BIHAR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ELECTION 2026

Rules & Regulations for Conduct of Election BFA on the basic of Amended Constitution of the Bihar Football Association and the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 & the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.

1. The Returning Officer of the Bihar Football Association (BFA) has issued the notification for the election of the BFA Executive Committee 2026 (vide Notification No. 01, dated 02/10/2026). It should be noted that the Executive Committee will be constituted in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Amended Constitution of the Bihar Football Association 2026. The Executive Committee shall consist of 15 members and will be constituted as follows: -
    a. 1(One) President
    b. 3 (Three) Vice Presidents, at least 1 (one) of which shall be a woman
    c. 1(One) Treasurer
    d. 2 (Two) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM), out of which 1(One) Shall be male and 1 (One) shall be female.
    e. 2 (Two) State Players Association (SPA) representatives, of whom 1(one) Shall be male and 1 (one) shall be female.
    f. 6 (Six) Executive Committee members

As per provisions of Article 33.4 of Bihar Football Association, the election schedule is issued for the election of the posts described under serial numbers (a), (b), (c), and (f) of the above-mentioned positions.

The Electoral Officer from the AIFF Electoral Panel shall follow the timelines as set out in the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 for the conduct of elections of Office-Bearers and SOMs in a fair and transparent manner.

The term of the Executive Committee shall be as provided in the bye-laws, subject to a maximum period of four years. Therefore, the term will be effective from 25/10/2026 for a period of four years.

On the basis of the list submitted by the BFA through its President vide Letter No. 15/26 dated 30/09/2026, the draft electoral roll has been prepared in the prescribed proforma for the election of the Executive Committee of the BFA. It is noted that the list of electors is prepared under Article 4.5 of the Amended Constitution of the Bihar Football Association.

As per the Election Schedule announced vide Letter No. 01 dated 02/10/2026, the list of electors has been published as a draft Electoral Roll vide Letter No. 02 dated 02/10/2026. The draft electoral roll will remain available from 02/10/2026 to 09/10/2026 (7 days) for filing objections. After the disposal of objections, the final list of electors will be published on 12/10/2026. Following the final publication of the list of electors, nominations will be invited for the conduct of the election.

Nomination of Candidates (As per schedule): 12/10/2026 to 19/10/2026

1. **Nomination Form:** Candidates may download the Nomination Form (Form-2) and Candidate Declaration (Form-2A) from the official BFA website (www.biharfootballassociation.com), or obtain them in person from the office of the Returning Officer, BFA.
2. **Proposer and Seconder:** The nomination of a candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded by individuals whose names are listed on the Final Electoral Roll.
3. **Submission of Nomination:** Every completed nomination form must be delivered to the Returning Officer in person by the candidate within the specified deadline.
4. **Restriction on Multiple Nominations:** No member shall nominate more than one candidate for the same elected post, either as a proposer or a seconder. If any member does so, only the first valid nomination received shall be accepted, and all subsequent nominations involving that member shall be deemed void and inoperative.
5. **Irrevocability of Endorsement:** No person shall be permitted to withdraw their name as a proposer or seconder once the nomination form endorsed by them has been delivered to the Returning Officer.

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6. **Qualifications and Disqualifications of Candidates:** A person shall not be qualified to contest the election or seek nomination to the Executive Committee, unless:
    a. Such person is a citizen of India who has attained at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
    b. The nomination of such person is duly proposed and seconded by the final list of electors.
    c. Such person has not been declared to be of legal term is of unsound mind;
    d. Such person, if a Government servant, has/will obtained the necessary approvals from the Government, as applicable.
    e. *Provided that* a person may continuously hold the position of President, or Treasurer for up to three (3) consecutive terms, either separately or in combination, and shall only be eligible for re-election to such posts or to the Executive Committee after a mandatory cooling-off period of one term.

7. **Place and Date & Time of Nomination.** As per the Election Schedule announced vide Letter No. 01 dated 02/10/2026, the date and time for filing nominations is from 12-10-2026 (Monday) to 19-10-2026 (Monday), 11:00 to 15:00 hrs. The place of nomination is the office of the Returning Officer, BFA, situated at 3rd floor, Indra Sinha path, boring road, Dr.Gopal Prasad Sinha Clinic, Patna-800013.

8. **Publication of List of Nominated Candidates:** The list of Nominated Candidates shall be published in Form-3 on Wednesday, 21-10-2026, by 14:00 hrs.

