

Hony Secretary,

All Participating Clubs in League & Knockout

Sub:- Rules and playing condition for the year 2026-27

Dear Sir,

This book contains rules, code of conduct and playing condition for the Tournaments to be played during the year 2026-27.

In this connection, you are requested to note the following terms and condition while participating in any Tournament

1. Matches will be played in Western and Central ground of Chinsurah Maidan as well as any ground in Hooghly district as and when available to DSA
2. Like last few year, this year also HDSA has decided to make lunch arrangements for the two umpires and the scorer and the cost shall be divided between the two playing clubs equally
3. Like last year this year also it has been decided that all the clubs have to buy match balls from HDSA for all the tournaments. The purpose is to bring all the clubs in same platform so that all the clubs shall play with the same quality balls.
4. The price of the balls shall be informed later.
5. No request for postponement, change of the venue or dates shall be accepted.
6. Hony Jt Secretary reserves the right of any change, addition, alteration of fixation or re fixation of matches if necessary in exceptional circumstances.
7. Sporting environment, spirit and tradition of the game should be maintained.
8. Cooperation to run and complete the tournament smoothly is expected from all corners.

Wish you all a very successful Cricket Season ahead.

Thanking you

Yours faith fully

Sd/-

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Rules

Except as varied here under the Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 4rd Edition 2026) shall apply for all tournaments run by the Association where ever relevant.

Player shall mean both male and female cricketers.

Rule –I

Tournament-

Tournament means Super Division League and Knockout & 1st Division League and Knockout, 2nd Division League and Knock out, Women's league and knock out.

LEAGUE

Super Division – 8 teams (Town Club, Sazzad C.A, Rajendra S.S, Woodburn Club, ,Young Boys, CUC, Motibagan & Hooghly Club) will be eligible to participate in the Super Division League and K.O tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. Team's shall be divided in two groups as per the proposal came from all the clubs and was accepted by HDSA. Groups are divided as per the standings in last season's league tournament. The top two teams of each group shall play in the championship semifinals followed by final. The sequence of the semifinals shall be the Top team of one group shall play against the runner up team from the other group. The winners of the semifinal match shall play in the finals. The finals shall decide the champions and runner up. The bottom two teams of each group shall play in the relegation match. The sequence of the relegation match shall be bottom "C" team of one group shall play with the bottom "D" team of other group. The losing teams of both the match shall be relegated to 1st Division next year (2027-28). In this league only, each Teams can register players residing outside Hooghly district (lien players has to be registered as local player in CAB for the season 2026-27) if they wishes to, out of which maximum 02 players can be played in the playing XI. Registration fee of the lien player is Rs 500/- per player.

1stDivision – Union AC, Bengal SA, Tribeni S.S.C, Beltala AC, Ch.Juba Sangha, South Naldanga.F.C, Garbati Club, New Cricket CC, shall be eligible to participate in the 1st division league tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. Team's shall be divided in two groups as per the proposal came from all the clubs and was accepted by HDSA. Groups are divided as per the standings in last season's league tournament. **The top two teams of each group shall play in the HDSA Super Division league next year (2027-28).** Total 04 team from 1st Division shall be promoted to Super

Division next year. The top two teams of each group shall play in the championship semifinals followed by final. The sequence of the semifinals shall be the Top team of one group shall play against the runner up team from the other group. The winners of the semifinal match shall play in the finals.

The finals shall decide the champions and runner up. The bottom two teams of each group shall play in the relegation match. The sequence of the relegation match shall be bottom "C" team of one group shall play with the bottom "D" team of other group. The losing teams of both the relegation match shall be relegated to 2nd Division next year (2027-28).

In this Division 2(Two) under 17 players are mandatory in the playing XI failing which the team shall not be allowed to participate in that match and full points shall be awarded to the opponent team and shall be declared as winner. If both the team fails to field under 17 players in the playing XI, the match shall be abandoned and no points shall be awarded to the teams. If this thing happens in a Knockout match both the teams shall be removed from the tournament.

2nd Division- The affiliated clubs under HDSA who are willing to participate can participate in the 2nd Division league tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. It shall be a T-20 format both in league and Knock out tournament. The teams shall be divided into groups. The top team of each group shall qualify for the Super league. If the points of the teams in the super league are equal the Champions and runner up shall be determined by net run rate of the team calculated throughout the tournament i.e from the group stage and super league both. **This year (2026-27) 4 (four) teams from 2nd Division League shall play in the 1st Division next year. (2027-28).** In this division 3 under 17 players are mandatory in the playing XI failing which the team shall not be allowed to participate in that match and full points shall be awarded to the opponent team and shall be declared winner. If both the team fails to field under 17 players in the playing XI, the match shall be abandoned and no points shall be awarded to the teams. If this happens in a knock out game both the teams shall be removed from the tournament.

