



DECISION OF THE PAKISTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION - APPEAL COMMITTEE

Passed on 24th of November, 2025

PAKISTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION APPEAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF

ACTING CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Barrister Scheherezade Shaharyar Uddin

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:
MEMBER

Mr. Rehan Ahmad Khan
Mr. Abdullah Mohsin

Appeal No. 09/C-A /2025 (A)

In the appeal Against the Decision dated 24th of April, 2025 passed in case titled as "Jamil Islam vs Muhammad Nauman " vide Complaint No.030/C-A/2025 (A)

Titled as:

1. Muhammad Nauman

(Appellant)

VS

1. Jamil Islam

2. Pakistan Football Federation through its Disciplinary & Ethics Committee

(Respondents)

Order dated 24th of November, 2025:

1. The main point is that the Appellant was suspended for five (5) years from participating in any football-related activities after approaching the Peshawar High Court through Writ Petition No. 6166/2024 pursuance to the Article 69 of the PFF Constitution (2014).
2. The PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee, in its Complaint No. 30/C-A/2025 dated April 24, 2025, issued its decision, including specific terms. The relevant part of this decision is as follows:



- a. *Following a thorough review of the facts and circumstances, the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee has unanimously determined that Mr. Muhammad Nauman (the Respondent) is guilty of violating Article 69 of the PFF Constitution, which expressly prohibits recourse to ordinary courts.*
- b. *His filing a Writ Petition No. 6166 – P/2024 not only violates Article 69 of the PFF Constitution but also constitutes as interfering in the operations and activities of Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), contradicting the principles of good governance as set forth in the FIFA, AFC, and PFF Statutes.*

Article 69(2) of the PFF Constitution is reproduced below for your reference:

‘.... Anybody going to civil / ordinary courts shall be suspended for 5 years by PFF after going through Disciplinary proceedings.’

- c. *As a result, Mr. Muhammad Nauman (the Respondent) is suspended from participating in any football activities for a period of five (05) years, effective immediately. “*
3. It has been observed that the PFF Disciplinary Committee erred in issuing the impugned decision. On the face of the record, there was no evidence of any adverse action taken against the PFF by the Honorable Peshawar High Court. In fact, the appellant before Honourable High Court withdrew the case and the court referred the matter back to the PFF, directing the PFF to decide the matter independently and based solely on its merits.
4. It has also been noted that the Appellant repeatedly requested the PFF Secretariat to fix a date for hearing this appeal. Despite numerous email requests documented in the record, the Secretariat failed to give these requests any priority, including for the preliminary hearing. This neglect appears unjustified, especially when a litigant approaches a judicial or quasi-judicial body seeking justice. Such treatment can undermine public confidence in the system, which is the only recognized forum for safeguarding individuals' rights and resolving disputes. This committee received letter from the Appellant addressing his concern and the detailed brief in which he sought the interim injunction and the same was taken into consideration while doing its evaluation.
5. Guided by the AFC Disciplinary & Ethics Code (2019), the Appeal Committee has the authority to review this matter de novo meaning it can re-examine the case from the beginning, without being bound by the previous decision, to ensure a fair and just outcome.

“126. Effects of appeal

“126.1. An appeal results in the case being reviewed de novo by the AFC Appeal Committee.”

6. Without addressing the merits of the case at this stage, this committee believes it is important to issue notices to the other party before making a final decision on the case.



A. Suspension of the Effect of the Decision Dated April 24, 2025:

7. After reviewing the facts and the appeal brief submitted by the Appellant, this committee observes that the lower forum failed to consider the full circumstances of the case. It appears they did not properly evaluate the evidence and hastily imposed a harsh punishment on the Appellant. Tentatively, it appears that the decision passed by the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee was made in a hurry without adequate consideration. Therefore, this committee has decided to temporarily suspend the implementation of the decision dated April 24, 2025, issued by the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee in Complaint No. 30/C-A/2025 (A). This suspension will remain in effect until a final decision is reached after a thorough review of the case on its merits.

B. Notice to the opposite party:

8. A notice shall be issued to the Respondent/ Complainant, Mr. Jamil Islam, for Friday, 17th of January 2025. The PFF Secretariat is also instructed to include all relevant emails and necessary documents with the case file for the review and proper adjudication of this appeal. The Appellant must appear before this committee on every scheduled hearing date. Failure to attend or attempts to delay the proceedings may result in the cancellation of this interim order.

Let the copy of this order be communicated to all the affiliated units of PFF Moreover, the PFF is also directed to ensure compliance of this order.

The PFF Secretariat, if it is appropriate, can announce and publish this order (wholly or the relevant portion of the judgment) to the general public, on its official website or social media pages.

The PFF Secretariat is directed to submit the compliance report before the Appeals Committee.

**S. Shaharyar
(Chairperson)
Appeals Committee
Pakistan Football Federation**

