Bangladesh Football Federation
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Bangladesh Football Federation Election Regulations

Bangladesh Football Federation (hereinafter referred to as `BFF') hereby issues these regulations below for the purpose of holding elections to the posts of BFF Executive Committee, namely- the President, the Senior Vice-President, Vice- Presidents and Members, in a free, fair and neutral environment to be followed by all concerned associations, bodies, persons, candidates, proposers, seconders and voters (delegates), e. g: -

1. **Title:** These regulations shall be called the "Bangladesh Football Federation (Election) Regulations as (hereinafter called `these regulations').
2. **Application:**These regulations shall apply in any election to any or all posts of BFF Executive committee.
3. **Definition:** Expressions in these regulations shall be deemed to have been defined by the BFF Statute.
4. **Responsibilities of the BFF Executive Committee :** The BFF Executive Committee shall-
   1. Prepare and notify the final voter (delegate) list;
   2. Decide the election date and convene the Congress allowing sufficient time for holding election;
   3. Constitute one Election Commission and one Electoral Appeal Commission at least three weeks before the date of election;
   4. BFF President shall preside over the electoral Congress; he will formally hand over conduct of the Congress to the Election Commission for the purpose of polling of votes immediately before the start of voting process;
   5. Ensure all secretarial, security and logistics support to the Election Commission, and designate one of its secretariat officials to function as the Sectary to the Commission, and place other such officials under it as and when may be required;
   6. Take timely and appropriate measures on matters of issuing identity cards to voters, distribution and receipt of nomination forms, security arrangement of the voting center, informing appropriate Government offices and authorities, seeking assistance from any local or external authority, etc.
   7. Make arrangements for maintaining law and order during the election by holding meetings with law enforcing authorities involving the Election Commission.

5. **(A) Responsibility of the Election Commission**:

In order to publish the final list of candidates at least two weeks before of the scheduled election the Election Commission shall announce the election schedule specifying the post or posts of the Executive Committee for which election will be held specifying time and place, with such conditions on such matters as may be necessary, specifically for the following functions e.g.:

1. Nomination form distribution,
2. Nomination form submission,

3. Objection to nomination,
4. Scrutiny of nomination papers,
5. Withdrawal of nomination paper,
6. Assigning ballot number and preparation of final list of candidates,
7. Time and venue for polling of votes, and
8. Declaration of election result(s).

With regard to the functions stated at 1 and 2 above, the BFF secretariat shall distribute and receive the nomination forms as per the Article 32 of BFF Statute.

(B) Responsibility of the Electoral Appeal Commission:

The responsibility of the Electoral Appeal Commission is to consider and decide on matters appealed against any decision of the Election Commission.

6. Nomination :

1. No person can be a candidate for any post unless proposed by the designated delegate of a member association and seconded by the designated delegate of another member association.
2. No person can propose or second self candidature.
3. A candidate may contest for one post only.
4. A candidate for any post shall submit nomination paper only in such form as may be prescribed by the Election Commission.
5. All information required in the prescribed form must be provided.
6. Incomplete nomination form shall be liable to be cancelled.
7. Prescribed nomination form may be obtained from the Accounts Office of BFF at payment of such amount by cash or pay order as BFF may decide, which is Tk. 1,00,000/-(nonrefundable) for President, Tk. 75,000/-(nonrefundable) for Senior Vice-president, Tk. 50,000/-(nonrefundable) for Vice-president and Tk. 25,000/-(nonrefundable) for Member.
8. All Nomination papers shall be deposited with the BFF Secretariat within such time as may be specified in the election schedule. Nomination papers shall not be submitted through a procession or a rally. Nomination papers may be submitted by the candidate, proposer or seconder, or two/all of them together.
9. Objection to any candidature may be lodged with the BFF Secretariat with in such time as may be specified in the election schedule, and such objection shall be pressed with necessary witness and evidence remaining physically present during scrutiny by the Election Commission.
10. The Election Commission shall scrutinize nomination papers at such time as may be specified in the Election schedule. Decision of the Election Commission shall be final in respect of acceptance or rejection of nomination papers.
11. A candidate may withdraw nomination paper by submitting application under own signature to this effect; name(s) of such candidate(s) shall not be included on the ballot paper.
12. All applications shall be addressed to the Chief Election Commissioner.