KNOCK OUT- Club participating in the Super Division, 1st Division league and 2nd Division league shall be eligible to participate in the tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. Like last year this year also we shall be having separate Knock out tournament of Super division, 1st division and 2nd Division teams. All knockout tournament shall be T20.

WOMENS LEAGUE – Beltala A.C, Rajendra S.S, Town Club, Woodburn Club, Union A.C, Bengal.S.A, Milan FCC, Dhaniakhali Netaji Brigade & Anusilani Boys shall participate in the Hooghly District Womens league and knock out tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. In the league teams shall be divided in two groups. The top two teams of each group shall qualify for the semifinals. In this league each Teams can register players residing outside Hooghly district (lien players has to be registered in CAB for the season 2026-27) if they wish to, out of which maximum 03 players can be played in the playing XI. Registration fee of the lien player is Rs 500/- per player.

The league shall be a 30 overs match. The knockout shall be T-20. Registration fee of the lien player is Rs 500/- per player.

Cut of date for Under Age Tournaments 2026-27.

Under 17- Born on or after 01.09.2009.

Rule – II

Fees & Condition for Entries

Super Division League and Knock out Tournament - **Rs 1000/-**

Ist Division League and Knock out Tournament – **Rs 1000/-**

2nd Division League and Knock out Tournament - Rs 1000/-

Women's League and Knockout- Rs 1000/-

THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING THE ENTRY FEES FOR PARTICIPATING IN ANY HDSA TOURNAMENT IS 01.11.2026. NO REQUEST SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE PESCIBED DATE.

A Club willing to participate in the Tournaments shall send its application to the Hony Joint Secretary of the Association with prescribed entry fee, Wherever applicable , on or before the date to be fixed by the Hony Joint Secretary of the Association each year. FOR 2026-27 SEASON ITS BEFORE 01.11.2026. No application will be accepted after the date so fixed until decided otherwise by the Executive Committee in exceptional circumstances. Entry fee once paid shall not be refunded.

Rule-III

Fixture

Fixture of all Tournaments matches shall be approved by the Cricket Sub Committee. The date and ground once fixed shall not normally be altered. The Hony Joint Secretary in exceptional circumstances shall have discretion to alter the date/s and ground/s of the match of any tournament giving 24 hours prior notice to the concern clubs.

Rule-IV

Effect of for Non-Participation in the League and Knock-out Tournaments and/or non Compliance of Assigned Duties.

a) Any affiliated Club who will not participated in the League and Knock out Tournament run by the Association in a particular year shall be deprived of the facilities and privilege as per the rules and regulations of HDSA which are admissible to the Clubs participation in the tournaments for the said year.

b) Participation in the League Tournament is mandatory.

c) Non participation by any Super Division club in the League Tournament in a particular year, the said club shall be relegated to the 1st Division and also be deprived of the facilities and privileges enjoyed by it.

d) Non participation by any 1st Division club in the League Tournament in a particular year the said club shall be relegated to the 2nd Division and also be deprived of the facilities and privileges enjoyed by the concerned club.

e) Non participation by any Super Division, 1st Division and 2nd Division club in the League tournament for consecutive years shall need the approval of executive committee for further participation in any HDSA tournament.

Rule V.

Registration of Players:-

All Club playing in different Division shall have to register the names of the players (Excluding Sundays & holidays) before the start of the Tournament .

Provided however, if any player is participating in any National or State assignments, such player could be registered within 7 days from the date of being released from his assignments.

The players registered in Super division, 1st Division, 2nd Division tournament within the aforesaid period shall be treated as registered up to 31st August of the following year.

Super Division

Document- Aadhaar card and Voter Card is mandatory. All the player participating in this tournament has to go through Bio metric test. The transfer of address date of the aadhaar card from other state to West Bengal has to be before 31.8.2022 and for the player within West Bengal it has to be before 31.8.2024 .i.e. minimum 02 years old. All the players has to go through Aadhar history check before registration. Other than aadhar Card the following documents are mandatory.

- i) Submit self-attested photocopy of computerized/ Digital Birth Certificate (Registered within 02 years from the date of birth) if not registered within 02 years then also needed manual birth certificate registered within 02 years along with Digital Birth Certificate for age proof or School passing/ leaving certificate for age proof.
- ii) Submit anyone out of 04 documents (Self attested photocopy of voter/ self-attested photo copy of passport/ self-attested photocopy of ration card / branch verification certificate of bank or photocopy of the front / identification page of the first bank passbook certified by the Branch manager) for domicile proof. **The previous year registrations of all the cricket players shall not be taken into consideration and shall be ignored even if the player has earlier participated in HDSA league or Knockout tournament or represented HDSA in any tournament.**

1st Division & 2nd Division

Aadhaar card of the player along with their voter card is mandatory. All the player participating in this tournament has to go through Bio metric test. The transfer of address date of the aadhaar card from other state to West Bengal has to be before 31.8.2022 and for the player within West Bengal it has to be on or before 31.8.2024 i.e. minimum 02 years old. All the players have to go through Aadhar history check before registration. Other than aadhar Card the following documents are mandatory.

