

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, BOXING FEDERATION OF
INDIA ELECTIONS 2025-2029**

As per the election schedule of Boxing Federation of India ("BFI") issued by me on 6th August, the last date of filing nomination for the various posts was 11th August till 2:00 Pm, which was extended till 6:00 Pm due to excessive rain. Subsequently, a list of candidates who have filed their nominations was published in Form - 3 on 11th August. Further, as per the schedule, scrutiny of nominations was carried out on 13th August from 11 Am onwards.

Various objections and representations have been received in relation to the electoral college and nominations. Before finalizing the list of validly nominated candidates, I will be deciding the various objections and representations received by me.

i. Objection to the candidature of Mr. Pramod Kumar

Emails were received regarding the inclusion of name of Mr. Pramod Kumar in the Electoral College

The Electoral College was handed over to me on 6th August 2025 under the signature of Chairman, Interim Committee, BFI. The name of Mr. Pramod Kumar is included in the Electoral College at Sr. No. 62.

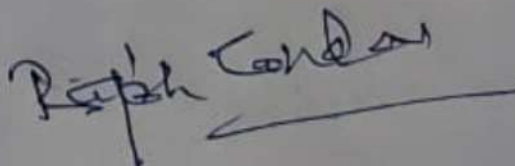
Mr. AK Seth, representing Mr. Pramod Kumar, submitted documents to show that Mr. Pramod Kumar is the Secretary of the Uttar Pradesh Boxing Association and the emails against him are being sent by third parties who are not related either to the Boxing Federation of India or the Uttar Pradesh Boxing Association.

Having considered regarding the candidature of Mr. Pramod Kumar, I find the inclusion of his name in the Electoral College which was handed over to me by the Interim Committee and therefore, the nomination of Mr. Pramod Kumar is fully valid.

ii. Objection to the candidature of Mr. Neeraj Jain

An Objection has been raised to the candidature of Mr. Neeraj Jain on the ground that he is not the rightly elected member of the Delhi Amateur Boxing Association.

Heard Mr. Anand Awasthi on behalf of Mr. Pramod Kumar. It has been alleged that the election of Mr. Neeraj Jain to the Delhi Amateur Boxing Association (DABA) is not valid on the following grounds:



(a) The District Association Mr. Neeraj Jain represents is not a registered association.

(b) The nomination of Mr. Neeraj Jain in the DABA elections was proposed / seconded by one Mr. Moksh Gujrani, who's official name is Vishal Gujrani.

It has been informed to me that a writ petition is also pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court on this issue. A copy of WP (C) 3579/2024 titled "Kuldeep Sharma vs Union of India & Ors." has also been handed over to me.

Heard Mr. Neil Goswami, representative of Mr. Neeraj Jain that the Electoral College issued by the Chairman, Interim Committee includes the name of Mr. Neeraj Jain and therefore, there can be no objection to his candidacy.

Mr. Goswami also informed that apart from WP (C) 3579/2024, another writ petition titled "Delhi Amateur Boxing Association vs Boxing Federation of India" bearing WP (C) 3361/2025 is also pending adjudication.

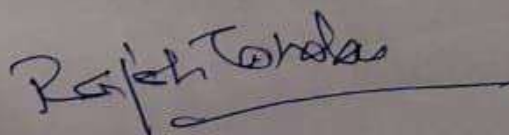
After hearing the parties and perusing the documents, I am of the considered opinion that this is not the right forum to decide whether the elections of DABA was held in terms of rules and regulations or not. DABA is an affiliated member of BFI, and the name of Mr. Neeraj Jain appears in the Electoral College. The jurisdiction of the Returning Officer is not to raise a finger on the issue of Electoral College issued by the Interim Committee. Accordingly, the candidature of Mr. Neeraj Jain is valid.

iii. Objection to the candidature of Mr. Rajesh Bhandari

An objection has been raised to the candidature of Mr. Rajesh Bhandari by Mr. Narendra Kumar Nirwan, a candidate for the post of Vice President.

Mr. Narendra Kumar Nirwan has filed his objection. He has objected that Mr. Bhandari has filed three nominations papers while the Model Election Guidelines of the Sports Code clearly stipulates that each candidate shall be entitled to be nominated by not more than 2 (two) nomination papers. Therefore, it is prayed by Mr. Nirwan that all the nominations of Mr. Rajesh Bhandari be rejected for violating the provision of the Model Election Guidelines.

Heard Mr. Rajesh Bhandari and Mr. Chaitanya Mahajan. It has been contended that it was not notified that the elections shall be in terms of the Sports Code and therefore, the provisions of the Model Election Guidelines are not applicable and thus, the nomination papers of Mr. Bhandari are valid.



Having heard the parties and perusing the documents, it is clear that Article 6(3) of the Model Election Guidelines of the National Sports Development Code, 2011 provides that "each candidate shall be entitled to be nominated by not more than 2 (two) nomination papers".

It is also evident that Mr. Bhandari has submitted three (03) nomination papers

1. For the post of Secretary General
2. For the post of Vice President
3. For the post of President

Upon scrutiny, it is found that the submission of the third nomination paper exceeds the limit prescribed under Article 6(3) of the aforesaid Guidelines.

