

**Hony Secretary,  
All Participating Clubs in League, Knockout  
& under age Tournaments**

**Sub:-** Rules and playing condition for the year 2023-24

Dear Sir,

This book contains rules, code of conduct and playing condition for the Tournaments to be played during the year 2023-24.

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

1. Matches will be played in Northern, Western and Central ground of Chinsurah Maidan.
2. It has been observed earlier that the umpires did lot of matches without lunch due to lack of time as the team asked the umpire to join for lunch too late. So from this year onwards 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 and HDSA equally.
3. No request for postponement, change of the venue or dates shall be accepted.
4. Hony Jt Secretary reserve the right of any change, addition, alteration of fixation or re fixation of matches if necessary in exceptional circumstances.
5. Sporting environment and spirit of the game should be maintained.
6. 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

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Hony Joint Secretary, HDSA

## **Rules**

**Except as varied here under the Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2022) 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> Division League and Knockout, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division League and Knock out women's league and knock out and under age Tournaments(Under-14,16 ) league and knockout.**

## **LEAGUE**

**Super Division – 8 teams**(Town Club, Sazzad C.A, Rajendra S.S, Bengal.S.A, Woodburn Club, Union A.C, Garbati Club & C.U.C will be eligible to participate in the super division league tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. Each team shall play against each other. The top team of the group shall be the champion. Like previous year also (2023-24) the bottom two teams of the Super Division league shall be relegated to 1<sup>st</sup> Division next year(2024-25) .

**1<sup>st</sup> Division –** Tribeni S.S.C, Beltala A.C, Bandel Sporting Association, South Naldanga.F.C, Hooghly Club, Young Boys, DMRC, Pandua Ex players Association, Chinsurah Union Junior shall be eligible to participate in the 1st division league tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. The teams shall play against each other. The top two teams shall play in the HDSA Super Division league next year(2024-25). The bottom two team shall be relegated to 2nd Division next year(2024-25) . In this Division 2(Two) under 18 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 18 player 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Division- The affiliated clubs under HDSA who are willing to participate can participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 different groups. The top team of each group shall qualify for the knockouts. The champion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division League shall play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division League next year (2024-25). From next year (2024-25) the top 2 (two) teams from 2<sup>nd</sup> Division League shall play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division next year.(2025-26). In this division 2 under 18 payers 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 18 player 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Division teams.

**WOMENS LEAGUE** – Beltala A.C, Rajendra S.S, Town Club, Woodburn Club, Union A.C, Bengal.S.A and Milan FCC shall participate in the first ever Hooghly District Womens league and knock out tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. In the league each team shall play against each other once. The top team shall be the champion. In this league only each Teams can register 5 players residing outside Hooghly district if they wishes out of which maximum 3 players can be played in the playing XI. The league shall be a 30 overs match. The knockout shall be T-20.

## **UNDRE AGE**

### **Under-13 (A- Group)**

**Union.A.C, Woodburn Club, Sazzad.C.A, Rajendra.S.S, Tribeni Sibpur.S.C, Bengal.S.A, Town Club, Motibagan Amra k Jon** shall be eligible to participate in this under age tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. It shall be a 40 over match. Each team shall play against each other. The top team of the group shall be the champion. Like previous year also (2023-24) the bottom team of the league shall be relegated to B group next year(2024-25) . From this year onwards girls shall be allowed to participate in the underage tournaments if any club wishes.

### **Under-13 (B-Group)**

**Beltala.A.C, Milan FCC, Serampore SSA** shall be eligible to participate in this under age tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. It shall be a 40 over match. Each team shall play against each other. The top team of the group shall be the champion and shall be promoted to Group-A next year (2024-25). From this year onwards girls shall be allowed to participate in the underage tournaments with the boys if any club wishes.

### **Under-15 (A- Group)**

**Town Club, Sazzad CA, Woodburn Club, Rajendra SS, Bengal SA, Union AC, Beltala AC, Motibagan Amra Kajon** shall be eligible to participate in this under age tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. It shall be a 40 over match. Each team shall play against each other. The top team of the group shall be the champion. Like previous year also (2023-24) the bottom team of the league shall be relegated to B group next year(2024-25) . From this year onwards girls shall be allowed to participate in the underage tournaments if any club wishes.

### **Under-15 (B- Group)**

**Tribeni SC, Milan FC, Srirampur SSA, Dhaniakhali Netaji Brigade** shall be eligible to participate in this under age tournament on payment of entry fee within the stipulated date. It shall be a 40 over match. Each team shall play against each other. The top team of the group shall be the champion and shall be promoted to Group-A next year (2024-25). From this year onwards girls shall be allowed to participate in the underage tournaments with the boys if any club wishes.

