

**IN THE OFFICE OF SENATOR PERVAIZ RASHID**  
**ADJUDICATOR. PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD. ISLAMABAD**

**Petition No. 9 of 2025**

**Tariq Sidhu**  
**Versus**  
**Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP)**

**ORDER**

**Dated: 13 November 2025**

**1. Attendance**

On the date fixed for hearing:

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| i. <b>Petitioner:</b>                           | Mr. <b>Tariq Sidhu</b> appeared in person.  |
| ii. <b>Respondent (AFP):</b>                    | Mr. <b>Brig. (R) Wajahat Hussain</b> , President AFP, appeared along with Mr. <b>Usman Akram, Advocate</b> , counsel for AFP. |
| iii. <b>Pakistan Sports Board (PSB)</b><br>PSB, | Mr. <b>Saif ur Rehman Rao</b> , Legal Advisor appeared and assisted the office.   |

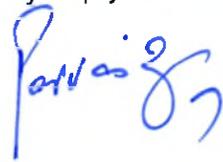
All parties were heard at length. All relevant documents forming part of the petition and the respondent's record were confronted to the parties for clarification. Ample and fair opportunity was provided to file replies, respond to the questionnaire dated 15-10-2025, address jurisdictional objections, and advance oral arguments.

Despite having been granted sufficient time, the respondent did not submit a substantive reply to the questionnaire and instead filed preliminary objections on jurisdiction, which have already been decided.

This order is passed after providing full, fair, and meaningful opportunity of hearing to all sides.

The petitioner invoked Article 23 of the PSB Constitution, 2022, challenging the legality of appointments made in the AFP meeting held on 31-12-2024, the absence of PSB-supervised elections, irregularities in governance and compliance, and deviation from mandatory provisions of the PSB Constitution 2022 and National Sports Policy 2005.

A questionnaire was issued to AFP on 15-10-2025. Instead of replying, the Secretary General AFP submitted a letter dated 21-10-2025 questioning the jurisdiction of this office. That objection was examined and rejected vide order dated 03-11-2025, directing AFP again to respond to the questionnaire within three working days. The respondent then submitted another preliminary reply dated 13-11-2025, again avoiding answers and reiterating objections.



This issue has already been conclusively settled in the interim order dated 03-11-2025, wherein it was held that Article 23 expressly vests jurisdiction in the Adjudicator PSB. Under Articles 7, 16(8), 20(17), and 22, PSB exercises supervisory and regulatory control over all affiliated federations. The Supreme Court (2012 SCMR 992) has held that all federations affiliated with PSB must comply with PSB's lawful directives. The Islamabad High Court (W.P. 2524/2022) has held that elections of all national sports federations must be conducted under PSB Election Commission as per Article 17 of the PSB Constitution. Therefore, the jurisdictional objection stands finally rejected and requires no reconsideration.

After hearing all parties and examining the record, the following issues arise:

1. Whether AFP held elections under supervision of PSB Election Commission as mandated by Article 17 of PSB Constitution?
2. Whether the appointments made in the meeting dated 31-12-2024 are valid?
3. Whether AFP complied with the lawful directions of this office, including responding to the questionnaire dated 15-10-2025?
4. Whether AFP is functioning in accordance with PSB Constitution, National Sports Policy, and governing law?

Under Article 17, it is mandatory that elections of all national sports federations are conducted by the PSB Election Commission, monitored under the National Sports Policy, and held in accordance with PSB Election Rules and as per the constitution of AFP.

The Islamabad High Court has affirmed that elections not conducted under PSB supervision are unlawful and non-recognized. The AFP elections of 2023 and the subsequent appointments of 31-12-2024 were not supervised by PSB Election Commission, did not follow the mandatory election procedure, and cannot be recognized under the PSB regulatory framework.

The appointments of Brig. (R) Wajahat Hussain President AFP, Ms. Shahida Khanum Senior Vice President and Ms. Humaira Mehmood Khan – Vice President are found to be inconsistent with Article 17, in violation of National Sports Policy, procedurally unlawful, and outside the scope of recognized governance structure. These appointments therefore have no legal effect.

The respondent was expressly directed to file a detailed reply. Despite multiple opportunities, AFP did not answer the questionnaire, avoided addressing factual queries, and obstructed adjudicatory proceedings. This conduct is contrary to the Pakistan Code of Ethics and Governance in Sports, 2024, which requires transparency and cooperation with PSB.

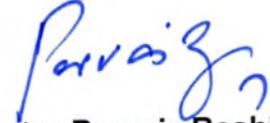
Based on the law, record, hearing, and binding precedents, the elections and appointments of AFP office bearers are not valid. The current AFP structure is not in conformity with mandatory PSB requirements. The respondent failed to comply with

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lawful directions of this office, PSB retains full regulatory control over the affairs of AFP, Fresh, lawful elections must now be conducted.

The matter is hereby referred to the PSB Election Commission under Article 17 with the following binding direction:

To conduct fresh, transparent, and lawful elections of President, Senior Vice President and Vice President of Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP) in accordance with PSB Constitution, National Sports Policy, and Sports Election Regulations Pakistan, immediately. Meanwhile, the current AFP office bearers are restrained from all major administrative, financial, disciplinary, selection, or policy decisions. They may only perform routine day-to-day functions necessary to avoid administrative disruption.



**(Senator Pervaiz Rashid)**  
**Adjudicator**

Pakistan Sports Board, Islamabad