

IN THE OFFICE OF MANZOOR-UL-HASSAN (OLYMPIAN)
ADJUDICATOR, PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD ISLAMABAD

Petition No. 06 of 2025

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Gill

Versus

Secretary, Pakistan Badminton Federation

ORDER:

Date of Hearing: 22 October, 2025

Venue: Committee Room, Pakistan Sports Board, Islamabad

Present:

Mr. Raja Azhar Mahmood, Secretary, Pakistan Badminton Federation, appeared in person along with Counsel/Advocate for the respondent.

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Gill, Petitioner and Ex-General Secretary of the Federation, appeared in person along with Counsel/Advocate.

The instant petition was referred to the undersigned by the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) under Rule 23(2) of the Pakistan Sports Board Constitution, 2022, read with Clauses 6(5) and 6(6) of the Pakistan Code of Ethics and Governance in Sports, for adjudication of disputes arising from the affairs of the Pakistan Badminton Federation (PBF).

1. Proceedings and Submissions

The respondent submitted a copy of the judgment dated 29-09-2025 passed by the Honourable Islamabad High Court in W.P. No. 4817/2022, titled "Imtiaz Ahmed Gill v. Pakistan Sports Board", whereby the petitioner's writ petition on a similar cause of action was dismissed. The respondent vehemently denied the allegations raised in the instant petition and contended that the matter is barred by principle of *res judicata*. It was further urged that the petitioner failed to substantiate his claims with any credible evidence and, therefore, the petition merits dismissal.

The petitioner, however, contended that notwithstanding the dismissal of his earlier petition, the Pakistan Sports Board must ensure strict implementation of Rule 17 of the PSB Constitution, 2022, regarding the conduct of elections of National Sports Federations under the supervision of the PSB Election Commission. He expressed his intention to withdraw his present petition but simultaneously sought a direction for ensuring transparency in forthcoming elections of the Pakistan Badminton Federation.

The petitioner also submitted screenshots of emails allegedly sent to various provincial sports boards concerning election scrutiny. He requested that the PSB Election Commission oversee the scrutiny process from the club level onwards to ensure transparency and fairness in future elections.



2. Observations

Record reflects that on the previous date of hearing i.e. 24-09-2024 at the PSB Coaching Centre, Lahore, the petitioner remained absent without justification. On that date, the respondent appeared in person with counsel and argued the matter. Objection was raised against the petitioner's request to appear via Zoom, given that the respondent had travelled from Islamabad for in-person proceedings. In the interest of justice, the undersigned extended another and final opportunity to both parties by fixing the present hearing at Islamabad, ensuring due process and fair opportunity.

Upon perusal of the record and the judgment of the Honourable Islamabad High Court, it is evident that the earlier petition filed by the petitioner regarding alleged irregularities in the *previous elections* of the Pakistan Badminton Federation was duly dismissed. Therefore, the same issue cannot be reopened before this forum.

However, the plea of the petitioner for ensuring transparency in the forthcoming elections falls within the regulatory mandate of the Pakistan Sports Board under its Constitution and the National Sports Policy.

3. Regulatory Framework

It is pertinent to reiterate that the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) is a statutory and autonomous body established under the Sports (Development and Control) Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No. XVI of 1962). Under the PSB Constitution, 2022, the Board acts as the regulatory authority responsible for the affiliation, supervision, and monitoring of all National Sports Federations in Pakistan (except cricket).

In terms of **Article 17 of the PSB Constitution, 2022:**

"The Election Commission shall have the responsibility for holding and monitoring free and transparent elections of National Sports Federations in accordance with the National Sports Policy and their constitutions."

Further, the Honourable Islamabad High Court in W.P. No. 2524/2022 (Kazim Hussain & another v. Federation of Pakistan & others) directed PSB to constitute an independent Election Commission to supervise the election process of all National Sports Federations. The PSB has accordingly notified its Election Commission to ensure compliance with the constitutional and policy framework.

4. Findings and Decision

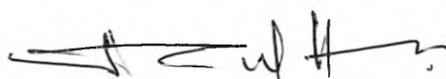
In view of the foregoing facts, submissions, and legal framework, the undersigned is of the considered opinion that:

1. The issue raised by the petitioner regarding alleged irregularities in the *previous elections* stands settled by the judgment of the Honourable Islamabad High Court and cannot be reopened.
2. However, the prayer for ensuring transparency and proper scrutiny in forthcoming elections of the Pakistan Badminton Federation is valid and within the regulatory domain of PSB.
3. Therefore, it is recommended and directed that the forthcoming elections of the Pakistan Badminton Federation shall be conducted under the supervision of the Election Commission of PSB, in accordance with Rule 17 of the PSB Constitution, 2022, ensuring full transparency, impartial scrutiny, and adherence to prescribed procedures from the club level to the national level.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that:

- i. The petition stands disposed of as withdrawn to the extent of previous grievances, being *sub judice* and adjudicated earlier by the Honourable Islamabad High Court.
- ii. The Pakistan Sports Board, through its Election Commission, is directed to ensure that forthcoming elections of the Pakistan Badminton Federation are held strictly in accordance with Rule 17 of the PSB Constitution, 2022, and that scrutiny at all levels is carried out transparently.

Announced in Islamabad on this 22 day of October, 2025.



**(Manzoor-ul-Hassan, Olympian)
Adjudicator
Pakistan Sports Board**

Assisted By

**(Saif Ur Rehman Rao)
Legal Advisor
Pakistan Sports Board**

Copy to:

1. The Director General, Pakistan Sports Board, Islamabad
2. The Election Commission, PSB (for necessary action).
3. The Petitioner, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Gill.
4. The Secretary, Pakistan Badminton Federation.
5. Mr. Saif ur Rehman Rao, Legal Advisor, PSB (for record and assistance).