



Order dated: 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026

**THE PFF DISCIPLINARY & ETHICS COMMITTEE**

- i. **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Niaz Khokhar**  
Chief Operating Officer (COO)  
Pakistan Football Federation
- ii. **Mr. Ali Akram**  
Director Legal  
Pakistan Football Federation

*Through this order the above are directed to ensure the compliance of the following:*

The PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee has received several concerns about the issuance of player cards by District Football Associations (DFAs) and the appointment of Ad-Hoc Committees by Provincial Football Associations (PFAs) in districts where no elections have been held. Specifically, there is a question regarding:

1. *Whether these associations can issue cards independently without prior approval from the PFF, especially in light of the directives issued by the PFF Executive Committee in accordance with the PFF Constitution?*
2. *Can the Provincial Football Associations (PFAs) appoint Ad-Hoc Committees in District Football Associations (DFAs) where the election positions are vacant?*

**Question No.1:**

To clarify this matter, the PFF issued a communication through the Office of its Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Muhammad Shahid Niaz Khokhar, on April 19, 2026. The communication clearly states that only the PFF has the authority to issue player identity cards. The relevant excerpt is as follows:

*“Furthermore, in this particular matter, we are duty-bound to refer to the PFF Statutes 2025, which recognize only ‘clubs’ and ‘players’ that are duly registered through Pakistan Football Connect. In this context, it is crucial to note that player identity cards shall only be issued by the Pakistan Football Federation.”*

The records from the PFF Secretariat show that during the PFF Executive Committee meeting held on August 22, 2025, it was unanimously decided that the digital registration system for players, clubs, officials, transfers, and profiles will be managed exclusively by the PFF through the Pakistan Football Connect (PFC) platform, in line with the PFF Constitution (2025).

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Furthermore, Articles 37 and 62 of the PFF Constitution emphasize the importance of implementing decisions made by the Executive Committee. All members, including District and Provincial Associations, are expected to adhere strictly to these directives. It is also mandatory for all members to comply with PFF, FIFA's and AFC's decisions and directives, as outlined in Articles 6, 10, 14, and 15 of the PFF Constitution. Moreover, the clubs and players are affiliated and recognized through the PFC and is clearly defined in the PFF Constitution. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action.

The circular issued on April 19, 2026, also mentions that a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be provided soon to guide this process.

Lastly, the PFF has established a dedicated Task Force vide letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 vide reference no. PFF/COO Office/Connect/2026 related to the PFC platform. The mandates and responsibilities of this Task Force must be respected and adhered to by all involved.

#### **Question No.2:**

The issue concerning the appointment of Ad-Committees, in which key positions such as President, General Secretary, and Treasurer remain vacant, arises from the fact that the FIFA Normalisation Committee previously did not conduct elections for these roles. A review of the PFF Constitution indicates that there is no provision allowing Provincial FAs to fill or appoint individuals to these positions in the event of vacancies or dysfunctions within their respective DFAs. Instead, the PFF Constitution references Article 60, which authorizes the PFF to establish committees for specific duties and assignments from time to time.

Moreover, as the national governing body of football in Pakistan, the PFF is obligated to ensure regional equity and to protect the rights of people across different regions, preventing any jeopardy to these rights (reference be made to Article 7 of the PFF Constitution). Furthermore, Article 90 of the PFF Constitution grants the PFF the authority to conduct elections for all affiliated associations.

Based on this, it can be concluded that any appointment made by Provincial FAs in this context is unlawful and invalid under the PFF Constitution (2025). Therefore, Provincial FAs are not authorized to form such committees unless explicitly appointed by the PFF.

In light of this, the PFF Secretariat is instructed to communicate this letter to all affiliated units through its PFA's and may also directly approach DFA's via official email. Furthermore, this letter will be posted on social media platforms. Meanwhile, the process of issuing player cards must be halted immediately, as cards will only be issued by the PFF moving forward in compliance with the decision of the PFF Executive Committee and the letter issued by COO

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as well as any appointment of the AD-Hoc Committees in the DFA's are against the spirit of the PFF Constitution.

Any act of defiance or the creation of an entity that tries to challenge or imitate Pakistan Football Connect (PFC), or any activity that goes against the PFF Constitution or official PFF instructions, will not be tolerated. According to the PFF Constitution (Article 4), the PFF has authority across the entire country. Violations of these rules will lead to penalties as described in Article 67 of the PFF Constitution and the PFF Disciplinary & Ethics Code. Such actions may result in serious consequences, including disqualification or other severe penalties for clubs, DFAs, or PFA, in line with the law and precedents laid down by this Committee in its decisions issued from time to time.

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CC:

- i. Email to All Provincial FA's Presidents
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