

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

Petition No. 07/2025

Mr. Hameed Ul Haq
Versus
Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF)

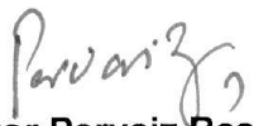
ORDER

Date: 01-03-2026

1. The present petition was referred for adjudication by the President, Pakistan Sports Board, under Article 23 of the Constitution of the Pakistan Sports Board 2022, read with the Pakistan Code of Ethics and Governance in Sports, 2024.
2. The petitioner Mr. Hameed Ul Haq, former Davis Cup player, raised allegations against the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF), inter alia, regarding the alleged formation of a parallel Pickleball Association, creation of a parallel women's association, misuse of authority in national team selection, conflict of interest and certain disciplinary matters.
3. The petitioner appeared in person and submitted documentary material. The respondent Mr. Aisam-ul-Haq, President, PTF, appeared in person and filed a written reply contesting the petition on merits and raising a preliminary objection regarding maintainability and jurisdiction. Mr. Saif Ur Rehman Rao, Legal Advisor Pakistan Sports Board assisted the undersigned.
4. The respondent contended that the allegations fall outside the adjudicatory scope of this office and pertain to internal administrative and technical matters of the Federation.
5. This objection has been examined carefully. Under Article 23 of the Constitution of the Pakistan Sports Board, 2022, any dispute or grievance regarding the working, functioning or performance of a National Sports Federation may be referred to the Adjudicator. Further, Articles 7, 16(8), and 20(17) reinforce the regulatory and supervisory authority of the Pakistan Sports Board over all national sports federations. Article 22 mandates compliance with national laws and the regulatory framework of PSB. Additionally, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2012 SCMR 992 has categorically held that federations affiliated with PSB are bound by lawful directions issued by PSB in exercise of its statutory authority.

6. In view of the above constitutional and judicial framework, this office holds that it has full and lawful jurisdiction to examine disputes relating to governance, compliance and functioning of affiliated federations. Accordingly, the respondent's objection to maintainability is overruled.
7. The petitioner alleged that the PTF formed or facilitated a parallel Pickleball Association. The respondent stated that only a No Objection Certificate (NOC) was issued for registration purposes and that recognition/affiliation of national federations lies within the domain of PSB. While no conclusive material has been placed on record to establish formal affiliation in violation of PSB rules, it is clarified that a national sports federation cannot create, sponsor, or facilitate the establishment of a parallel sports federation in a manner inconsistent with the regulatory framework of PSB. It is, therefore, directed that the Pakistan Tennis Federation shall refrain from creating or facilitating the establishment of any parallel sports federation without lawful authority and in case any new sports federation or allied body is proposed to be formed, prior No Objection Certificate (NOC) and approval from the Pakistan Sports Board shall be mandatory, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and regulatory framework. This direction is issued to ensure regulatory coherence and prevent institutional overlap.
8. The establishment of a Women's Wing as a non-voting affiliated structure has been explained by the respondent as a policy initiative to promote women's participation in sports. No evidence has been produced to establish that such structuring violates governance norms or electoral integrity. Accordingly, no adverse finding is recorded on this issue.
9. Selection of national teams is primarily a technical function of the Federation, governed by performance, ranking and applicable international regulations. In absence of demonstrable proof of mala fide, procedural illegality or breach of codified governance standards, this office finds no sufficient ground to interfere with technical selection decisions.
10. The allegation regarding conflict of interest relating to private academies has not been substantiated through documentary proof demonstrating direct governance breach or undisclosed pecuniary interest. Similarly, internal disciplinary matters fall within the Federation's regulatory framework, subject to due process. No material illegality warranting intervention has been established.

11. After careful consideration of the pleadings, documents, and submissions of the parties, it is held that this office has lawful jurisdiction under Article 23 of the PSB Constitution, 2022. The preliminary objection regarding maintainability is overruled. Except to the extent of the direction issued regarding non-creation of parallel federations without prior approval of PSB, the petitioner has not established sufficient grounds to warrant further interference. Accordingly, the petition is **dismissed**, subject to the above direction regarding compliance with PSB's regulatory framework. The Pakistan Tennis Federation is advised to ensure strict adherence to principles of transparency, compliance with PSB regulations, and proper documentation in its administrative affairs.


(Senator Pervaiz Rashid)
ADJUDICATOR
Pakistan Sports Board
Islamabad