- iii) Submit self-attested photocopy of computerized/ Digital Birth Certificate (Registered within 02 years from the date of birth) if not registered within 02 years then also needed manual birth certificate registered within 02 years along with Digital Birth Certificate for age proof or School passing/ leaving certificate for age proof.
- iv) ii) Submit anyone out of 04 documents (Self attested photocopy of voter/ self-attested photo copy of passport/ self-attested photocopy of ration card / branch verification certificate of bank or photocopy of the front / identification page of the first bank passbook certified by the Branch manager) for domicile proof. **The previous year registrations of all the cricket players shall not be taken into consideration and shall be ignored even if the player has earlier participated in HDSA league or Knockout tournament or represented HDSA in any tournament.**

HDSA reserve the right to again verify any document of any player at its own interest even that player has done or gone through the bio metric test without any protest from other clubs. Submission of any incorrect information/ declaration, Forgery of any documents/birth certificate with regard to registration/bio metric of a cricketer, if found guilty the team shall immediately lose 12 points and the offending player shall be suspended for 3 years.

One copy of Identity Card duly certified by HDSA of each registered player shall have to be collected by the club concerned from the HDSA before fielding the player. The Identity Cards of the players representing the club in any particular match shall have to be produced at the ground before the match to the umpires with player list of that match.

The maximum number of registration of players by a club during a session shall not exceed 35 in number including under age players in Super Division, 1st division, 2nd Division and Women's.

Fielding any unregistered or illegally registered cricketer/ player who has not gone through biometric test, the team shall be immediately be scratched from that tournament and that club shall be suspended for 3 years and shall again has to start from the lowest division if that club again want to participate in any HDSA tournament after the suspension period is over. HDSA reserve the right to investigate any such case at its own interest without any protest from the opponent team.

Rule VI

Restriction to players

- i) Only players residing in Hooghly District (Excluding Chandannagore Corporation) with a valid residential proof and age proof certificate as mentioned in Rule V (APPLICABLE FOR DISTRICT CLEARENCE ALSO).
- ii) No players shall be eligible to play for more than one affiliated club during the season excluding under age tournament. A player however may play in Friendly, Exhibition or Tournament not affiliated by HDSA for a different Club.
- iii) A player in addition to an Affiliated club or District Association with whom he is registered shall be permitted to play for his CAB affiliated club in Kolkata, Office, College, School Or University provided he is a bonafide player of the club or he is a bonafide employee of the office and or a bonafide student of the school, college or university.
- iv) If any affiliated member or any player belonging to an affiliated member infringes any of the above rules the committee shall have the power to take such disciplinary action as it may deem fit and proper against the member and / or player as the case may be.

RULE-VII

PROTEST

All protest, complain or any dispute relating to the qualification of the players or any other ground shall be lodged to the Hony Jt Secretary within 24 hours from the time of completion of the match, except knock out (in case of Knock out 2 hours) in the following manner.

- i) The protest shall be in writing and signed by only the General Secretary/Jt Secretary of the club in club pad specifying the date and time.
- ii) It shall specifically state the ground on which the protest is made.
- iii) It shall be accompanied with a fee of Rs 500/-.
- iv) No fresh ground other than specifically stated in the protest shall be allowed to made at the time of hearing.

Any appeal which is not lodge in the manner prescribed in the foregoing shall not be investigate and shall be deemed to have failed. The decision of the Sub Committee/ Executive Committee shall be final and binding to the parties concerned.

The Cricket Sub Committee/ Executive Committee on being reported or of its own shall have the power to investigate each case and take such disciplinary action as will be deemed fit and proper.

Rule- VIII

Appeal

An appeal against the decision of the Cricket Sub Committee may be made to the Executive Committee in writing and in duplicate stating specially the ground on which it is based. Such appeal shall only be submitted by the Hony Joint Secretary of that concerned club at the office of HDSA within 48 hours (Sundays and holiday excluded) of the decision to which it relates along with a fee of Rs. 500/-. In the event, any player/ Umpire shall not, however, be eligible to take part in any future or other match, until final adjudication of the appeal.

Any appeal which is not lodge in the manner prescribed in the foregoing shall not be investigate and shall be deemed to have failed. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding to the parties concerned.

Rule – IX

Management

All the Tournaments shall be controlled and managed by the Cricket Sub Committee of HDSA subject to the ratification of the Executive committee.

