

IN THE OFFICE OF SENATOR PERVAIZ RASHID ADJUDICATOR
PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD

Petition No. 02/2025

Hameed ul Haq
Versus
Pakistan Tennis Federation

ORDER

Dated: 19-12-2025

1. The instant petition has been filed by Mr. Hameed ul Haq (hereinafter referred to as "the Petitioner") challenging the elections of the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) held on 10-02-2024 and alleging irregularities in the election process.
2. The matter was fixed for hearing on several dates. On 17-10-2025 Mr. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, President Pakistan Tennis Federation (Respondent), appeared in person, while the Petitioner also appeared in person. Mr. Saif ur Rehman Rao, Legal Advisor, Pakistan Sports Board, assisted this Adjudicator during the proceedings.
3. This Adjudicator has carefully perused the contents of the petition, the preliminary reply and objections filed by the Respondent, the documents placed on record, the applicable Sports Election Regulations Pakistan, 2024 (SERP 2024), National Sports Policy, Constitution of Pakistan Sports Board 2022 and the judgment dated 18-06-2025 passed by honorable Mr. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani Islamabad High Court in Writ Petition No. 1105/2024 titled as "Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Asif Dar (Retired) versus Federation of Pakistan".
4. The Petitioner contended that the elections of the Pakistan Tennis Federation held on 10-02-2024 were tainted by procedural irregularity and fraudulent misuse of the vote of the International Lawn Tennis Club of Pakistan (ILTC Pakistan) an affiliated unit of PTF. He contended that at the relevant time ILTC Pakistan was a dormant and dysfunctional unit with no duly elected President, following the demise of its last President Mr. Saeed Hai and the prolonged illness of its Secretary Mr. Saeed Ahmad and was therefore incompetent to authorize any representative for voting. According to the Petitioner, letters purporting to nominate candidate and authorize casting of the ILTC Pakistan vote were unlawfully issued, resulting in a void vote being cast by Mr. Ali Qayum, an unauthorized person. He further asserted that objections regarding the eligibility of the said vote were raised during the election process but were summarily disposed of by the Election Commissioner without meaningful consideration. On these grounds, the Petitioner maintained that the election process stood compromised and invoked the jurisdiction of Pakistan Sports Board under its

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Constitution and the Sports Election Regulations, Pakistan, 2024 and Pakistan Code of Ethics and Governance in Sports, for examination of the legality of the elections and grant of appropriate relief.

5. The Respondents controverted the allegations and submitted that the elections of the Pakistan Tennis Federation held on 10-02-2024 were conducted strictly in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan Tennis Federation, rules, National Sports Policy 2005. It was contended that objections, if any, raised during the electoral process were duly considered and disposed of by the competent Election Commissioner in exercise of lawful authority and that no challenge to such decision was brought before any competent forum within time, whereby the same attained finality. The Respondent further submitted that the election results have since been acknowledged by the Pakistan Olympic Association and the relevant International Federation and that the elected President has also been recognized by Pakistan Sports Board, including through his nomination as a member of the PSB Board. It was asserted that Pakistan Tennis Federation continues to function as a recognized National Sports Federation, is receiving grants from PSB, and that the sport of tennis has progressed nationally and internationally after the elections. On these grounds, the Respondent prayed for dismissal of the petition as being devoid of merit, misconceived, and barred by acquiescence and finality of the electoral process.

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6. A careful reading of clause "d" of the petition itself reveals that two contesting candidates had raised objections regarding the eligibility of a vote during the election process which objections were considered and disposed of by the Election Commissioner. Once the objections were decided by the Election Commissioner the election process stood concluded. Neither the Petitioner nor any contesting or aggrieved candidate challenged the said decision before any competent forum within the prescribed time. Consequently, the decision of the Election Commissioner attained finality. It is a settled principle of law that once a decision attains finality due to non challenge, it cannot be reopened indirectly by a person who was neither a contesting candidate nor an aggrieved party under the relevant law.

7. Admittedly, the Petitioner was not a contesting candidate in the PTF elections, did not possess voting rights, did not file any objection before the Election Commissioner, nor did he challenge any decision of the Election Commissioner within the prescribed limitation. Regulation 9(3) of Sports Election Regulation Pakistan 2024 restricts the right of appeal to an "aggrieved party." In absence of infringement of any personal or proprietary right of the Petitioner, this Adjudicator finds that the Petitioner lacks locus standi to maintain the present petition.

8. The elections impugned in the present petition were conducted prior to the promulgation of SERP 2024 and were not conducted by an Election Commission appointed under Rule 17 of the Constitution of Pakistan Sports Board. Therefore, the jurisdictional prerequisites required to invoke Regulation 9(3) are missing. Even otherwise, the petition is hopelessly time barred, as the elections were held on 10-02-2024 and no challenge was raised within the prescribed statutory period. The bar of limitation strikes at the root of jurisdiction.
9. During the course of hearing, Mr. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, President PTF, stated on record that his election has been acknowledged by the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA), recognized by the relevant International Tennis Federation, he has been nominated as a Member of the Board of Pakistan Sports Board and that Pakistan Tennis Federation has been receiving grants from Pakistan Sports Board subsequent to the said elections. These facts demonstrate that the election of PTF has been acted upon, recognized and accepted at national and international levels, including by Pakistan Sports Board itself.
10. The Respondent further submitted that since the elections of PTF, the sport of tennis has shown growth at national and international levels, which assertion remained unchallenged during the hearing.
11. The Honourable Islamabad High Court, in its judgment dated 18-06-2025 in W.P. No. 1105/2024, titled as Col. (R) Muhammad Asif Dar versus Federation of Pakistan" has already held that a person who is neither a contesting candidate nor an aggrieved party lacks standing, and that disputes relating to elections of sports federations are to be addressed in accordance with the constitutional framework of Pakistan Sports Board. The reasoning adopted by the Honourable High Court squarely applies to the facts of the present case.
12. In view of the foregoing discussion, this Adjudicator is satisfied that the petition is not maintainable, the Petitioner lacks locus standi, the decision of the Election Commissioner has attained finality, the petition is barred by limitation and no case for interference is made out. Accordingly, the petition filed by Mr. Hameed ul Haq is hereby **DISMISSED**.
Parties are left to bear their own costs.
Ordered accordingly.


(Senator Pervaiz Rashid)
Adjudicator
Pakistan Sports Board