Scrutiny of Nomination Papers and List of Validly Nominated Candidates:

1. All nomination forms received by the Returning Officer, BFA, shall be scrutinized one by one, and the validity of each shall be determined in accordance with the Constitution of the Bihar Football Association, as amended, the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026, and other applicable laws, rules, and bye-laws.

2. During the scrutiny of nomination papers, each candidate, or one authorized representative of such candidate, shall have the right to be present and to raise an objection to the nomination of another candidate for the same elected post for which such candidate has filed nomination.

3. As per the Election Schedule announced vide Letter No. 01 dated 02-10-2026, the date and time of scrutiny of nomination papers is 22-10-2026 (Thursday), from 11:00 hrs onwards until the scrutiny process is over. The list of validly nominated candidates shall be prepared in Form-4 and published after the scrutiny is over.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE:

1. Every candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature by notice in Form-5, delivered to the Returning Officer, BFA, on 23-10-2026 (Friday) up to 16:00 hrs, as per the Election Schedule announced vide Letter No. 01 dated 02-10-2026.

2. The Returning Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if satisfied about its genuineness and voluntary nature; once accepted, the withdrawal shall be irrevocable, and the candidate's name shall be excluded from the list of contesting candidates.

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FINAL LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

1. After the withdrawal period is over, the Returning Officer, BFA, shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in the prescribed Form-6 and publish it on 23-10-2026 (Friday) after 16:00 hrs, as per the Election Schedule announced vide Letter No. 01 dated 02-10-2026.

2. The Returning Officer shall also furnish a copy of the final list of the contesting candidates to the representatives of the contesting candidates, if so demanded.

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES.

1. Electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair manner and, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
2. Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidates.
3. A Candidate shall not produce any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him prejudice, and criticism of other candidates, if made, shall be confined to their policies and program me, past record and work.
4. No Candidate shall engage in criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion against any other Candidate, and there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
5. Every candidate may present to the members on the electoral roll his/her plans and views for the Elected Post in the form of a written document. The same shall be published by the Electoral Officer cum Returning Officer in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.
6. Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognizing that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.
7. The promotion of a candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of new media or social networks, and no public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organized in the process of promoting a candidature, and no use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
8. All candidates shall scrupulously avoid all activities that are "corrupt practices", including bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters.
9. Candidates may, in no case and under no pretext, give presents, offer donations, gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members.
10. The incumbent Executive Committee member, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their election campaign and in particular shall not –
    a) use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign;
    b) issue any advertisement at the cost of the National Sports Body or its members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the National Sports Body's official media channels during the elections;
    c) sanction grants or payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced; and
    d) No incumbent Executive Committee member shall enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any of the members of the Bihar Football Association (BFA) or its partners.

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Neutrality and Independence

1. As the voting is secret, voting members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly, in any form whatsoever, their intention to vote or not vote for a candidate.

2. Incumbent Executive Committee members shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidate.

3. Candidates shall not –
   a. accept instructions from any person;
   b. accept direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, by any third party, or
   c. enter into any form of undertaking with any person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the Elected Post.

Polling:

1. Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is equal to the number of Elected Posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those Elected Posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such Elected Post.

2. Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is more than the number of Elected Posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot (Form-7) for those Elected Posts remaining unfilled.

3. The date & Time of poll as per the Election Schedule announced vide Letter No. 01 dated 02-10-2026 (25-10-2026 (Sunday) (11:00 to 15:00) & Place of Polling will be:-**"Dream Villa"** Banquet Hall, Pillar no-310, near Bailey Road, Digha Nahar Road-AIIMS Elevated Bridge, Mithila colony,Patna-800012.

4. At the time of voting, electors shall be required to produce any identity document issued by a Government authority bearing photograph, date of birth, and signature, including but not limited to:
   - Passport
   - PAN Card
   - Aadhaar Card
   - Driving Licence or
   - Any other document issued by a Government authority bearing photograph, date of birth, and signature.

5. Each contesting candidate may, if he/she so desires, nominate one (1) person to be present at the polling station on his/her behalf. Every such candidate shall submit the name of that person to the Returning Officer, BFA, within one (1) day of the publication of the final list of contesting candidates in Form-6, along with a copy of a valid Government-issued identity proof bearing photograph, date of birth, and signature. The representative shall carry the original identity proof on the polling day.

6. At the poll, members who are in the electoral roll, shall be entitled to,-

   a) cast one vote for each of the Elected Posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled; and

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b) cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for an Elected Post, where more than one seat is to be filled.

