

## **DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS**

1. The Report submitted by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgment dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 whilst identifying the problem plaguing the state associations stated as under:

*“Some Member Associations have clubs and individuals as members, some have only clubs as members and others have individuals and patrons as members. There does not seem to be any guideline or basis for membership, and there seems to be ad-hoc, often at the pleasure of the incumbents. Where clubs are members, a very few interests control several cricket clubs, thereby positioning themselves for easy election with a sizeable chunk of convenient electorate. New entrants are discouraged or muzzled out of contention. Some associations exclude even former Indian cricketers from membership (including legendary performers), without any basis, and ensure that association functions more as a social club controlled by a few families.” The priority often seems to be to have an exclusive venue with bar and dining facilities with other recreational avenues for the members, and not the promotion of cricket. Tickets to games are also distributed as largesse among members as entitlement, thereby shrinking their availability to the public at large.”*

(Emphasis Added)

2. The Committee of Administrators is of the view in order to implement the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and for the furtherance of the Cricket Reforms process, it is necessary that State Associations should enlarge the pool of members such that persons who are involved in cricketing activities at the grass root level, are involved in cricket governance at the State Association. This will ensure that greater number of persons experienced in cricketing activities are associated with the governance of cricket at the State Association level.
3. In light of the above, the Committee of Administrators is of the view that the State Associations should encourage membership and participation of cricketing clubs within the State, if such club demonstrates good track record and experience in conducting cricketing and cricket development activities. However, the membership structure of the State Association and the existing affiliation of the concerned club with existing member district association and parity and equality in treatment of clubs that are similarly placed shall be borne in mind, while considering applications for membership from such cricket clubs.
4. Further, there is nothing either in the Report submitted by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee or the judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated July 18, 2016 and August 9, 2018 that forbids cricketing clubs (which are not social clubs) from being affiliated to or having voting rights in the respective member associations. Therefore, the Committee of Administrators is of the view that in case any member association has taken away membership or voting rights of such cricketing clubs, who are engaged in established cricketing activities (and are not social clubs) and were earlier affiliated

with member associations, it would be appropriate for such member associations to restore membership and/or voting rights in the concerned member association.

5. Further, the Committee of Administrators hereby advises member associations to encourage cricketing clubs carrying on cricketing activities within their respective territorial jurisdiction to make application for membership to member associations. Since encouraging membership is in furtherance of cricket governance which is a public function, member associations are bound to deal with the said applications in a fair and transparent manner keeping in mind the aforementioned objective of encouraging membership and participation of cricketing clubs in governance of member associations. In order to ensure transparency and fair play, it is incumbent that member associations give reasons for rejecting such applications for membership.

Dated: this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019

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