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(Former Judge, Patna High Court)
Administrator of the Bihar Cricket Association

Date: 21.10.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Call for suggestions on a Standard Operating Procedure for the selection of players for the teams of the Bihar Cricket Association

1. By its orders dated 20.08.2026 and 16.09.2026 in M.A. Nos. 1930-1931/2025 in SLP(C) Nos. 21132-21133/2025 (*Secretary, Bihar Cricket Association v. Bihar Cricket Association & Ors.*), the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India appointed me as the Administrator of the Bihar Cricket Association (the "BCA"). Since assuming charge, I have received numerous complaints and representations concerning the selection of players for the teams of the BCA. I propose to frame a Standard Operating Procedure for the process of selection for all teams of the BCA, across all age groups, men and women (the "Selection SOP"), and by this notice I invite the suggestions of all persons interested in Bihar cricket.
2. The Amended Rules and Regulations, 2025 of the BCA (the "BCA Rules") entrust the selection of teams exclusively to the Cricket Committees, which consist only of former players, and keep the executive and the professional management of the BCA out of it. The relevant provisions read as under:

"23. CRICKETING MATTERS

(1) The management of cricketing matters such as selections, coaching and evaluation of team performance shall be **exclusively handled by the Cricket Committees** comprising only of Players as set out in Rule 28.

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(3) The reports of the Cricket and Umpires Committees shall be sent to the CEO for being forwarded to the Committee of Management, but **the CEO shall not in any way be involved in the preparation, approval or amendment of the same.**

24. EFFICIENCY IN FUNCTIONING

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(3) The CEO and the Cricket & Umpires Committees shall **function independently in their respective domains without any interference or approval from each other.**

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28. THE CRICKET COMMITTEES

(1) The Cricket Committees are the Committees **comprised exclusively of former Players who are tasked with the Selection, Coaching and Evaluation of Team Performances.**

(2) The Cricket Committees are: (A) The Men's Selection Committee

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(i) The Men's Selection Committee shall select the Senior State Team for representation in national tournaments or matches organized by BCCI. ...

(B) The Junior Cricket Committee

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(ii) The Junior Cricket Committee shall: (a) Select all age group teams up to Under-23 years for the purpose of coaching camps or for playing against local or other state teams in any format of the game.

...

C. The Women's Selection Committee

(i) The Women's Selection Committee shall select the State Team across all age groups for representation in all formats of the game. ...

[Emphasis supplied]

3. I fully subscribe to the principle contained in these provisions. The choice of players belongs to the selectors alone. No office bearer, official or committee of the BCA, and no other person, including myself, may interfere with or influence the selection of any player. I have not interfered, and do not intend to interfere, in the selection of players, and I am firmly opposed to any form of interference by any person other than the selectors and those authorised under the BCA Rules to select players.
4. It may also be noted that, by order dated 28.09.2026, passed shortly before I assumed charge, the learned Ombudsman of the BCA, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, directed the BCA to approach the Board of Control for Cricket in India (the "BCCI") for the nomination of selectors to the Senior, Junior and Women's Selection Committees. The BCA approached the BCCI on 01.10.2026 in compliance with that order, with my approval given only to enable such compliance, and the BCCI nominated the selectors on 04.10.2026 and 14.10.2026. I have had no role in the choice of the selectors or in any selection made by them, and I do not intend to interfere in that process in any manner.
5. Non-interference in the choice of players does not, however, mean that selection may proceed without a process. In my view, selection must follow a functional, documented and well-considered process that is applied every time, and it cannot depend on the wishes of any individual or be carried out on an ad hoc basis. Such a process should, in particular, ensure that:
 - a) selection is carried out in a systematic manner, with proper notice to players and ample opportunity to every eligible player to present himself or herself before the selectors whenever the opportunity arises;

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- b) no player suffers because of the disputes and factionalism that have affected the BCA, and in particular, the contest between rival bodies for affiliation with the BCA as the District Cricket Association (“DCA”) of a district does not hamper the career or playing opportunities of any cricketer;
 - c) the selectors follow a set protocol in selecting and changing squads, match-day squads and reserve squads, so that there are no sudden or unexplained changes and their decisions carry consistency and a degree of predictability; and
 - d) the selections made by the selectors are justified in writing, with at least a few sentences of assessment recorded on each player who appears before them, since a trial or camp may have 70 to 100 players.
6. Section 13 of my SOP dated 08.10.2026 already requires every selection trial and camp to be notified at least 15 days in advance and video-recorded in full. The inputs of the BCCI have also been sought, and will be considered along with the suggestions received under this notice.
7. Suggestions are invited on the structure of the Selection SOP and on any aspect of it, including:
- a) eligibility and identification of players for trials and camps, including players who could not represent their districts owing to disputes, the notice of trials and camps, and the time given to assess each player;
 - b) the criteria for selection, and the role of the coach, the captain and the support staff;
 - c) the selection of squads, match-day squads and reserves, and the protocol for replacements and changes of captaincy during a season or tournament;
 - d) the assessment of players and the justification of selections, and conflict of interest of selectors; and
 - e) the redress of grievances of players, and any other constructive suggestion.
8. Suggestions may be given by any player, former player, parent or guardian, coach, umpire, DCA, club, official, or any other person interested in Bihar cricket. They may be sent in English or Hindi, only through the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/jV3JLNQ4AG2ZQd9T8>, on or before 05.11.2026. No suggestion sent in any other manner, including by email, post or hand delivery, will be accepted. Each submission should state the name, contact details and capacity (player, coach, DCA, etc.) of the sender, and should preferably be concise.
9. Complaints about the selection or non-selection of individual players are outside the scope of this notice. No individual reply will be sent, and personal details will be kept confidential.

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10. The Chief Executive Officer of the BCA shall upload this notice prominently on the website of the BCA under Rule 40(vii) of the BCA Rules within 2 days, keep it there until 05.11.2026, and circulate it by email to all DCAs and to the members of the Cricket Committees.


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Copy to, for compliance:

1. The Secretary, BCA, Patna (secretary@biharcricicketassociation.com).
2. Mr. Manish Raj, Chief Executive Officer, BCA, Patna
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