

IN THE OFFICE OF MR. SHAKIL DURRANI ADJUDICATOR
PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD

Petition No. 9 of 2026

ORDER

Date: 18-08-2026

Present:

Khwaja Azhar Rasheed — Representative/Authorized Assignee on behalf of the Petitioner.

Komal Malik Joyia — Representative/Authorized Assignee on behalf of the Petitioner.

Abdul Rehman Sheikh, Respondent's Assignee, duly authorized by the Pakistan Long Range Rifle Association (PLRA),

ORDER OF THE ADJUDICATOR IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FILED BY MR. MOHSIN NAWAZ AGAINST PAKISTAN LONG RANGE RIFLE ASSOCIATION (PLRA)

The instant petition relating to the Pakistan Long Range Rifle Association (PLRA) and the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) was received on 23rd July 2026. The petitioner, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz, has challenged the disciplinary action taken against him by the PLRA. He has assailed the decision before the Pakistan Sports Board which has appointed the undersigned, Shakil Durrani, Executive Director GIK Institute, former Chief Secretary KP and Sind as the Adjudicator. The following two charges were levied against the Petitioner and penalties mentioned below imposed:

- i. Wearing and displaying an unauthorized Pakistan Long-Range shooting national colours on national media and
- ii. Appearing on national media without obtaining NOC from PLRA

Penalties imposed

- i. A three-year ban from representing Pakistan or participating in any International Long-Range shooting competition, championship, training activity, or official delegation conducted, recognized, sponsored or facilitated by PLRA.
- ii. withdrawal of all existing PLRA endorsements, nominations, recommendations, and 'No objection Certificates' relating to international participation, including the NOC issued for the 7th F-class world championship, United Kingdom in August 2026.
- iii. A two (2) year ban from participating in national level competitions, championships, training camps, selection activities, or other events conducted, recognized, sponsored, or sanctioned by PLRA within Pakistan.
- iv. suspension of all privileges, nominations endorsements, and official representation rights associated with PLRA sanctioned activities for the duration of the applicable bans.
- v. restoration of eligibility upon expiry of the applicable bans shall not be automatic and shall remain subject to consideration by the PLRA Executive Committee in accordance with the PLRA constitution and applicable regulations.



The two main points in the case that require elucidation and confirmation are whether:

- i. The PLRA or the Adjudicator is the authority competent to award penalties under the law after hearing the parties?
- ii. The penalties are commensurate with the gravity of the charges levelled against the petitioner or are these too severe?

The first hearing was conducted on 30th July 2026, during which both the petitioner and the respondent were afforded an opportunity of being heard, their documents received and their respective submissions noted. Subsequently, for detailed adjudication of the matter, a questionnaire was issued to both parties as well as to the Pakistan Sports Board seeking clarification on certain legal and factual issues. While the petitioner and the respondent responded in writing, verbal and telephonic response was received from the Pakistan Sports Board.

During the three hearings the Adjudicator questioned the petitioner, PSB and the PLRA on the independent fora available for seeking remedies against decisions of the PLRA and whether NOCs could be provided by the PSB in case the PLRA declined to recommend NOC to some persons who wished to participate in international events for which they had invitations at no cost to the Federation or PSB.

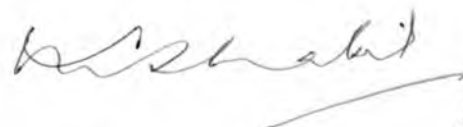
The issues relating to the award and then withdrawal of blazer from the petitioner by PSB and whether the award of blazer was recommended by PLRA were raised and require greater explanations. The PLRA and PSB were also directed to provide information of cases where such penalties were imposed by them on individuals.

The Petitioner argues that the first charge of wearing an unauthorized colour blazer is not valid as there is no provision of it in the PLRA constitution about this. He states that in fact the Petitioner was allowed by Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) to use National Colour Blazer on 28-11-2025 and that under Rule 7 (1) PSB is the sole authority to grant national colour. On 3rd May 2026 Petitioner was validly holding National Colour. Subsequently, the award of colour was withdrawn by the PSB but after he had already worn the national colour. However, the PSB and PLRA assert that since the Petitioner did not participate in the F class shooting event in UK for some different reasons and that he should not have worn the blazer. The PSB admits it made a mistake in awarding the colour without weighing all aspects of the matter and thereafter withdrew the award of the national blazer from the petitioner. The petitioner also contends that the PLRA does not have the authority to allow or prohibit athletes from addressing the media.

However, the counsel for the PLRA in defense of his arguments stated that under clause 10.5.14 of the PLRA constitution it is empowered to consider disciplinary cases and to take action against any member unit or individual contravening the Rules of the PLRA. Further under clause 11.11 participation at international level will only be through PLRA. No individual may contact any international competition organizer for participation without obtaining an NOC from headquarters PLRA.

The PSB representative was of the view that the PLRA's constitution permitted them to impose penalties and that the Adjudicator could alter, amend, cancel the penalties after which the matter may be placed in appeal before the PSB for final orders.

The Adjudicator questioned the PLRA if any remedy was available to the petitioner when the Federation rejects request for participation, declines athlete's petition or fails to recommend the petitioner's case? In reply the PLRA counsel stated that under Article 12 dealing with Arbitration the right of appeal was available through Arbitration. The PLRA constitution states 'All disputes arising in the working, functioning and performance of the PLRA and/or any of its PORRA member units within itself or amongst each other shall be resolved through arbitration. No member unit or any member (person) affiliated in any manner with the PLRA



shall take their disputes of any nature relatable in any manner with the unit or the PLRA to any Court of Law, but the arbitration to be conducted by the President concerned or by any other person so authorized.

A plain reading of the above clause would mean that whereas athletes could approach the PSB, the Adjudicator and the courts of law but the provincial and regional member units would be restricted to having their disputes resolved through their Arbitrators. It appears that there is need for improving the language and text of such clauses to make these easily understandable and to avoid controversy. Same is true of the issues relating to NOCs and it would benefit the cause of sports if the PSB quickly develops its own Model constitution to specifically address all issues.

Orders

- i. From the arguments of the parties and the observations of the PSB, it emerges firstly, that though under its constitution the PLRA has the authority to impose penalties the Adjudicator who is the appellate authority is competent to review the nature, quantum, extent and justification of the penalties awarded after hearing the parties.
- ii. Similarly, under the PLRA constitution it is authorized to issue or not issue an NOC to travel abroad, participate in events within the country, recommend an award or decoration to outstanding sportspersons and allow or disallow athletes to address the media and to provide written reasons in support of their orders. Any party seeking relief against the orders of PLRA or federations are permitted to approach the Adjudicator through the PSB for resolution of their grievances?
- iii. It appears that the PSB did not take a firm and consistent stand on whether the blazer was awarded in accordance with any predetermined criteria or not. One moment the blazer was awarded the next it was withdrawn even as all parties admit that the petitioner was a national hero who won thirty odd medals for the country. The benefit of the doubt should be given to the petitioner.
- iv. I, therefore am of the view that the penalties are very severe in relation to the charges against the petitioner who does not deserve these in the circumstances. However, to ensure that in future all athletes adhere to the rules it is essential that full compliance of the rules must be ensured and the authority of the PSB and federations respected. A written warning may be issued to the petitioner in this regard so that in future all athletes and federations adhere to the letter and spirit of the law. The PSB is authorized to review, accept or reject orders of the federations it considers contrary to the law under the circumstances of the case matters under appeal or review. All other penalties and restrictions imposed by PLRA against the petitioner stand cancelled.

Order Announced


Shakil Durrani
Adjudicator
Pakistan Sports Board