DECISION OF THE PFF DISCIPLINARY & ETHICS COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Order passed on 16th of October, 2025

COMPOSED OF

	G CHAIRPERSON/DEPUTY PERSON	Mr. Muhmmad Ali
MEMBERS:		Mr.Zarak Zaman Khan
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In the case of:		
i.	District Football Association Bhakkar through its General Secretary & President	
	vs	
i.	Young Heroes Football Club (Registered) through its President Rana Farooq & General	
	Secretary	
ii.	Eleven Heroes Football Club through its President and General Secretary.	
iii.	Pak Rose FC through its President and General Secretary	
iv.	Friends FC Through its President and General Secretary	
v.	Machan Khel FC through its President & General Secretary	
vi.	98 ML FC through its President & General Secretary	
vii.	Mr. Shah Nawaz Niazi (Organizer)	
viii.	Mr. Chaudhary Amjad Nawaz (Organiz	er)

Facts of the matter:

1. That the DFA Bhakkar, through its Secretary and President, has lodged a complaint against the Respondent organizers, namely Mr. Shah Nawaz Niazi and Mr. Chaudhary Amjad Nawaz (Respondents No. vii and viii), as well as Respondents No. i to vi, who are accused of organizing the "All Pakistan Brighto Cup Floodlight Tournament Bhakkar 2025" without obtaining the requisite NOC from the concerned DFA, as well as from the PFA and PFF. Despite being duly informed of the refraining order, Respondents No. i to vi proceeded with organizing and participating in the said tournament.

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Despite the non-compliance with the required procedures and an email dated 12th October 2025, which explicitly instructed the Respondents to refrain from proceeding, they continued with their activities. This ongoing conduct remains in violation of the PFF Constitution (2025).

3. It is therefore prayed by the Complainants that strict disciplinary action be taken against the Respondents and all other involved delinquents.

Respondents' Position:

4. Respondent No.1 (Rana Liaqat Ali Baig), on behalf of the other Respondents, submitted a request for the issuance of the NOC and did not respond to the complaint that was duly communicated to them. Instead, they submitted the request for the NOC during the ongoing tournament.

Proceedings Conducted by the PFF Secretariat:

5. That it is an undisputed fact that the Respondents failed to obtain the NOC from the competent authority and organized the event independently. The Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), through its legal department, issued an email dated 12th October 2025 through other available modes of communication which is a part of record, explicitly instructing the Respondents to refrain from organizing the event. The email states:

"It is undisputed that prior approval from the District Football Association concerned is a prerequisite for the commencement of any event in which football activities are to take place. This procedural requirement is consistently endorsed by the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) on numerous occasions. In this regard, we direct the District Football Association Bhakkar, and the relevant Provincial Football Association (Punjab), to refrain from allowing the Respondents, Shah Nawaz Niazi and Chaudhary Amjad Nawaz or any individual involved therein to conduct the event namely: 'All Pakistan Brighto Cup Floodlight Tournament Bhakkar 2025,' to be held at Jameel Stadium, Bhakkar, from 13 October to 23 October 2025.

This directive is issued with intimation to the said Respondents that strict action shall be taken against them should they conduct any tournament in violation of the standard procedures as laid down by the PFF."

6. That no justification or response has been provided by the respondents regarding their failure to comply with the PFF directive. Reliance is placed on Article 15 of the PFF Constitution:

"Article 15: MEMBERS OBLIGATIONS

1. The Members have the following obligations:

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a. Comply with the constitution, statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, and PFF at all times and to ensure that these are respected by its Members"

Furthermore, Article 4 of the PFF Constitution affirms the PFF's jurisdiction throughout Pakistan:

"Article 4: JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of Pakistan Football Federation shall extend throughout Pakistan including AJ & K, GBFA and Islamabad Capital Territory"

7. That it is a well-established principle under the PFF Constitution that events not recognized by the PFF or its members require prior authorization. Article 83 emphasizes this responsibility:

"Article 83: AUTHORIZATION

PFF and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place, and technical and legal aspects."

