DECISION ON THE REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALL MANIPUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (AIFF EC ELECTION, 20.12.2026)

Ref No:

ORDER

(24.11.2026)

The Draft Electoral College for the election to the Executive Committee of the All India Football Federation ("**AIFF**") was published on the website on 15.11.2026, and a window of 7 days was provided for sending claims and objections till 3:00 PM on 21.11.2026. The All Manipur Football Association ("**AMFA**") has requested a change in one of its representatives in the Electoral College after the last date fixed for intimation of names. The request is dealt with through this Order.

RELEVANT PROVISIONS

The provisions of the Constitution of AIFF ("**the Constitution**"), the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 ("**the NSBR**") and the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 ("**the Act**"), governing the preparation of the Electoral College have been set out in detail in the Order of even date deciding the objections to the Draft Electoral College, and are not repeated here except to the extent material:

- Under Rule 10(3)(b) and 10(4) of the NSBR, every State level affiliate unit has a maximum of two votes, to be exercised by separate individual representatives, and the electoral roll consists of only such members or their representatives that have voting rights and are not otherwise disqualified. Under the proviso to Rule 10(5), the decision of the Electoral Officer on the inclusion or non-inclusion of any person on the electoral roll is final and binding.
- Under Article 13.3(a) of the Constitution and Article 4.1 of Schedule III, each State Association which is a Full Member has up to 2 votes, each to be cast by a separate individual eligible to represent it, who may be its representative in the General Body or any other individual nominated as its delegate.
- Article 4.2 of Schedule III provides:

  "4.2. Each Full Member shall intimate the names of their 2 (two) representatives / delegates for inclusion in the Electoral College (whether it is their representative in the General Body or a different individual) to the Electoral Officer on their letter head duly signed by its President / Secretary, as per timelines prescribed by the Electoral Officer. Any change in the name of the representatives / delegates after the last date specified herein or any intimation received thereafter shall be permitted only with the approval of the Electoral Officer. Such representatives that are nominated to represent the Full Members shall not be subject to any Disqualification Event."

- By Circular No. 1 (Ref. No. 2/EC/Election/2026/1) dated 06.11.2026, the last date for intimation was fixed as 6:00 PM on 13.11.2026, each nomination was to be

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accompanied by a passport size photograph and a copy of a Government-issued photo identity document of each delegate, and it was clarified that where separate or conflicting nominations are received from the same Member Association, the names nominated by its President shall prevail.

- A Full Member loses its voting right only on suspension or expulsion in accordance with Articles 17 and 18 of the Constitution, or by an operative order of a competent court. Disqualification Events under Article 1.17 of the Constitution and Rule 11 of the NSBR, which include attainment of the age of 70 years (Article 1.17(b)), attach to individual representatives and not to the Member Association.
- The Legal Department of AIFF, by its comments on belated intimations of delegates, has stated that the date of 13.11.2026 is not an absolute bar, and that AIFF has no objection to the Electoral Officer accepting a belated intimation that is on the letterhead of the Full Member signed by its President or Secretary, is accompanied by the identity documents, and names delegates who are not subject to any Disqualification Event. The power, however, is that of the undersigned and is exercised on the facts of each case.

FACTS

- By letter No. 10/AMFA/GC/2001 dated 10.11.2026 on its letterhead, signed by Mr. L. Jyotirmoy Roy, General Secretary, AMFA nominated Mr. DB Kowar Lamkang, President, and Mr. L. Jyotirmoy Roy, General Secretary, as its delegates, enclosing their Aadhaar cards and photographs. They are shown at Sl. No. 1 (Elector Nos. 1 and 2) of the Draft Electoral College dated 15.11.2026.
- By e-mail dated 19.11.2026 (10:21 AM) from the official e-mail account of AMFA, Mr. L. Jyotirmoy Roy, General Secretary, informed the undersigned that, for personal reasons, he was submitting Ksh. Ibobi Singh, Vice-President of AMFA, as the authorised delegate in his place, and attached the Aadhaar card and a photograph of Ksh. Ibobi Singh.
- No objection to the inclusion of AMFA or its representatives was received within the time fixed. In its comments, AIFF has listed AMFA among the Member Associations whose elections have been conducted.
- AIFF has submitted its comments on belated intimation, and the same has been perused.

DECISION

- AMFA is a Full Member entitled to 2 votes. The change is sought by the outgoing representative himself, who is also the General Secretary of AMFA and therefore a person competent to sign the intimation under Article 4.2 of Schedule III. It was received on 19.11.2026, within the period for claims and objections and before the Final Electoral College has been published. The President of AMFA, who is the other representative, has not raised any conflicting claim. The identity document and photograph of the new representative have been furnished.

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- The only deficiency is that the change has been communicated by e-mail and not on the letterhead of AMFA, as Article 4.2 of Schedule III and Circular No. 1 require. As the e-mail has been sent from the official account of AMFA by its General Secretary, the undersigned does not consider that the request should be rejected for this reason alone, but the requirement of a signed letterhead intimation cannot be dispensed with.
- Accordingly, the request of AMFA is **allowed** and Mr. Ksh. Ibobi Singh shall be shown as Electoral No. 2 as a representative of AMFA, along with Mr. DB Kowar Lamkang as Elector No. 1.

Electoral Officer
All India Football Federation

Place: New Delhi
Date: 24.11.2026

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