Further, the election notice issued by the Interim Committee clearly stipulates that the elections shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of BFI approved by World Boxing. Perusal of the Constitution shows that Article 31 (6) categorically states that "Election procedure shall be in accordance with the Model Elections Guidelines of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011."

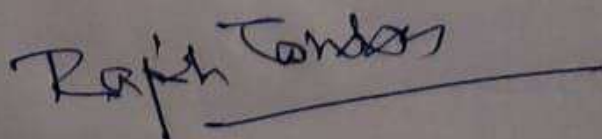
And whereas, the email record maintained by the Returning Officer clearly shows that the nomination for the post of President was the last in point of time to be received from Mr. Bhandari. Therefore, the nomination for the post of President by Mr. Bhandari is not valid and I reject the same.

Now, therefore, in view of the aforesaid, the nomination for the post of Secretary General and the Vice President is fully valid and I approve the same.

v. **Objection to the candidature of Mr. Ajay Singh**

An objection has been raised by Mr. Rajesh Bhandari as well as the Delhi Amateur Boxing Association to the candidacy of Mr. Ajay Singh. It has been argued that Mr. Ajay Singh is not eligible to contest election for the post of President in terms of the judgment dated 16.08.2022 titled "Rahul Mehra vs Union of India & Ors.". Mr. Bhandari has stated that as per the judgment, Mr. Singh has to mandatorily take a cooling off period.

As per the election notice issued by the Interim Committee which clearly stipulates that the elections shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of BFI approved by World Boxing. As per the mandate given to me, I am following the BFI Constitution approved by World Boxing and I am also following the Model Election Guidelines of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 that are mentioned in Article 31 (6) of the BFI Constitution. Therefore, in the light of this, the objection raised by Mr. Rajesh Bhandari is rejected.




v. Nomination of Mr. Sooraj N.K.

Similarly, as in the case of Mr. Rajesh Bhandari, Mr. Sooraj N.K. has also filed three nomination papers – for the post of Secretary General; for the post of Vice President; and for the post of Treasurer. As per the record, the nomination for the post of Treasurer was received last in time.

Therefore, as per the clear mandate of Article 6(3) of the Model Election Guidelines, the nomination paper of Mr. Sooraj N.K. for the post of Treasurer, being the last in point of time and constituting the third nomination paper filed by him, is hereby rejected as invalid.

I, therefore, approve the candidacy for the post of Secretary General and Vice President.


Justice (Retd) Rajesh Tandon
Returning Officer
Boxing Federation of India

Date: 14.08.2025

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FORM 4

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Name of the Post	Name of Candidate	Name of Member State/Union Territory/Board/ Institution	Sl. No in Electoral College List
President	Ajay Singh	Uttarakhand Boxing Association	Sl. No. 63
President	Jasral Pradhan	Sikkim Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 53
Secretary General	Pramod Kumar	Uttar Pradesh Boxing Association	Sl. No. 62
Secretary General	Digvijay Singh	Madhya Pradesh Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 35
Secretary General	Rajesh Bhandari	Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association	Sl. No. 24
Secretary General	Nceraj Jain	Delhi Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 17
Secretary General	Sooraj N. K.	Kerala State Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 31
Treasurer	Pon Baskaran	Tamil Nadu Boxing Association	Sl. No. 55
Treasurer	R. Gopu	Pondicherry Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 48
Treasurer	Anil Kumar Bohidar	Orissa Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 45


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Treasurer	Digvijay Singh	Madhya Pradesh Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 35
Vice President	Dr. Manje Gowda	Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 29
Vice President	Neeraj Jain	Delhi Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 17
Vice President	Santosh Dutta	Boxing Association of Punjab	Sl. No. 50
Vice President	Leonardo Daniel Oliver Da Gama	Goa Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 18
Vice President	Rajesh Bhandari	Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association	Sl. No. 24
Vice President	Indravadan D. Nanavati	Gujarat State Boxing Association	Sl. No. : 20
Vice President	C. Babu Rao	Telangana Boxing Federation	Sl. No. 57
Vice President	Narendra Kumar Nirwan	Rajasthan Boxing Association	Sl. No. 52
Vice President	Sooraj N. K.	Kerala State Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 31
Vice President	Smita Kumari	Boxing Association of Bihar	Sl. No. 10
Joint Secretary	I. Venkateswara Rao	Andhra Pradesh Boxing Association	Sl. No. 03
Joint Secretary	C. Babu Rao	Telangana Boxing Federation	Sl. No. 57
Joint Secretary	Rajan Sharma	J & K Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 26
Joint Secretary	Teli Kahi	Arunachal Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 06
Joint Secretary	Swapan Banerjee	West Bengal Progressive Boxing Association	Sl. No. 66
Joint Secretary	Mohideen Ibrahim	Tamil Nadu Boxing Association	Sl. No 56

Rajesh Gowda

Joint Secretary	Smita Kumari	Boxing Association of Bihar	Sl. No. 10
Executive Member	Charanjit Singh Virk	Chandigarh Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 12
Executive Member	Sai Satish N (Satish N)	Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 30
Executive Member	Gopal Singh Kholia	Uttarakhand Boxing Association	Sl. No. 64
Executive Member	Pheirojiam Dhanajit Singh	Manipur Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 37
Executive Member	Kamal Ch. Goyary	Assam Amateur Boxing Association	Sl. No. 08

Place: Delhi
Date: 14.08.2025


Justice (Retd) Rajesh Tandon
Returning Officer
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