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# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER MUMBAI CRICKET ASSOCIATION BYE-ELECTION FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT 2024-2025

#### REPORT OF ELECTORAL OFFICER

- 1. Mumbai Cricket Association (herein after called MCA), vide their letter on MCA/1/490/2024 dtd. 19/06/2024 appointed me as the Electoral Officer (herein after called E.O) for conducting the election for the post of President.
- 1.1 MCA, on my suggestion, appointed Shri. Avinash Sanas, Ex-Deputy Commissioner, State Election Commission to help me in the above election.

#### **Declaration of Election**

- 2. I declared the election program on 24/06/2024 after studying the legal provisions and considering all other relevant facts (Annexure 1). The election program was published through the Association's website and notice board.
- 2.1 MCA circulated the above election program to all the members of the Association along with the notice for SGM scheduled on 23/07/2024, election procedure, nomination forms (with its annexures etc.) for their necessary action.
- 2.2 Various activities relating to the election were conducted as per the declared timetable without any hiccups.

#### **Electoral Roll**

- 3. Names of Representatives from the member clubs and from the former International Cricketers were invited from 25/06/2024 to 02/07/2024. The final list of 375 Representatives and former International Players was published on 03/07/2024 (Column 2 of Table # 1).
- 4. Nominations were invited from 04/07/2024 to 10/07/2024 (excluding Saturday & Sunday) for the post of President.
- 4.1 Total 10 Nomination forms were received, from 4 candidates. Details of which were published vide Association's website on 10/07/2024. One candidate with one form Shri Vihang Sarnaik, submitted a letter within submission time on 10/07/2024 that he does not wish to contest.

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#### **Scrutiny of Nomination**

- 5. Scrutiny of all the nomination forms was done from 11.45 am on 11/07/2024 in Board Room of Association's Office. Only the candidates whose names had been proposed and seconded were allowed to attend.
- 5.1 Since one candidate Mr. Vihang Sarnaik had requested not to consider his form, and no objections were raised by any candidates during scrutiny, nomination papers of all the 3 remaining candidates were accepted.
- 5.2 Once the scrutiny was completed, list of all the three valid candidates was published vide Association's Website on 11/07/2024.

#### Withdrawal of Candidature

6. Withdrawal Application from 1 candidate Shri. Bhushan K. Patil in-person, was received on 16/07/2024, within the stipulated time. Final List of remaining 2 contesting candidates (Shri. Ajinkya Naik and Shri. Sanjay Naik) was published vide Association's Website on 16/07/2024.

#### **Voter's Identity Cards**

7. As per clause 8 of Elections Rules, voter identity cards were accepted by the office of the Association till 07:00 pm on 16/07/2024. Final list of representatives who were eligible (373) and two members, not eligible to vote as per Constitution due to default in payment of subscription, was published on 17/07/2024 (Column 3 & 4 of Table # 1).

#### **Polling**

- 8. Polling was conducted between 03.00 pm to 06.00 pm on 23/07/2024 at the MCA Lounge, Wankhede Stadium where adequate arrangements for the security, movement / identification of voters / staff on duty etc. were made. Only voters with valid identity cards, candidates, polling agents and officials / staff with valid accreditations were allowed to enter the polling area.
- 8.1 Adequate arrangements were made for the identifications of voters, issue of ballot papers, casting of votes in polling booths and waiting of voter etc.



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- 8.2 During Polling, two members (Shri. Vinay Jain and Dr. Vijay Patil), who were representative as well as authorised signatory, but had not signed in box provided for authorised signatory in Voter Identity Card, were allowed to exercises their right to vote after due verification of their identity.
- 8.3 During Polling, one member's (Shri. Nadim Memon) ballot paper was by mistake damaged due to stamping, which he immediately brought to the notice of E.O. He was reissued new ballot paper, while the damaged one was taken in custody by the E.O.
- 8.4 Polling ended peacefully by 06.00 pm. Total number of 335 voters exercised their right to vote. Total Ballot papers used were 336 (including the damaged one) (Column 5 of Table # 1).

Following is the category-wise total casting of vote:

i) Ordinary Maidan Clubs : 201
 ii) Ordinary School & Colleges : 033
 iii) Ordinary Offices : 066
 iv) Former International Cricketers : 035

8.5 After closure of polling, Ballot Box was sealed along with the counterfoils of the used ballot papers and other confidential material.