- 8. That the complainant's circular, issued was communicated to PFF via email, on 13th October 2025, explicitly instructing the Respondents to refrain from organizing the event in accordance with the PFF's directive.
- **9.** On 14th October 2025, the PFF secretariat referred the matter to Pakistan Football Connect to obtain details of the clubs involved, including Machan Khel FC, 98 ML FC, Pak Rose FC, and Friends FC. The Pakistan Football Connect provided their report to the PFF on the same date.
- 10. During the proceedings, Respondent No.i to viii, actively participated and did not dispute or object to the process, despite being informed that the matter had been referred to the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee.
- **11.** It has been established that the following clubs participated in the event:
 - "1. New Michan Khel Pathankot
 - 2. Irfan Shaheed 98 ML
 - 3. Friends Fateh Pur
 - 4. Pak Rose Dera Ismail Khan
 - 5. Al-Fatah Layyah
 - 6. Chattan Gold Layyah
 - 7. Azad Layyah
 - 8. Young Eleven DI Khan
 - 9. DFA Mianwali
 - 10. KPK Police
 - 11. Eleven Heroes Bhakkar
 - 12. Young Heroes Bhakkar
 - 13. Young Eleven Banu

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- 14. Khyber Afghan Lakki Marwat
- 15. Bacha Khan Lora Lai
- 16. Afghan Chaman
- 17. Mujahid Jandola
- 18. Afghan Zhob
- 19. Maaz FC Quetta
- 20. DFA Toba
- 21. Azad Club Jhang
- 22. Khan Club Meran Shah
- 23. The Gojra Football Club Gojra
- 24. Tandlianwala Football Committee Tandlianwala
- 25. Karak Markhor Karak
- 26. Markhor FC Chitral
- 27. Gladiators Islamabad
- 28. Punjab University Lahore
- 29. Wazir Club Wana
- 30. Young Mughal Wana"
- 12. The PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee, in its decision dated 17th February 2025 (Complaint No. 001/A/2025), held that failure to obtain NOC from the relevant District and Provincial Football Associations constitutes a clear violation of the PFF Constitution. The case thus aligns precisely with the current circumstances.

<u>Decision on Merits & The Provisional Suspension upon Respondents:</u>

13. During the course of the preliminary inquiry, it has come to light that numerous clubs and individuals are involved in this event. Despite receiving communication and clear directives, many of them failed to cease their participation in the aforementioned tournament. The primary responsibility, however, rests with the organizer respondents, who had a duty to halt the tournament once the refraining circular from the PFF and DFA was issued. This case necessitates a thorough examination of the facts, as many matches have already been conducted, and the participating teams are now well aware of the PFF's stance on the matter. Imposing suspensions on some teams while leaving others unaddressed would be unjustified and in violation of the directive. Consequently, this committee has, as an interim measure, decided to impose a provisional suspension on Respondent Nos. I to VIII. This decision is based on the provisions of Articles 133, 134,135 and 136 of the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Code.

Article 133 - Principle

"1. If an infringement appears to have been committed and a decision on the main issue cannot be taken early enough, the chairman of the judicial body may, in emergencies, provisionally pronounce, alter or revoke a sanction.

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- 2. In similar circumstances, he may take other provisional measures at his discretion, especially to ensure compliance with the mandatory sanction
- 3. He will take action upon request or ex officio."

Article 134 – Procedure

- "1. The chairman shall make his decision based on the evidence available at the time
- 2. He is not obliged to hear the parties."

Article 135 - Decision:

- "1. The chairman delivers his decision immediately.
- 2. That decision shall be implemented immediately."

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"Article136 - Duration Of Provisional Measures:

- 1. Provisional measures may not be valid for longer than t30 days.
- 2. The period may be extended only once by twenty days.
- 3. If a sanction has been pronounced provisionally, the duration shall be offset against any final sanction."

Terms of the Provisional Suspension:

- 14. In light of the matters outlined in Paragraph No. 13 of this order, Respondents Nos. I to VIII are hereby provisionally suspended for a period of 30 days, effective from today, in accordance with Article 136(1) of the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Code (2006). Furthermore, during the pendency of these proceedings, Respondents Nos. I to VIII are directed to cease all activities related to the tournament as well as the football related activities in particular until the provisional suspension is lifted.
- **15.** The PFF Secretariat shall conduct a thorough investigation into the matter and record the stance of the clubs mentioned in Paragraph No. 11. If any of these clubs are found to be involved in or intending to participate in the tournament, they shall be informed of the potential disciplinary sanctions for violating the directives issued by the PFF Disciplinary Committee.
- **16.** The PFC is instructed to submit a detailed report on the status of each club mentioned in Paragraph No. 11 of this order and to ensure full compliance with the directives contained herein.

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 - **17.** A copy of this provisional order shall be forwarded to the Provisional Football Association, Punjab, with instructions to issue a circular in accordance with the terms of this order.
 - 18. Relist for 17th of November, 2025 for further appropriate proceedings and order.

Mohammad Ali
(Acting/Deputy Chairman)
Disciplinary Committee
Pakistan Football Federation

Zarak Zaman Khan (Member) Disciplinary Committee Pakistan Football Federation Malik Maqsood Ahmed (Member) Disciplinary Committee Pakistan Football Federation