



# Bristol Rovers Independent Supporters' Association

## Committee Election Policy

### Introduction

This document explains the process to follow to ensure fair and democratic elections to the BRISA Committee, following the Committee's Rules and guidance from the Football Supporters' Association (FSA).

This election policy was approved by the Committee on 6th February 2026.

### Election Management

- The Committee will appoint at least two non-committee members to an Election Management Group (EMG).
- The EMG is chaired by an independent person. If no Chair is agreed upon, the FSA will assist.
- Those up for election cannot influence the EMG's composition or election process.
- The EMG must be in place before nomination forms are sent out.
- EMG members cannot nominate candidates or stand for election. They must remain neutral.
- The EMG ensures the election follows this policy and oversees the process with the Secretary's help.
- The EMG decides on candidate eligibility and valid nominations.
- The EMG conducts the vote count unless outsourced, and their decision is final.
- Decisions are made by majority vote, with the Chair of the EMG having a casting vote in case of a tie.

### Timetable

- Elections take place prior to the AGM.
- The Committee will inform of a cut off point to join or renew membership prior to commencement of the election process.
- The Committee sets the number of vacancies and communicates any changes when calling for nominations.
- Nomination forms are sent out to all eligible members at least 4 weeks before the AGM.

### Nominations & Eligibility

- Candidates must be members (fully paid up if BRISA evolves into a paid membership scheme) of BRISA and be nominated by at least two other members.
- Candidates must have been members for 6 months before elections are called.
- Elected representatives serve a term of 1 year.
- The EMG, with the Secretary, verifies nominations.
- Nominations are open until the stated deadline.
- Candidates must ensure their nomination is valid and submitted on time.
- If a nomination is rejected, the candidate will be informed. The decision of the EMG regarding eligibility is final.
- Candidates must submit a short supporting statement and may include a photo.
- Statements must align with Committee values, or the nomination may be invalidated.
- By submitting a nomination, candidates agree to this policy, Committee Rules, and the Code of Conduct.
- The Secretary announces the number and names of nominees after nominations close.



## Campaigning

- Campaigning on behalf of BRISA is limited to submitted statements and any official hustings.
- The EMG, Secretary, and Committee cannot endorse or advise on candidates.
- Candidates' public or social media statements must align with BRISA values and conform with the Code of Conduct for Committee
- Members, or their nomination may be revoked.

## Voting & Results

- Voting takes place prior to the AGM.
- If more candidates than seats are available, voting forms and statements will be sent to members.
- Voting may be conducted electronically, or via a digital platform.
- Only members (before the membership cut-off) may vote.
- Each member gets one vote. Multiple ballots from the same person are invalid.
- Electronic votes must be submitted before the stated deadline. Votes are counted prior to the AGM, and results announced at the AGM.
- Members can vote for one candidate per available seat.
- The candidates with the most votes fill the available seats.
- If seats have different term lengths, those with the most votes get longer terms.
- If there is a tie, a random draw determines the winner.
- If there are fewer or equal candidates than seats, an affirmative vote is held at the AGM. Candidates will be elected on the basis of a majority vote of those voting at the AGM.
- If rejecting candidates leaves the Committee below the minimum required, all valid nominees are automatically elected.
- Results will be shared via BRISA comms channels.

## Complaints & Appeals

- Complaints must be raised with the EMG, whose decision is final.
- Complaints after voting closes must be submitted within three working days. Late complaints are invalid.
- If a candidate breaches the Election Policy or Conduct Policy, the EMG may disqualify them.
- There is no appeal process beyond the EMG.