



## President's Letter

Dear HCCA Members,

I am incredibly honored and humbled to address you as your newly elected President. On behalf of myself and the entire Board of Directors for the term 2026–2027, we send our warmest greetings to you and your families.

First, I want to extend a massive thank you to our outgoing Board of Directors — Sanjay, Tushar, Srikanth, Ajay, and Mahab. Your hard work and dedication over the last term set a strong foundation for us to build upon, and your support during the transition and enablement process has been invaluable.

January 2026 has been an extraordinary month of transition and preparation. Your volunteer Board has been working tirelessly — contributing over **15-20 BOD meetings, 350+ volunteer hours** and exchanging **2,500+ WhatsApp messages** — to ensure HCCA is ready for an outstanding 2026 season.

Cricket is not just a game to us; it is a shared passion that unites our community. As we embark on this new chapter together, our focus will be on transparency, development, and inclusivity, ensuring that every player, official, and supporter feels valued.

*Dig in, play straight, and enjoy the game. The scoreboard matters, but the spirit matters more.*

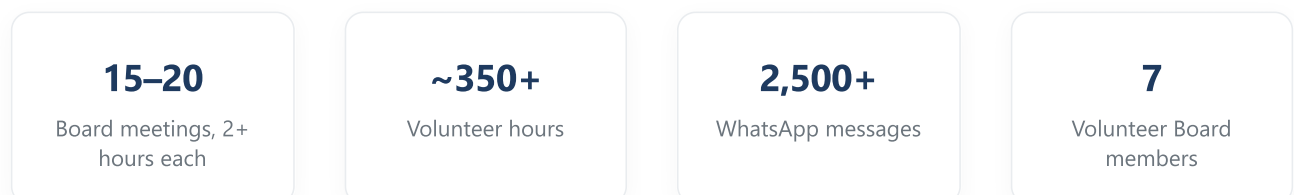
**Warm regards,**

**Siva Busa**

*President, HCCA*

## January by the Numbers

January was a month of intense behind-the-scenes work to prepare for the 2026 season. Here's a snapshot of the volunteer leadership effort.



**Focus areas covered:** transition activities, board governance, captains/league planning, financials, youth program structure and pricing, infrastructure development, and county/grounds discussions.

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## Governance & Transitions

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The operational transition from the previous Board to the new 2026–2027 leadership is now **largely complete**. Key developments include:

### Treasurer Transition

After the November 15 AGM, the Treasurer resigned in December 2025. The Board subsequently completed the appointment of a new Treasurer effective January 1, 2026 to ensure financial continuity and stability through December 31, 2026. Transition activities included bank signatory updates and the transfer of financial documents and responsibilities.

### Bylaws, Conflict of Interest & Post-AGM Activities

All Bylaws and AGM meeting minutes were certified and approved as the new team took over from January 1, 2026, ensuring a clean handover of governance documentation. All Board members have signed the updated **Conflict of Interest Policy**, reinforcing our commitment to transparent and ethical governance in compliance with 501(c)(3) requirements.

The volunteer Board is now fully aligned on league structure, operational policies, communication channels, and strategic priorities for 2026.

## January Work Highlights

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### Operations

- Completed transition of day-to-day operations to the new Board
- Established clear communication channels and workflows
- Organized regular coordination meetings

### League Program (APCL)

- Finalized 2026 league structure with key dates
- Held captains' meeting for format and rules review
- Targeting approximately 20–22 matches per team

### Website & Communication

- Launched the new **hccacriket.org** website
- Modern design with improved navigation
- Centralized registration and updates

### Registrations

### Youth Program

- Coaching curriculum and pricing finalized
- USA Cricket Austin Hub confirmed
- Quarterly assessment model established
- Professional coaching staff assigned across age groups

### Infrastructure & Grounds

- Explored 25+ potential sites to date; two additional sites remain to be evaluated
- Ongoing challenges with zoning (commercial vs. residential classifications)
- Several sites rejected: insufficient dimensions for nets, parking, or full ground layout; terrain constraints (excessive slope) at multiple locations
- Hutto ground improvement discussions underway; quotes requested
- Continued refinement of site evaluation criteria through the process