### **Cut of date for Under Age Tournaments 2023-24.**

**Under 13-Born on or after 01.09.2010.**

**Under 15-Born on or after 01.09. 2008.**

**Under 18- Born on or after 01.09.2005.**

## **Rule – II**

### **Fees & Condition for Entries**

Super Division League-Rs 500/-

Ist Division League-Rs 500/-

**2<sup>nd</sup> Division League- Rs 500/-**

Knock out Tournament-Rs 500/-

**Super Division T-20 – Rs 500/-**

Under Age Tournament-Rs 500/-

Under Age Knockout- Rs 500/-

Womens League and Knockout- Rs 1000/-

**THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING THE ENTRY FEES FOR PARTICIPATING IN ANY HDSA TOURNAMENT IS 31.8.2023. 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 2023-24 SEASON ITS BEFORE 31.8.2023. 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**

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### **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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division tournament within the aforesaid period shall be treated as registered upto 31<sup>st</sup> August of the following year. An underage player can be registered in Super Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Division & 2<sup>nd</sup> Division league and knockout tournament for another club in the same year. (An underage player who has been registered for “X club” in under 13 tournament shall not be allowed to registered for ‘Y club” in under 15 tournament, but can be registered for any club in super division ,1st division or 2<sup>nd</sup> Division league and knockout tournament in the same year. An underage player is allowed to participate in under-13, under-15 for the same club provided he fulfils the criteria for that tournament. )

### **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 registration/issuing date of the aadhaar card of the player has to be minimum 02 years old i.e it has to be issued or registered on or before 01.9.2021. 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. Both league and Knockout shall be of 45 overs. It shall be a red ball tournament. LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS FOR SUPER DIVISION TEAMS IS 31.10.2023.

### **1st Division**

Aadhaar card of the player along with their voter card is mandatory. All the players participating in this tournament has to go through Bio metric test. The registration/issuing date of the aadhaar card of the player has to be minimum 2 years old i.e it has to be issued or registered on or before 01.9.2021. The previous year registrations of all the players shall not be taken into consideration and shall be ignored even if the player has participated in HDSA league or Knockout tournament or represented HDSA in any tournament. Under 18-Registration date of the birth certificate has to be within one year of the date of birth of the players otherwise discharge certificate has to be produce. Cut-off date of under 18 players shall 01.9.2005. LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION TEAMS IS 31.11.2023.

Under 18- For address proof the aadhaar card of the player along with the voter card of father or mother has to be submitted. The registration/issuing

date of the aadhaar card of the player has to be minimum 2 years old i.e on or before 01.9.2021. Like last year this year also there shall be separate Knockout tournament of super division, 1<sup>st</sup> Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> division teams.

### **Under age Tournament**

Document needed to participate - Aadhaar card (FULL AADHAAR shall only be accepted) of the player, birth certificate of the player(Hard copy only) and Voter card(FULL AADHAAR) of father or mother is mandatory.

Registration date of the birth certificate has to be within one year of the date of birth of the player otherwise discharge certificate has to be produce. For address proof the aadhaar card(FULL AADHAAR) of the player along with the voter card of father or mother has to be submitted. The registration/issuing date of the aadhaar card of the player has to be minimum 2 years old i.e on or before 01.9.2021. Any club can challenge against any players registration even after submission of documents and bio-metric test. That player has to undergo through a medical test at Hooghly Chinsurah Imambara Sadar Hospital. HDSA shall again verify the documents submitted by the player in the time of bio metric test. The cost of the medical test shall have to be borne by the challenging club. If the player is found guilty the expense of the medical test shall has to be refunded by the victimised players club to the challenging club. The victimised club shall be penalised by deducting 12 points from its total points earned including the protested match. Further the victimised player shall be suspended for 3 years from playing any cricket/tournaments under any affiliated unit/parent body of HDSA and it shall be informed to our parent body CAB also. Any forgery of documents shall lead to suspension of guilty player for 3 years. The suspended player shall not be allowed to play cricket/tournament under any affiliated body/parent body of HDSA. It shall be informed to CAB also.

Each participating team must produce players list to the umpire before the toss "Show Registration forms of the players". It is mandatory for the umpires on field to verify the registered photo identity cards of the players of participating teams before the commencement of the match. Team captains are required to bring the relevant photo identity cards of his teams and produced them before the umpires on the day of the match. No player could be allowed to take part in a match if his Identity card is not shown to the umpires before the commencement of the match.

Non-Observance of this work constitute a breach of discipline are as a result the offending team might invite punishment



**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, 1<sup>st</sup> division and 2nd Division. In the underage tournaments the maximum number of registration of players by a club shall not exceed 20 in number and it has to be completed before the start of the Tournament.

**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.**

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## **Rule VI**

### **Restriction to players**

i) Only players residing in Hooghly District (Excluding Chandannagore Corporation) with a valid residential proof of Aadhar Card issued on or before 01.9.2021 and Voter Card for Super Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> Division can participate (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 with in 24 hours except knock out (in case of Knock out 2 hours ) of the completion of the match 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 in due 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 Committee shall be final and binding to the parties concerned.

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.

## **Rule- VIII**

### **Appeal**

An appeal against the decision of the Cricket-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 Committee shall be final and binding to the parties concerned.

## **Rule – IX**

## **Management**

All the Tournaments shall be controlled and managed by the Cricket 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 misbehaviour 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 misbehaviour or of using offensive comments on the field

In the event of the bowler/fielder found guilty of gross misbehaviour 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 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 hive first and final warning, inform the captain of the fielding side. If he again misbehave 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 fielder for that innings. No substitute shall be allowed for his absence.

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 misbehaviour 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 they are 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

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.

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, club members shall not make any public pronouncement of comment in any social media which is detrimental either to the game of cricket in general 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/ Working 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.
- b) In case of non-participation the club shall be liable for disciplinary action.

## **Rule – XIII**

### **Walkover**

**If a team did not turns 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.**

#### **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.**