#### Counting

- 9. Counting started from 06.35 pm once the arrangements for counting, safety of ballot papers, enclosure for candidate's representatives etc. was completed.
- 9.1 Number of ballot papers found in the ballot box tallied with ballot papers issued and the attendance of voters who voted.
- 9.2 Once the counting was completed, number of votes secured by both the candidates were announced in counting hall.

Votes Counted and secured by contesting candidates were as follows:

Naik Ajinkya secured 221 votes

Naik Sanjay secured 114 votes

(Annexure attached of round wise ballot-wise votes secured, round-wise total candidate wise total and final tally).

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The candidates/ representatives present for counting, were asked if they had any objection to counting process or to the number of votes secured. None of the candidates/representatives raised any objection.

Thus, the Counting process was completed.

#### **Declarations of Results**

- 10. I thereafter declared the name of winning / elected candidate in the reconvened SGM as follows:
  - Post of President: Mr. Ajinkya Naik elected as President.
- 11. Once the result was declared all the documents pertaining to Nomination, Scrutiny Proceedings, Objections and Orders of E.O., used and unused Ballot Papers and counterfoil of used Ballot Papers, Counting Sheets and Final Result were sealed in the box in the presence of MCA Officers. E.O. took custody of the sealed box which contains all the documents related to the MCA election for the post of President 2024-25.
- 12. I may mention that all activities during entire election process were uploaded on daily basis on the Association's website for the information of everybody and transparency. Enitre Polling and Counting process has been videographed. I took all the precautions and measures to ensure free, fair and transparent conduct of election.
- 13. Important documents created during election process are enclosed herewith as Annexures for easy reference and information.

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**Electoral Officer** 

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# TABLE # 1 Members & International Players - Total number, eligible to vote and voted

Category of members	Final list of members / International Players published on 03/07/2024	Final list as per the Clause 8 of Election Rules published on 17/07/2024		Voters who voted on 23/07/2024
members		Eligible to vote	Ineligible to vote	
1	2	3	4	5
Ordinary Maidan Clubs	211	211	0	201
Ordinary Office Clubs	77	75	2	66
Ordinary Schools & Colleges	37	37	0	33
International Players	50	50	0	35
Total	375	373	2	335

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#### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER, MUMBAI CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Date: 24/06/2024

**Sub:** Program of Elections – MCA 2024 for the post of President.

- 1. The Electoral Officer, Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) hereby declares election programme for Electoral Roll and for Elections for the post of President under Rule 6 of the Constitution of MCA.
- 2. Venue of Elections: MCA Lounge, Wankhede Stadium, D Road, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020
- 3. The schedule of the Election Program shall be as below:

Sr. No.	Event	Day & Date			
	ELECTORAL ROLL PROGRAM				
A	<b>Declaration of Election Program</b> (with date and venue of Poll) by publishing on all the notice boards of MCA and website of MCA.	Monday, <b>24<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>			
В	Period for inviting names of Representatives from the Member Clubs and from the former International Players.  (Between 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on these days by Executive Secretary or Officer designated by Executive Secretary) (Including Saturday & Sunday)	Tuesday,  25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024  to  Tuesday,  2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024			
С	Release of <b>Final List of Representatives</b> & former International Players.	Wednesday, <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</b> at 11:00 am			
	ELECTION PROGRAM				
D	Period for <b>filing of the Nominations</b> for the post of President (Nominations shall be accepted in the Office of the Electoral Officer between 11:00 am to 05:00 pm on all days <b>(excluding Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b> by Electoral Officer or an Officer designated by him)	Thursday,  4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024  to  Wednesday,  10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024			
E	Scrutiny of nominations (Only candidates, whose names have been proposed and seconded shall be entitled to attend)	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 11:00 am onwards			

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F	Announcement of <b>valid candidates</b>	After completion of scrutiny on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
G	Withdrawal of nominations (Withdrawal shall be accepted in the office of Electoral Officer between 11:00 am to 05:00 pm on all days after stage 'F' above) (Excluding Saturday & Sunday)	upto 5:00 pm Tuesday, <b>16<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>
Н	Announcement of final list of contesting candidates	Tuesday, <b>16<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b> after Withdrawal
I	<b>Polls</b> for the post of President.	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 between 03:00 pm to 06:00 pm
J	Counting & declaration of Results of MCA Elections in SGM	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 Immediately on completion of polls

#### 4. Contact Details of the Electoral Officer (Returning Officer):

A. Mr. J.S. Saharia,

(Ex-State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra)

B. Officer appointed to assist the Electoral Officer

Mr. Avinash Tukaram Sanas, ex Deputy Commissioner, State Election Commission, Maharashtra.

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