7. The ballot papers (Form-7) shall contain the name(s) of the Candidate(s), and the voters must mark one candidate only.

8. Every voter shall be required, before he is supplied with a ballot paper, to give his signature on the authenticated copy of the electoral roll for taking the poll.

9. Voting members must vote in person where required.

10. The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment specially provided for the purpose at the polling station.

11. The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper by placing a tick mark against the name of the candidate of his choice, and the tick mark to indicate the vote shall be placed by the voter only by means of an article (such as a stamp) specifically provided for the purpose by the Electoral Officer.

12. The ballot paper marked by a voter shall be deposited by him in a ballot box specially prepared and sealed by the Electoral Officer and placed at such a conspicuous place in the polling station that it shall be constantly visible to all present in the polling station.

13. The Electoral Officer shall close the poll at the designated time of closure, and such voters who are present at the polling station at the appointed closing hour, if any, shall be entitled to vote.

14. The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the Electoral Officer before the commencement of the voting, and if the number of ballot papers returned in the poll is equal to or less than the number of ballot papers distributed, the Election shall be declared valid, but if the number returned in the poll exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another poll shall be taken immediately.

Counting of Votes

1. The Returning Officer shall take up the counting of votes, post-wise and category-wise, as soon as may be, after the polling process is complete.

2. Every contesting candidate can nominate one authorized representative who shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes, and other than such authorized representative, only the Returning Officer and members of the BFA executive or administrative team as specifically approved by the Returning Officer may take part in the count.

3. Every ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked.

4. The following ballot papers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected by the Returning Officer, namely: —
   a) those that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Returning Officer;

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b) those that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;
c) those that are illegible or have been defaced;
d) those that bear identifying marks; and
e) those that include votes for more candidates than permitted in a particular poll.

5. The Returning Officer shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper, in red, the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.

6. The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise, and category-wise where applicable, and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate in accordance with **Form-8**.

7. The Returning Officer shall thereafter ascertain the result of counting and the candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes in the said descending order, post-wise and category-wise, where applicable, equal to the number of seats to be filled for each Elected Post or category of Elected Posts, where applicable, shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those Elected Posts.

8. After completing and verifying the count, the Returning Officer shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately, and the BFA shall keep these envelopes and shall retain them at least until the declaration of results of the immediately subsequent Election of the Executive Committee, or till the pendency of any legal proceedings relating to such Elections, whichever is later.

Declaration of Results

1. If a contesting candidate secures more than 50% of the total valid votes polled for the post of President or Treasurer, such candidate shall be declared elected for that post.

2. The Counting of votes in respect of (Three) Vice President, securing the maximum number of valid votes in the descending order shall be declared elected.

3. The counting of votes in respect of (Six) Executive Committee member, securing the maximum number of valid votes in the descending order shall be declared elected.

4. For the three (3) posts of Vice President, at least one (1) of which shall be reserved for a woman:

   a) The three (3) candidates who have secured the highest number of valid votes for the said post shall be deemed to have been duly elected as Vice Presidents.
   b) Provided that, if none of the three (3) candidates who have secured the highest number of valid votes is a woman, then the two (2) candidates who have secured the highest number of valid votes, along with the highest-ranked woman candidate, shall be deemed to have been duly elected as the three (3) Vice Presidents.
   c) Provided further that, if no woman candidate has contested the election for the post of Vice President, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the BFA Constitution.

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5. 2 (Two) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM), out of which 1(One) Shall be male and 1 (One) shall be female. His/her /their selection has been made on the basis of their outstanding sports record described in the applications received.

6. 2 (Two) State Players Association (SPA) representatives, of whom 1(one) Shall be male and 1 (one) shall be female. His/her /their election has been made by members of the SPA itself separately.

Sanctions and Complaints

1. All administrative matters relating to any election not covered by the Act, the BFA Constitution and or the National Sports Body's bye-laws shall be ruled upon by the Returning Officer.

2. In the event of a breach of these Election Rules, the Electoral Officer may refer the same to the BFA Ethics Committee, which may make:

   a) observations, which may be made public; or
   b) issue a warning, which shall be automatically made public on the BFA official website.

3. If a candidate or a voting member has any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections he may bring the same to the notice of the Electoral Officer.

4. Any decision by the Electoral Officer cum Returning Officer under these Election Rules shall be final and binding, and any petition to the National Sports Tribunal relating to conduct or outcome of election shall be limited to only any violation of the provisions relating to the process of conduct of election under Schedule II of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.