Rule X

Restriction for Players/ Umpire/Team Official

- a) The players are required to play in accordance with the rules and playing condition of the tournament. In the event of a player found guilty of gross misbehavior the umpire are empowered to take appropriate action as envisaged here in after.
- b) b) No Player should, by his work , action or swearing, show any dissent against any decision given by the umpire, the umpires have also been empowered to impose penalty on the bowler, fielder and batsman, if they are found guilty of gross misbehavior or of using offensive comments on the field

In the event of the bowler/fielder found guilty of gross misbehavior such as:

- i) Swearing at umpire, batsman or any other player or spectator.
- ii) Showing public dissent at umpires decision
- iii) Manhandling an umpire, the batsman, another player, official or the spectator.
- iv) Kicking the stumps and indulging in any ungentle manly and unsporting Conduct which might bring the game into disrepute.

Then the umpire concern shall call and signal dead ball and give him first and final warning, inform the captain of the fielding side. If he again misbehaves in that match, suspend the bowler from further bowling in that match and allow another bowler to complete the over from the end provided

that bowler shall not be allowed to bowl two consecutively overs or part thereof.

If the bowler still misbehaves the umpire shall direct the captain of the fielding side to send the concerned bowler out of the field for that innings. No substitute shall be allowed for his absence.

It is the discretion of the umpire whether he will give warning to the player. If he thinks that the incident is really serious he can ask the player to leave the field in the first instance also.

If a fielder other than the bowler indulges in such act as stated above, the umpire shall give first and final warning, if he still misbehaves in that innings; the umpire shall direct the captain of the fielding side to send the concerned fielder out of the field for that innings. No substitute shall be allowed for his absence.

In the event of the batsman being found guilty of gross misbehavior or using offensive comments on the field such as :-

- i) Swearing at umpire, the bowler, a fielder, any other player or spectator.
- ii) Showing public dissent at umpires decision
- iii) Manhandling an umpire, the bowler, a fielder, any other player or a Spectator.
- iv) Kicking the stumps and indulging in any ungentle manly and unsporting conduct which might bring the game into disrepute.

The umpire at the bowlers end shall report the occurrence to the executive of the batting side. In all the case, the umpires shall report the occurrence to the Hony. Joint Secretary, HDSA after the completion of the match.

IF ANY PLAYER/CLUB OFFICIAL/CLUB SUPORTER FOUND GUILTY OF GROSS MISBEHAVIOR OR USING OFFENSIVE COMMENTS OR MANHANDLING AN UMPIRE, THE UMPIRES ARE EMPOWRED TO STOP THE MATCH AT THAT POINT AND REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE HONY JT SECRETARY AND SHALL BE SEVERLY DEALT.

If the offence is committed by a substitute, the player for whom he/she is fielding will be affected by the punishment.

This system is designed to give the umpires on-field penalties to tackle poor behaviour. However, as with other penalties under the Laws, these new sanctions are intended as deterrents, the presence of which should reduce the frequency of poor behaviour, so that they would only rarely be applied

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c) Players, team officials shall not intimidate or assault or make any attempt to intimidate any umpire, another player or opponent Official nor shall use crude, offensive gesture. Any breach shall be severely dealt with by the Cricket Sub Committee/Executive committee.

d) Players, Umpires, team officials, Coaches, club members/ official shall not make any public pronouncement or comment in any social media which is detrimental either to the game of cricket in general, to HDSA or otherwise particularly when the subject matter in issue is pending for final adjudication before the HDSA.

e) If any player or club violates any of the provisions above, the Cricket Committee/ Executive Committee on being reported or of its own shall have the power to investigate each case and take such disciplinary action as will be deemed fit and proper including debarring the concerned player for future participation, suspension and /or forfeiture of the points of the match and awarding the same to the opponent, as the case may be.

Rule XI

Postponement and re fixation of match

If the Hony Joint Secretary HDSA decides to postpone the match or re fix any match for replay the same, if necessary shall have to be played on 48 hours' notice on any date and on any ground as will be fixed.

Rule – XII

Withdrawal

a) No Club shall be permitted to withdraw from the competition during the progress of the tournament. They has to inform before the start of the tournament.

b) In case of non-participation without intimation the club shall be liable for disciplinary action.

Rule – XIII

Walkover

If a team did not turn up. The umpire shall wait and award the match to the opponent team. The last time for starting a match is 10.30 AM, i.e. the toss has to be done not later than 10.15 am.

If any team turns up late the overs shall be deducted from their allotted over of the innings as per 4min an over.

8 points shall be deducted from the offending team.

Rule - XIV

Fielding of unregistered players and penalty

Fielding any unregistered or illegally registered cricketer/ player who has not gone through biometric test the team shall be immediately be scratched from that tournament and that club shall be suspended for 3 years and shall again has to start from the lowest division if that club again want to participate in any HDSA tournament after the suspension period is over.