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**To: All National Federations**

**RECENT CHANGES TO THE IBA TECHNICAL AND COMPETITION RULES – AGREED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AT JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Background**

IBA recognizes the need to continuously improve and develop our sport to ascertain and achieve the best solutions and opportunities for fairness, respect, and growth for all stakeholders, and in particular, the athletes.

The IBA Committees were entrusted with reviewing the IBA Technical and Competition Rules to ensure that the regulations which govern IBA are in line with best practice standards. The Committees proceeded to collate all recommendations and proposals. During a Joint Committee meeting between the Chairs of the Committees, the proposed recommendations were comprehensively discussed, and the Committees unanimously agreed to propose the amendments as listed below.

For some rules, no amendments were necessary, but rather the wording was adjusted to state the rule clearly to avoid any doubt and ambiguity.

The following amendments were approved by the IBA Board of Directors on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

**Rule 1.** Rules for competition management – note a change from AIBA Open Boxing (AOB Competitions) to IBA Competitions.

Rule 1.1.2 Sanctioned competitions.

Rule 1.3 Laying down the details of responsibility for IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned at the Confederation level.

Rule 1.4 Table amendments – responsibility and ownership.





Rule 1.5 Table amendments – organisational rules.

Rule 1.7.1 Amendment to include prize monies and presented prizes.

Rule 1.7.2 IBA Board of Directors input to prize monies/other prizes for IBA-owned events; to include notes on ‘other competitions’ to the power of the organizer, sponsors and further support through IBA as who or part or via the FSP.

## **Rule 2. Classification**

### 2.1 Age Classifications.

2.1.5 Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 13 to 14 are categorised as Schoolage boxers.

### 2.2 Weight Classifications.

2.2.4 Schoolage Boys and Girls Boxers: Each Confederation will determine the weight categories for School-age Boxers in the respective Continent, in consultation with the Confederation Medical Committee and IBA Medical Committee.

## **Rule 4 Athlete Eligibility**

### 4.1. Membership.

4.1.1. All Boxers, Team Officials, ITOs, R&Js, IBA National Federation staff and management must be members of and affiliated to only one National Federation at any given time and must be entered by said National Federation to participate in IBA-owned or sanctioned event, provided that they meet all eligibility criteria listed below and in any applicable regulations (including the IBA Anti-Doping Rules).

4.1.2. Notwithstanding the above, refugees may be entered in Competitions without the support of their National Federation (as per section 4.2.3.7.8), and IBA may further accept the participation of Boxers under the IBA flag without the support of any National Federation (notably if a National Federation is





suspended). In such a case, the Boxers need to meet all eligibility requirements and shall execute all other documentation to ensure that the Boxers are duly bound by all applicable Regulations.

#### 4.2 Athlete Eligibility – Sport Nationality.

4.2.3.7.5 In case the two national federations do not agree, the boxer may request the IBA Board of Directors to shorten the period.

#### 4.2.4 Eligibility on sport-related issues.

##### 4.2.4.1. Participation of professional boxers in IBA Events.

4.2.4.1.1. Professional boxers are eligible to participate in IBA events. The boxer must fulfil all criteria set out in Rules 2, 4 and 5; the boxer must be registered and affiliated with his/her respective National Federation and be registered within the IBA Database.

*Note: Participants from other combat sports can compete in IBA events. No process of change of sport is required.*

#### Rule 4.2.5 Eligibility on medical-related issues.

4.2.5.2.2. A boxer can have a beard and moustache, but either must not cover the neck and must not be longer than 10cm.

4.2.5.2.7.1 A Boxer with epilepsy shall not be allowed to participate in boxing competitions.

### **Rule 5 Competition Registration**

#### 5.5 IBA Database.

5.5.1 Boxers and Team Officials can be registered in the IBA Database only by their respective National Federations, or by IBA in the case of Boxers competing under the conditions of article 4.1.2 above.

#### 5.7. Submission of the Medical Certificate.





5.7.1. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, a Boxer's IBA Medical Certificate issued within the previous 30 days must be presented at the Sport Entries Check.

5.7.3. In order for a Medical Certificate to be valid, the examination must have been completed (i) by a NF ringside qualified Doctor, or NF registered medical Doctor (ii) no later than the period defined for submission of a medical certificate, (iii) the record of the examination must contain clear and legible results for all test areas, and (iv) has to be signed, and stamped on each page by the doctor after the doctor finishes performing a medical check on the Boxer.

5.7.3.1. A copy of the original laboratory documentation for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests must be done within 6 months, and must be presented together with the Medical Certificate.

5.8. Submission of the Fit-to-Box Form.

5.8.1. In all competitions, a Fit-to-box Form (Appendix 7 of these rules) signed by the boxer, must be submitted at the Sport Entries.

### **Rule 7 Official Draw**

7.8. Boxers must respect a minimum rest period of twelve (12 hours) between two (2) Bouts. No boxer can take part in more than one bout within the same calendar day.

### **Rule 8 Seeding Procedure**

8.1. In the following IBA Elite Competitions, seeding could be used:

8.1.1. Olympic Games.

8.1.2. IBA World Championships.





8.1.3. Continental Elite Championships.

8.1.4. Continental Multi-sport Games (please note that this does not include Multi-sport Games – defined as nation-states, as opposed to continental). A certain number of Boxers shall be seeded by the Seeding Commission based on the Boxers' IBA World Rankings.

## 8.2. Seeding Commission

8.2.1. A Seeding Commission must be formed no later than one (1) month prior to each above-mentioned Competition by the IBA President based on the recommendations of the IBA Competition Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman.

8.2.2. The Seeding Commission is formed by the Competition Committee and operates when required. A total of three (3) members are part of the Seeding Commission.

