



PROVINCIAL/TETTORIAL ELECTION OF PAKISTAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION

PREAMBLE

As part of its mandate entrusted by FIFA on 27 June 2019, the PFF Normalization Committee (NC) shall organize and conduct elections at the Provincial level. These Electoral Rules ("Rules") are formulated to provide a framework for the conduct of elections. The purpose of these Rules is to ensure fair, transparent and democratic elections.

These Rules are governed by the general principles deriving from the PFF Constitution. PFF reserves the right to monitor the implementation procedure defined in these rules.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

These Electoral Rules shall apply to the elections of the members of the province/territory according to the pertinent statutes and regulations.

I. PROVINCIAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER (PEC)

The Provincial Election Commissioner (PEC) must possess integrity and hold a reputable professional standing. The PEC must not be a candidate for any position in any member association, district, province, or the PFF. Provincial Election Commissioner shall be notified/appointed by the Electoral Committee for each Province/Territory.

II. RESPONSIBILITES OF PROVINCIAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER (PEC)

1. To verify the final candidate/voter list as per the eligibility criteria stipulated in these Rules.
2. To provide the PFF with the original copy of the duly signed attendance sheet of each voting delegate during the process of election.
3. To inform the results of the elections with names of the elected office bearers to the Electoral Committee immediately after the elections.

III. PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARER

The following office bearers will be elected for each Provincial Football Association Province:

President

Two (2) Senior Vice Presidents:

One male

One female candidate (from a registered Women's Football Club)

Five (5) Vice President

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General Secretary (To be appointed by the elected President - Minimum req. Bachelor's Degree) Treasurer

Territories:

President

Two (2) Senior Vice Presidents:

One male

One female candidate (from a registered Women's Football Club)

Vice President

General Secretary (To be appointed by the elected President - Minimum req. Bachelor's Degree) Treasurer

IV. VOTER LIST

The voter list will include elected Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents of each district. The relevant President and Senior Vice Presidents will carry one vote each respectively for each of the positions mentioned in para III above.

The district Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents will only vote for the positions in their own province/territory.

The voters will be verified from Pakistan Football Connect ("PFC").

V. CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATURE

1. Only elected President of the DFA can contest as a candidate for Executive Committee of their respective province except the position of General Secretary.
2. A candidate can contest for just one position.
3. A candidate must not have a misconduct/criminal record of any sort under any law of the country / PFF Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
4. Individuals who have stolen, intentionally destroyed or misappropriated any immovable or movable assets belonging to PFF, will be disqualified from participating in elections.
5. Any candidate found offering bribes to voters or providing any form of benefit in exchange for votes will face disqualification with immediate effect.
6. PEC shall carry out the scrutiny of all the candidates as per the Rules.
7. PEC shall have the right to accept / reject any nomination paper.
8. Appeal against rejection of Nomination Papers, (if any), shall be filed to the Appeals Committee under intimation to the PFF Electoral Committee.
9. The decision of an appeal against the nomination shall be decided by the Appeals Committee.
10. Any candidate even after being elected if found to have violated the provisions 1 to 5 above or has indulged in any activity/litigation in a court of law against the electoral committee or the PFF will be immediately disqualified and removed from the position forthwith. Thereafter fresh elections will be called for the said positions by the Electoral Committee.

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VI. NOMINATION PAPERS

1. Nomination paper shall be submitted by the candidate himself according to the procedure to be announced by the PFF.
2. The nomination forms for the election shall be available with PEC and will be available on official website and all relevant social media platforms of PFF for the candidates to download.
3. The scrutiny of nomination papers submitted by the candidates for the Provincial Football Associations shall be conducted by the respective PECs and PFC.
4. Proper record of nomination form submitted by each candidate shall be maintained by PEC.

VII. BALLOT PAPERS AND BALLOT BOX

1. The General Secretariat of the PFF shall produce the ballot papers under the supervision of the Electoral Committee.
2. The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly.
3. The ballot papers for each position will be of a different colour to be decided by the Electoral Committee.
4. Before the start of the voting procedure, the ballot box - which shall be transparent if possible - shall be opened and presented to the candidates (if present). The ballot box shall then be closed and placed in a visible spot.
5. During the entire voting process, the ballot box shall be monitored by the Electoral Committee or their nominated representatives.

VIII. CASTING OF BALLOTS AND INVALIDATION

1. The voting is by secret ballot.
2. Each voter will go to a designated booth, place a mark X against each position and then will fold the ballot paper, have the ballot paper then signed/stamped by the Electoral Committee Member/Representative on the back side and then cast the ballot paper in the ballot box.
3. The following ballot papers are considered invalid:
 - a. Ballot Papers that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Electoral Committee;
 - b. Ballot Papers where the voter has voted for more than one candidate for the same position;
 - c. Ballot Papers are illegible or have been defaced;
 - d. Ballot Papers that bear identifying marks.
4. The Electoral Committee or their nominated representatives shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper the reason(s) for its invalidity.
5. If an eligible voter is unable to vote in-person, he/she must inform PFF 48hrs before the election day and fill-in a proxy form. The proxy will only be allowed to vote if the proxy form is approved by the PFF Electoral Committee.

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IX. BALLOT COUNT

1. Once the Ballot Box has been opened, the members of the Electoral Committee or their nominated representative shall satisfy that the number of Ballot Papers casted is equal to the number of Ballot Papers issued. If the number of Ballot Papers is equal to or less than the number of Ballot Papers issued, the Ballot is valid. If it exceeds the number of Ballot Papers issued, the Ballot shall be declared void and recommence on the next day.
2. After the number has been verified, the members of the Electoral Committee or their nominated representatives shall proceed to count the number of votes for each candidate.
3. In case, there is an equal vote for two candidates then there will be a re-election between the two candidates who have secured the most votes. In case there is still a tie, then the oldest candidate in terms of age will be elected.

X. FINAL RESULT

The final result will be announced under the signature of the Chairman Electoral Committee.

XI. PFF APPEAL COMMITTEE

1. Appeals against the decisions shall be lodged before the PFF Appeal Committee, to the exclusion of the possibility of appealing said decisions before any other body, in particular, a government body and the recourse to the courts of Pakistan is prohibited. Only the relevant candidate affected by the relevant decision has the right to lodge an appeal.
2. Recourse to ordinary courts or action taken that might cause any third- party intervention may lead to persona non-grata.
3. Appeals, if any shall be filed with the PFF Appeal Committee within five (5) days of the publication/announcement of the relevant decision and the candidates shall be informed of the decision of the Appeal Committee promptly.
4. The decisions of the PFF Appeal Committee are final and binding.

XII. FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Financial transparency is a mandatory requirement for the candidates to take in the upcoming elections. All candidates shall be required to disclose their personal financial interests, including any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from their involvement in financial matters within the association.

Any violation of this financial transparency clause, including deliberate misrepresentation of financial interests or failure to provide accurate and timely financial reports, including any sort of outstanding due, audits or accounts, may result in disciplinary action, including ineligibility/disqualification from office and potential legal consequences.

XIII. ISSUES OF INTERPRETATION

Any matters of interpretation shall be resolved by the Electoral Committee.

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XIV. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR HEREIN

All matters relating to the administrative and technical organisation of the elections that are not covered by these Rules or by the PFF Constitution or regulations, shall be decided by the Electoral Committee, whose decision shall be final.

These Electoral Rule for the Provincial/Territorial Football Association Elections were adopted by the Electoral Committee on July 19th, 2024 and comes into force immediately after signing.

Signed:

**Chairman
Pakistan Football Federation
Electoral Committee**

Lahore, Pakistan.

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