7. Election canvassing:

1. No rally or demonstration shall be organized, and no miking shall be used in connection with BFF election.
2. No canvassing in support of one or more candidate in the name of any group or any supporters' group shall be permissible.
3. No candidate shall use any poster, banner etc. However, a one page leaflet printed on A4 size paper may be used. There shall be no such statement in the leaflet purporting to any commitment, calumny or any such thing as hampering the election environment or influencing the voters illegally. The leaflet may contain image, profile, contribution to football, organizing capabilities and expertise, and ideals or goals of the candidate briefly. Any kind of canvassing for vote in and around BFF premises, Bangabandhu National Stadium, directly or indirectly, by way of affixing banner, festoon, poster or in any other manner shall be strictly prohibited. At the same time any kind of direct or indirect canvassing in or around the voting centre on election day shall remain strictly prohibited.
4. Canvassing for votes to any voter by way of enticement to money or in any other kind or by way of coercion or under duress is completely forbidden and Election Commission is fully empowered to draw legal proceedings against the perpetrators as may be necessary and invalidate such candidature.
5. It is a moral responsibility upon everybody concerned to report to the Election Commission of any conduct of any candidate purporting to enticing voters.
6. Any electioneering activity against the law of the land shall remain prohibited.
7. The Election Commission shall have the authority to terminate the candidature of a candidate liable for violation of the provisions on electioneering as above.
8. All full and part time officers and employees of the BFF Secretariat, the Dhaka Metropolitan Football League Committee and the Pioneer Football League Committee under the BFF, shall be barred from participating in any electioneering activity directly or indirectly, for or against any candidate.

8. Ballot Paper

1. Voters shall cast their votes on separate ballot papers for each category of post provided by the Election Commission.
2. Voters shall cast their votes only by assigning tick (√) or cross (X) mark with a pen on specified space on the ballot paper. Casting vote in any other manner shall render the vote invalid.
3. A voter shall cast vote for such number of seat(s) in any category of post as may be advertised for election in such category; any ballot paper containing more or less vote(s)shall render the ballot paper invalid.
4. A ballot paper showing no voting mark anywhere shall be considered as invalid.
5. Writing anything other than the prescribed mark or affixing anything with the ballot paper shall render such ballot paper invalid.
6. Each ballot paper shall contain the seal of the Election Commission and signature of the Chief Election Commissioner on the over leaf page; any ballot paper found otherwise shall be treated as invalid.

9. Polling

1. Polling shall take place on such date and at such time and place as may be specified in the Election Schedule and the voters shall cast their votes through secret ballots within the specified time schedule.
2. Before polling starts, the Election Commission shall assure itself that none other than the delegates of the BFF Electoral Congress, members of the BFF Executive Committee, designated officers/employees of the BFF Secretariat, guest observers from FIFA and/or AFC, and members of the Election Commission are staying in the vote center. Any candidate present shall have the right to gather information and observe the arrangements regarding ballot papers, situation of booths, ballot boxes etc and, before voting starts, the Election Commission shall certify to the effect that all preparations and arrangements for the election have been completed. Signature of any candidate(s) present may also be obtained (optional) on this certificate.
3. Casting vote before or after the specified time is strictly prohibited and no plea or excuse in this respect shall be acceptable under any circumstance.
4. Voters shall cast their respective votes remaining physically present at the polling center all the time, voting by proxy shall not be permitted under any circumstance.
5. The designated officers shall ascertain the identity of each and every approaching delegate obtain signature on the voter list, and then hand over ballot paper for each category of posts being contested.
6. No ballot paper shall be handed over for casting vote to any person without accreditation card and signature on the voter list.
7. Arrangements for polling in the booths shall be completed by the BFF Secretariat with full cooperation and assistance of the Election Commission.
8. After receiving the ballot paper(s) each voter shall enter a vote booth and cast vote by assigning prescribed mark with ink on the specified space of the ballot paper.
9. After that, the voter shall, staying within the booth, fold the ballot paper so that information regarding the voting mark remains a secret. Thereafter, the voter emerges out of the booth and deposits the folded ballot paper in the respective transparent ballot box kept in front of the polling officers; under no circumstance shall the voter be allowed to leave without deposition of the ballot paper.
10. After casting vote, the delegate concerned shall resume respective earmarked seat, so that re-polling, if necessary, may be done in one go.
11. While casting vote, one voter shall not try to oversee the voting of another voter by any means and shall not discuss with one another or try to call attention by way of signals or hints.
12. The Election Commission reserves the authority to take any lawful measure against any voter for any conduct violative of election discipline or trying to oversee the voting of another candidate or trying to create trouble at the vote center.
13. BFF will control entrance at the vote center on the voting day; however, if it appears that any candidate is using the vote center for electioneering purpose or office, BFF may, suo moto or on request from the Election Commission, expel such person from the vote center. No person shall be allowed to enter the vote center on the polling day, except the participants of the Electoral Congress, without obtaining permission from