## Rule 10 Athlete Medical Examination

10.1. Within 30 days of all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, Boxers must pass a medical examination with a NF Ringside Doctor or NF registered Medical Doctor to receive their completed, signed and IBA Medical Certificate.

10.4. In Competitions, blood tests can be conducted, based upon the request of IBA, the appointed ringside doctor or the Technical Delegate.

## Rule 14 Team Officials

14.1 Eligibility.

14.1.1. All Team Officials (including, if applicable, National Federation staff and management) must be members of and affiliated with a National Federation and must be entered by said National Federation to participate in IBA-owned or sanctioned events, provided that they meet all eligibility criteria listed below and in any applicable regulations.





14.1.2. Team Officials need to be entered in IBA-owned or sanctioned events by one National Federation and can only act for one National Federation during each Competition. Team Officials may request at any time to be affiliated to another National Federation, by filling in the Application Form in Appendix -- of these Rules and sending it to the IBA Head Office. The Team Officials shall indicate on the form if the change of National Federation is only for a given Competition or whether it is on a permanent basis.

14.2.1.3.1. In any Elite Competition, one (1) Second position can be filled by a Team Cut Technician. An IBA Team Cut Technician must always be accompanied by an IBA-certified Coach.

#### 14.2.5 Attire.

14.2.5.1 National Federation uniform, shorts (not shorter than mid-thigh), team jersey, caps, sneakers or track shoes are allowed.

14.2.5.2 There shall not be any demonstrations, symbols or patterns containing political, religious and racial propaganda, and of items on the WADA prohibited substance list, and messages against the IBA Code of Ethics visible on the Seconds body or apparel including uniform, footwear, socks, permanent or temporary tattoo on the body, etc...

14.2.5.3 All forms of advertising for sponsors or third parties of political, religious or personal statements or other prohibited classes such as alcohol (exception for beer and wine), tobacco, casino, gambling.

### **Rule 15 IBA World Rankings**

15.6. For Men and Women, IBA World Ranking points are allocated for the following listed Competitions:

- 15.6.1. Olympic Games.
- 15.6.2. World Championships.
- 15.6.3. Continental Multi-Sport Games.
  - 15.6.3.1. All-Africa Games.
  - 15.6.3.2. Asian Games.
  - 15.6.3.3. European Games.
  - 15.6.3.4. Pan American Games.





15.6.3.5. Pacific Games.

15.6.4. Continental Elite Championships.

15.6.5. World Boxing Tour events (Gold Belt, Silver Belt, Bronze Belt).

15.7. The ranking points allocation table:

<b>Ranking Competition and point to earn for reach the respective places</b>									
<b>Event</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>1/16th</b>	<b>1/32nd</b>	<b>Fight won</b>	<b>Participation</b>
<b>Olympic Games</b>	2000	1700	1300	1000	600	300	100	0	0
<b>World Championships</b>	2000	1700	1300	1000	600	300	100	0	0
<b>Continental</b>	1200	900	700	400	300	150	50	25	0
<b>Continental Multi Sport Games*</b>	1200	900	700	400	300	150	50	25	0
<b>Golden Belt</b>	900	700	500	250	150	80	30	15	0
<b>Silver Belt</b>	600	400	250	150	100	60	20	10	0
<b>Bronze Belt</b>	300	200	100	60	40	20	10	5	0

\*Continental Multi-Sports Games refer only to the following: All-Africa Games, Asian Games, European Games, Pacific Games, and Pan-American Games.

**Rule 17 IBA Database**

17.2. Each IBA 3-Star R&J and ITO receives a username and password to access his/her profile to view and edit personal information. All other officials must ask their respective National Federation to maintain their IBA Database profile, with regards to changes or updates about address, contact details, etc. To avoid doubt, IBA HQ will update the certification level of the IBA certified Coach or R&J.





**RULE 20. Bout Review Rule** (Rule 20 is currently suspended and under review).

**Rule 21 Fouls**

- 21.1. Types of Fouls *and/or infringements of the rules.*

**Rule 23 Cautions, Warning and Disqualifications**

- 23.8 If a Boxer, a Competition Official or a Team Official is guilty of a serious offence that is contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or is likely to constitute an Ethic or Disciplinary Offence, any Competition Official – on its own motion or based on a complaint by anyone – has the right to refer the matter to the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit for further prosecution and possible sanctions.

**Rule 25 IBA Technical Officials Selection Rule** (go to IBA website for further details).

**Rule 38 Announcer**

- 38.1.1. Before the Bout, the Announcer will announce the Bout number, weight category, name and country of each Boxer, the country of each Referee and Judge and the name and country of the Referee.

**Rule 39 Referee and Judges**

39.4 Any R&J active in professional boxing shall be allowed to be an R&J in IBA Competitions once the R&J has been certified by IBA as a registered R&J. Reciprocally, an IBA certified R&J may be active in professional boxing.

**Rule 45.2 Headguards**

In all Competitions, except Elite Men Competitions, a Boxer must wear a red or a blue headguard, as per the respective Boxer's corner.

**Rule 46 Bandages, Professional Handwraps, Reusable Handwraps and other Equipment**

46.2 Use of Professional Handwraps.

46.2.1. In Elite Competitions and any other event as decided by IBA, the use of professional handwraps or reusable handwraps (i.e : 46.3) shall be mandatory.







46.3 Reusable Handwraps.

46.3.1 Reusable Handwraps may be used in any competition.

46.3.1.1 One pair of Reusable Handwraps shall only be used for a maximum of six official bouts.

**Rule 48 Athlete Competition, Uniform and Equipment**

48.10.4.1. The ONANF is the Olympic Abbreviation of the National Federation's Country name, therefore, consisting of 3 capital letters. The NOC code must be in English letter.

**REPORT ENDS**

