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## **NOTIFICATION**

Pakistan is a signatory to the *International Convention against Doping in Sport*. PSB is committed to safeguarding fair play and clean sport in line with applicable international obligations and the Board's statutory mandate.

2. After Operation JASMINE investigation by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Intelligence & Investigation Department and the International Testing Agency (ITA) in 2021, the ITA has pursued multiple investigations and Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) proceedings concerning Pakistani weightlifters and representatives of the Pakistan Weightlifting Federation (PWF).

3. In November 2021, the following four Pakistani weightlifters evaded an out-of-competition test conducted by the ITA:

- i) Mr. Sharjeel Butt
- ii) Mr. Abdul Rehman
- iii) Mr. Ghulam Mustafa
- iv) Farhan Majeed

4. In August 2024, the ITA further notified alleged ADRVs to then-President Hafiz Imran Butt and Coach Irfan Butt for possession and administration of prohibited substances as well as in February 2025, CAS ADD imposed four-year bans on late Amjad Amin Butt (Vice President, PWF) and Mr. Waqas Akbar (Coach) for their roles in the 2021 test-evasion incident.

5. The ITA's findings and record of proceedings collectively demonstrate persistent doping-related misconduct by PWF-affiliated athletes and officials over an extended period. The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) had previously suspended PWF on these grounds after granting multiple hearings, during which the Federation failed to rebut the allegations or provide satisfactory justification.

6. In light of the above and in order to uphold the integrity of sport, the Pakistan Sports Board hereby imposes a ban on the following athletes, coaches and so called officials:

- i) Mr. Sharjeel Butt (Sanctioned weightlifter)
- ii) Mr. Abdul Rehman (Sanctioned weightlifter)
- iii) Mr. Ghulam Mustafa (Sanctioned weightlifter)
- iv) Farhan Majeed (Sanctioned weightlifter)
- v) Mr. Hafiz Imran Butt (Suspended President)
- vi) Mr. Irfan Butt (Suspended Coach)
- vii) Mr. Waqas Akbar (Suspended Coach)

The ban imposed on the athletes and coaches shall remain effective from the respective dates on which they were sanctioned by the WADA/CAS ADD and shall continue until completion of their prescribed suspension periods. However, the officials mentioned herein are hereby banned for a period of four (04) years from the date of issuance of this notification.

7. During the period of ineligibility, the above-named persons shall NOT:

a) Participate, whether as athlete, coach, trainer, official, referee/umpire, selector, physio/medical staff, analyst or in any similar capacity, in any sporting activity, trial, camp, competition, event or programme at local, provincial, national or international level;

b) Hold, contest, or be nominated for any office, committee, commission or election in any sports body, including federations, associations, clubs, interim/normalisation committees or their successors;

c) Seek or receive accreditation, access-pass or any form of official recognition to enter PSB premises, venues, training centres, hostels or events; existing accreditations, if any, stand revoked;

d) Use or be allotted any PSB-controlled facility, ground, hall, hostel, gymnasium, medical or sports science service, or receive any PSB logistical support (transport, accommodation, boarding) connected to sport;

e) Represent Pakistan, directly or indirectly, in any sports-related capacity, including but not limited to competitions, delegations, meetings, conferences, seminars or trainings;

f) Apply for, receive, or benefit from any PSB/MoIPC grants, stipends, rewards, scholarships, employment, consultancy, honoraria or financial assistance connected to sport; pending disbursements, if any, shall be withheld subject to law;

g) Engage in talent identification, trials, coaching clinics, academies, or athlete support programmes under any PSB-recognised or funded entity;

h) Act as agent, promoter, or intermediary for athletes/teams in dealings with PSB or PSB-recognised bodies;

i) Use PSB's name, emblem, or any official platform to endorse, market or publicise sporting activity;

j) Circumvent or attempt to circumvent this Order via proxies, name changes, re-branding of entities, or by operating through successor or affiliated bodies.

8. This issues with the approval of the Director General, Pakistan Sports Board.



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- 5- The Director General, International Olympic Committee, Switzerland
- 6- The Director General, Olympic Council of Asia, Kuwait
- 7- The Secretary General, International Weightlifting Federation, Switzerland
- 8- The Secretary General, Asian Weightlifting Federation, Qatar
- 9- The Director, WADA Asia Oceania Office, Japan
- 10- The Director, International Testing Agency, Switzerland
- 11- The Secretariat, Court of Arbitration for Sports, Switzerland
- 12- The President, Pakistan Olympic Association, Lahore
- 13- The Director Generals and Directors, All the Departments having Sports Structure,
- 14- The Director Generals and Directors, Provincial and Regional Sports Boards and Directorates,
- 15- The Presidents and Secretaries General of, All the National Sports Federations,
- 16- Assistant Director IT, PSB, Islamabad
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