



**DECISION OF THE PFF ELECTORAL APPEAL COMMITTEE OF  
PAKISTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION**

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COMMITTEE**

**COMPOSED OF**

**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON** | **MR. MIAN WAQAR AMANULLAH**

**MEMBER:** | **Mr. Shahjahan Khan**

Re:

**Muhammad Nadeem Versus Pakistan Football Federation (PFF)**

**APPEAL No.004/A/2024**

**Complaint institution date:**

26th of June, 2024

**Date of Decision by the Electoral Appeal Committee:**

27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024

**Present:**

**Complainant side:** Mr. Muhammad Nadeem along-with his Counsel Mr. Ali Mehr Hassan Advocate

**Respondent side:** Mr. Ali Akram, Head of Legal Department PFF

**Facts:**

1. The DFA Mandi Bahauddin Elections overseen by the PFF have been marred by certain inconsistencies, beginning with the initial publication of club lists on social



media platforms on October 3rd, 2023, followed by the draws announced on October 5th, 2023. Subsequently, the All Pakistan District Championship Matches (APDC) took place on October 7th, 8th, and 14th, 2023, during which participating clubs competed to meet the scrutiny criteria. The results of this process were disclosed on October 9th and 19th, 2023.

2. Significant concerns have been raised regarding the registration and inclusion of new teams after the APDC Matches, with these new teams registering after the announcing of APDC results in the month of October, 2023 and announcing the fresh scrutiny for the nine clubs on 1st of March, 2024 which were not present in the initial list published on 3rd of October, 2023. These new entrants were unexpectedly permitted to participate in the APDC without public notification or prior intimation to Mandi Bahauddin stakeholders, undermining the transparency of the process. The complainants argue that the lack of public scrutiny and notification for the newly registered clubs, combined with alleged irregularities in the physical scrutiny process, have unfairly disadvantaged them and influenced the electoral outcome of the District. Furthermore, it is alleged that players representing eight clubs did not meet the scrutiny standards set by the PFF and were associated with purportedly illegitimate clubs.
3. In light of these issues, the complainants have prayed before the Committee to conduct fresh elections, excluding the eight clubs in question whose names are mentioned below:
  - a. Fame FC
  - b. United FC- Charranwala
  - c. Rebel FC
  - d. Panther FC
  - e. Young Blood FC
  - f. Capital FC- Mandi Bahauddin
  - g. Warrior FC- Charranwala
  - h. Young striker FC
  - i. City Sports FC



in order to restore transparency and ensure a level playing field for all stakeholders involved in the DFA Mandi Bahauddin Elections. This measure is seen as essential to uphold the integrity of the electoral process and safeguard the interests of all parties involved in the District.

4. Conversely, the above-mentioned clubs were expressly summoned and the response was submitted accordingly through their representatives to PFF Legal Department official email and they fully supported the process of the scrutiny conducted by the PFF and negated the PFF stance on the issue.

#### **Finding and Decision:**

5. Initially the opportunity of hearing was given on 26th of June, 2024 to the Complainant who duly appeared before the PFF Secretariat and supported the stance mentioned in his complaint. Further, another notice of hearing was given to the Complainant on 1st of July, 2024. Thereafter, the case was forwarded to the PFF Electoral Appeal Committee on 3rd of July, 2024 for resolution, alongside the submission of the relevant report detailing the issue.
6. Upon careful examination of the allegations put forth by the complainant, it has been noted that the initial club lists were made public on October 3, 2023, and the subsequent procedural steps were carried out smoothly until the final scrutiny results were published on October 9 and 19, 2023. However, the failure to publicly announce the scrutiny process and draws of the Nine Clubs whose details and names are mentioned above regarding the registration of new clubs that too after the publication of list on October, 2023 and announcement on scrutiny for eight clubs on 1st of March, 2024 may be viewed as a technical oversight on the part of the competent authority, which may not be overlooked in the assessment of the matter.



### **Terms And Decision:**

That the Complaint is allowed in the following terms:

- a. Hence, the account presented by the complainant appears credible and justified. Moreover, the available evidence on record substantiates the complainants' position. Therefore, it is our collective opinion that the circumstances necessitate new elections in Mandi Bahauddin, with the exclusion of the following Clubs from the electoral roster:

- a. Fame FC
- b. United FC- Charranwala
- c. Rebel FC
- d. Panther FC
- e. Young Blood FC
- f. Capital FC- Mandi Bahauddin
- g. Warrior FC- Charranwala
- h. Young striker FC
- i. City Sports FC

The election shall take place promptly commencing from 9:00 Am till 3:00 Pm on 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024 without causing any further delay without requiring or allowing the submission of additional nomination papers for each posts against whom the nomination are already submitted.

- b. Meanwhile, the PFF is directed to ensure the compliance of this order immediately.

**Mr. Mian Waqar Amanullah**  
**Deputy Chairperson**  
**Electoral Appeal Committee**

**Mr. Shahjahan Khan**  
**Member**  
**Electoral Appeal Committee**