- **2026 registrations finalized** (opened Feb 3)
- Adult: \$350 · Youth: \$300 + training
- Student: \$250 · Family: \$500

### Financials

- Multiple Board sessions on budgets and fee structures
- Planning for long-term financial sustainability
- Emphasis on transparent reporting

### Member Experience

- Created and distributed a survey document to gather feedback from members
- Core focus on fair play and sportsmanship
- Enhanced safety measures
- Improved match-day experience
- Transparent and timely communication

## APCL Fall Blast 2025 – Playoff Teams

We celebrate the outstanding performances of our Elite and Plate Division playoff teams from the 2025 Fall Blast!

### Elite Division Playoff Teams

1. **Titans**
2. **Smashers**
3. **Black Panthers**
4. **Ironmen**
5. **Knights XI**
6. **Dare Devils**

### Plate Division Playoff Teams

1. **Kingsmen**
2. **Thunders**
3. **Royal Strikers**
4. **Austin Challengers**
5. **HCCA Starz**
6. **Deccan Charger**

Thank you to all teams for an incredible Fall 2025 season. Your dedication to competitive cricket embodies the spirit of HCCA.

## 2025 Awards Recognition

The **2025 HCCA Award Winners** have been finalized. Congratulations to all recipients!

### Best Emerging Player

Vrishan Naregudam

### ELITE DIVISION

MVP	Nagaraju Raj
Best Batsman	Nagaraju Raj
Best Bowler	Srikanth Reddy Yaraguti
Best Wicket Keeper	Naveen Kancherla
Best Fielder	Rakesh Varma Penmatsa

### PLATE DIVISION

MVP	Anzer Afghan
Best Batsman	Vrishan Naregudam
Best Bowler	Himanshu Pandey
Best Wicket Keeper	Sumanth Gundapaneni
Best Fielder	Himanshu Pandey

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## Looking Ahead — February Focus

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As we move into February, the Board's priorities include:

### League Operations

- Finalizing complete league schedule and fixtures
- Confirming team rosters and captain assignments
- Publishing how-to guides for captains

### Youth Program

- Finalizing program calendar with session dates
- Beginning structured coaching sessions
- Confirming tournament participation schedule

### Infrastructure

- Continuing evaluation of new ground options
- Advancing discussions with county stakeholders
- Planning facility improvements for the season

### Registrations

- Pushing for completion of player registrations
- Following up on roster confirmations
- Processing membership payments

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## Thank You & Get Involved

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As we launch into the 2026 season, we thank each of you for your patience and support during this transition period. The intensity of January's work reflects our commitment to building on HCCA's strong foundation.

### How You Can Help Make 2026 Our Best Season Yet

- ✓ **Complete registration and pay fees promptly** at [hccacriкет.org](http://hccacriкет.org).
- ✓ **Leave nets and grounds clean** after practice and matches.
- ✓ **Volunteer your time and expertise** — we always need hands on deck.
- ✓ **Stay connected** via the website, WhatsApp groups, and email updates.
- ✓ **Share your feedback and ideas** — reach out to any Board member.

All Board members are volunteers dedicating their time to serve the HCCA community. Let's make 2026 a year of more cricket, stronger community, and unforgettable moments on the field.

### Warm regards,

HCCA Board of Directors 2026–2027

- President — Siva Busa
- Secretary — Balaji Vrk
- Treasurer — Praveen Nuthulapati
- Infrastructure — Hemant Thakkar
- Youth Play (YPD) — V. Harikishan Puvvala
- League Play (LPD) — Yogi Ram
- Communication — Sandeep Belkhode

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## About HCCA

Hill Country Cricket Association (HCCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving Central Texas since 2002, with 500+ members across Austin, Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Leander.

### Our Mission:

*"Promote humanistic values by celebrating and commemorating cultural diversity that exists in people of different backgrounds brought together by the sport of cricket."*

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