   Provided that no such petition may be filed after a period of thirty days from the declaration of results of any election. In the event of any Discrepancy or inconsistency between these rules regulation and the amendment constitution of the Bihar Football Association and the National Sports Governance Act 2025 & the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules 2026.The amendment constitution of the Bihar Football Association and the National Sports Governance Act 2025 & the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules 2026 shall prevail.

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Enclosure – Annexures 1. Nomination form of Candidate (Form-2)
Annexures 2. Declaration by Candidate for Nomination (Form-2A)

Place : Patna
Date : 11-10-2026

Baijunath Kumar Singh
(Retd, DyCEO, Bihar)
Baijunath Kumar Singh
BFA Returning Officer
11.10.2026
Returning Officer
Bihar Football Association

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Letter No – 03 Dated 11-10-2026

Copy to the President (BFA) for information and necessary action. It is requested that the Rules & Regulations for the Conduct the election of BFA be published on the official website of BFA and at other places as may be required by law, immediately (today, 10/10/2026). Kindly send an acknowledgement.

Baijunath Kumar Singh
(Retd, DyCEO, Bihar)
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Form 2 – Nomination Form

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Elections on 25 October 2026

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION AS _____

(Name of the Elected Post)

To,

Shri Baijnath Kumar Singh
The Returning Officer-cum-Electoral Officer
Bihar Football Association
Patna, Bihar

We, the proposer and seconder named below, hereby nominate Shri/Smt./Ms._____

(Name of Candidate) _____ (Father's Monther's/Husband's) His postal Address _____

_____

_____for the above-mentioned Elected Post.

Our particulars are given below:

Role	Name	Name of Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable)	Sl. No. in the Electoral Roll List	Signature
Proposer				
Seconder				

I, the candidate below named, do hereby give my assent to my nomination for the above Elected Post. Further, I certify and confirm that:

(a) I am eligible to contest for the above-mentioned Elected Post as per the bye-laws of Bihar Football Association; and

(b) I am not currently undergoing, and am not required to undergo, any cooling off period in relation to the above-mentioned Elected Post or barred from contesting for such Elected Post, as per the bye-laws of Bihar Football Association, the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 or under applicable law.

(c) The information provided in the declaration appended to this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Candidate: _____

Name of Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable): _____

Sl. No. in the Electoral Roll List (if applicable): _____

Signature of the Candidate: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

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Declaration by Candidate for Nomination

Election on 25 October 2026

Annexure to Form 2A – Nomination Form

To
Shri Baijnath Kumar Singh
Returning Officer-cum-Electoral Officer
Bihar Football Association, Patna, Bihar

Elected Post: _____

I, Shri/Smt./Ms. _____
Son/Daughter/Spouse of _____
residing at _____
_____,
hereby declare in support of my nomination for the above Elected Post as follows:

1. I am a citizen of India. My date of birth is _____ and my age on the last date of nomination is _____ years. I satisfy the age requirements applicable to the post under the Constitution and bye-laws of Bihar Football Association (BFA).

2. I am eligible to contest the above Elected Post under the BFA Constitution and bye-laws and the election requirements applicable to BFA. I satisfy any post-specific qualification applicable to my candidature.

3. I have not been declared to be of unsound mind by a competent court and am not subject to a subsisting disqualification on account of insolvency.

4. I am not subject to a disqualification arising from a conviction followed by a sentence of imprisonment, an operative Ethics Committee ban, or any other applicable legal bar against contesting or holding the above post.

5. I comply with the applicable limits on tenure and consecutive terms. I am neither undergoing nor required to undergo an uncompleted cooling-off period that would prevent my candidature for this election.

6. I am not a member of the executive body of any other association in contravention of Articles 6.4 and 8.7 of the BFA Constitution.

7. If I am a government servant, I have/will obtain the permission or approval required under the applicable service rules.

8. I voluntarily consent to my nomination and undertake to comply with the applicable BFA election rules and lawful directions of the Electoral Officer. I shall not engage in bribery, intimidation, impersonation, inducements to voters or misuse of official resources.

9. The particulars in my nomination form and supporting documents are true and complete. I have disclosed all material facts concerning my eligibility and shall promptly inform the Electoral Officer of any material change.

Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable): _____
Electoral Roll Serial No. (if applicable): _____

Verification

I verify that the statements above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that no material fact concerning my eligibility has been concealed.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Candidate: _____ Name: _____