



Boxing Scotland Individual Physical Combat Sport Recommendation paper

Background

Within the current AIBA Technical Rules, “**Individual Physical Contact Sport**” means any of the following sports in any of its forms: Aikido, Cage Fighting, Judo, Ju-jitsu, Karate, Kendo, Kickboxing, K-1, Muay Thai, MMA, Sambo, Savate, Sumo, Taekwondo, Wrestling, Wushu and such other sports as may be deemed by AIBA to be an individual physical contact sport;

Since 2011, BSL has experienced issues with Novice and Intermediate Championship entrants not disclosing previous individual physical combat experience. This resulted the removal of boxers from the tournaments despite having competed and won a bout.

The primary concern in such instances has always the health, safety and welfare of the boxers who are novice athletes who have no undeclared sporting experience from other individual physical combat sports. We do this to minimise the risks to the boxers competing in our events.

BSL has previously registered such athletes with the caveat they declare all previous individual physical combat sport experience on their initial SME1 medical examination form. Unfortunately, this has not always been the case.

In the build-up and during the 2016 BSL Novice Championships, a total of 5 boxers were removed for not fully disclosing their previous individual combat sport experience.

We wish to provide equal opportunities to all registered boxers irrespective of their levels of ability. However, there have been an increasing number of instances of boxers not fully declaring other individual physical combat sport experience.

Via its recent updated rules, AIBA has determined that any athlete who has competed an amateur or professional level in any physical combat sport is eligible to compete in an AIBA or National level event, at an appropriate level, under the following conditions:

- When a National Federation wishes to register an athlete from any Individual Combat Sport as a Boxer, this National Federation shall provide a completed AIBA application form and a medical certificate completed by the National Federation Doctor and submit both documents to AIBA for acceptance and registration. The registration will be approved by AIBA in consultation with the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission. The athlete shall be eligible to participate once written confirmation of approval has been received from AIBA.

The form can be accessed via the following link:

[Individual Physical Contact Sport Athletes](#)

Any athlete registered as a Boxer by a National Federation in line with AIBA Technical rule 2.2.2.1.1 shall not participate in any other Individual Physical Combat Sport once approved by AIBA.

It is hoped that the following recommendations will assist in alleviating this situation and make things fairer for all boxers wishing to compete within the BSL competitive structure.

1 – The boxer with previous individual physical combat sport experience must:

- Demonstrate acceptance of the additional membership conditions by completing, signing and returning the AIBA form to BSL along with a completed SME1 Medical form;
- Boxers also must fully disclose their entire previous Individual Physical Combat Sport experience in a signed letter. The letter must also be signed by the head coach of the BSL affiliated club;
- BSL will forward on the completed pro-formas to AIBA for processing in accordance to its Technical Rules, effective as of 19 November 2016.

Once BSL receives AIBA approval, New boxers will be issued with BSL Boxer registration books and will be free to box. The boxer registration book will also record the boxer's previous Individual Physical Combat Sport competitive record in line with the matrix identified below in section 2.

2 – Introduction and application of the BSL Individual Combat Sport Conversion Matrix

In the past, a one size fits all approach was taken when any athlete previously involved in individual physical combat sports registered with BSL. They had all their bouts marked on their BSL registration book, irrespective of the sport they had competed in.

We now have athletes from many different individual physical combat sports registering with BSL, some of which do not involve punching at/to the opponent's head. As a result of this, the following matrix has been developed in order to allow a fairer assessment of previous individual physical combat sport experience and allocate a more realistic bout record in SME2 registration books.

Combat Sport	Conversion (other combat sport contest = BSL Boxing contest)
White Collar Boxing/Unlicensed Boxing	1 contest = 1 contest
Muay Thai	1 contest = 1 contest
Kick Boxing (Full Contact)	1 contest = 1 contest
MMA	1 contest = 1 contest
Karate (Full Contact)	1 contest = 0.75 contest
Kick Boxing (Semi Contact)	1 contest = 0.5 contest
Karate (Semi Contact)	1 contest = 0.5 contest
Karate (Light / Points)	1 contest = 0.25 contest
Taekwondo	1 contest = 0.25 contest
Judo	1-10 = 1, 11-20 = 2, 21-30 = 3, 31-40 = 4, 41-50 = 5, 50+ = 6, 100+ = 7, 150+ = 8, 200+ = 9 bouts and so on.
Wrestling	1-10 = 1, 11-20 = 2, 21-30 = 3, 31-40 = 4, 41-50 = 5, 50+ = 6 100+ = 7, 150+ = 8, 200+ = 9 bouts and so on.

Following multiplication – numbers must be rounded up round up to nearest whole number.