the Election Commission. Similarly, no person shall be allowed to enter the polling booths other than a voter (delegate) carrying ballot paper(s) (except for a person assisting a voter physically disabled). A candidate who is not a delegate shall, with proper accreditation, have entrance in a designated area of the vote center (but not in the voting hall room).

14. Participants of the Electoral Congress, i.e., the persons taking seat in the voting hall room shall be barred from campaigning with any voter as well as from trying to create any trouble. The Election Commission shall have the authority to revoke the right of entrance of such candidate/ delegate concerned in the voting hall, and to expel such candidate from the vote center.
15. No voter shall, under any circumstance, enter the vote center carrying mobile phone, camera or any electronic appliance of similar kind, or weapon of any description.

10. Counting of votes and results

1. Counting of votes commences immediately after completion of polling of votes in front of all present
2. The Election Commission decides which category of post comes first or last for counting, and its decision shall be final.
3. The candidates may, with prior permission from the Election Commission, witness the counting process, but under no circumstances shall participate in the counting process, nor create any trouble.
4. The Election Commission shall be fully empowered to maintain law and order in the vote center.
5. Candidates reserve the right to obtain result sheet duly signed by the Election Commission designated person.
6. On matters of results of vote, decision of the Election Commission shall be final.

11. Announcement of winning candidate(s)

1. When, on the day of submission of nomination paper, it transpires that number of nomination papers submitted does not exceed advertised number of seat(s) for election in any category of post, candidate(s) in such category of posts with valid nomination papers shall be declared elected uncontested.
2. When, on the last day of withdrawal of nomination paper, it transpires that the number of remaining valid candidate(s) is equal to or less than the advertised number of seat(s) for election in any category of post, the remaining candidate(s) in such category of posts with valid nomination papers shall be declared elected uncontested.
3. When election is contested by vote, the candidate securing the highest number of votes or, as may be the case, candidates in the order of securing more votes shall be declared elected to fill the number of posts contested for. When more than one person are elected in the same category of post securing identical number of votes, the inter se position of their names shall be determined in the alphabetical order of the principal part of their names (other than prefixes or titles) in Bengali.
4. When the number candidates securing identical number of votes are such that all such candidates cannot be declared elected and accommodated due to non-availability of

sufficient posts in the relevant category; while, on the other hand, posts would remain vacant in case no one is declared elected, there will be a casting vote (re-polling) contested by such candidates only as locked in impasse securing identical number of votes in the previous round.

12. Disposal of Complaints

Petitions with specific complain in connection with BFF elections purported to be brought before the notice of the Election Commission shall, under the signature of a candidate or a delegate, be addressed and submitted to the Chief Election Commissioner. However, no complain or petition on such matter as has been decided/ disposed earlier shall be entertained at any subsequent stage. The decision of the Election Commission shall be final on such petitions.

13. Appeals:

Any party aggrieved by a decision of the Election Commission may lodge appeal petition before the Electoral Appellate Commission within twenty four hours from the decision of the Election Commission; appeal petitions shall be deposited with the BFF Secretariat and each petition shall be accompanied by a fee of Tk. 50,000/00 in cash or by pay order. Decision(s) of the Electoral Appellate Commission in respect of appeal petitions shall be final; however, the Electoral Appellate Commission shall bear in mind while considering appeal petitions that the polling of votes according to the declared schedule is not affected under any circumstance.

14. Miscellaneous:

On any other matter involving BFF elections-

i. the BFF Statute and FIFA regulations shall apply,wherever applicable; and
ii. any matter not covered by these or other regulations/statute shall be decided by the Election Commission.

15. Approval:

These regulations for the purpose of performing functions related to the election of the BFF Executive Committee has been approved by the BFF Executive Committee on 11-08-2020, and comes into effect from the same date.