Dr. N. RAMESH KUMAR, IAS (Retd.)

Electoral Officer
The Andhra Cricket Association

**ELECTORAL OFFICER** 

Dated: 19.08.2025

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ACA ELECTIONS

# Instructions of the Electoral Officer appointed to conduct Elections - ACA

- In order to ensure free and fair polls, as envisaged in ACA's Rules and Regulations, 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. A period has been designated as the 'Campaign Period' to enable prospective candidates to seek support of members of ACA 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 not be violative of the local law in force in the Bombay Municipal Area.
- 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 the smooth conduct of voting during the entire process.

10. As stipulated in Rule 37 of the ACA 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."

Signed,

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Electoral Officer

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#### **Annexure - Campaign Practices**

# Clause 1: Conduct of Electoral Campaigns

- 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 ACA, and its Members. A Candidate may produce no spoken word, written text, or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause prejudice. Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programs, past records, 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.
- 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, recognizing 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 new media or social networks. No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organized in the framework of promoting a candidate.
- 6. All candidates shall avoid scrupulously all activities that are "corrupt practices," such as bribing 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. The incumbent ACA 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 shall not: particular, others' campaign and. in election a. Use official transport, including vehicles, machinery, and personnel, for furtherance of their campaign.b. Issue any advertisement at the cost of the ACA or its Members in newspapers and other media or misuse the ACA's official media channels during the elections.c. Sanction grants/payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced.d. Enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any of the ACA's Members or its partners.

# Clause 2: Neutrality and Independence

- 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.
- 2. Incumbent ACA Office Bearers shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidate.
- 3. Candidates may not accept mandatory instructions from any public or private, natural or legal person. No direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material, or in kind, be it direct or indirect, may be given to candidates by any third party. Candidates may not enter into any form of undertaking with any natural or legal person likely to affect the neutrality and the freedom of decision or action of their future post.
- 4. The ACA's executive team and administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times. No support or service in relation to a Candidature may be requested from nor be given by any member of the ACA's administration or staff.

Signed

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