

**TO:** AIBA National Federations

**DATE:** December 28th 2016

**SUBJECT:** New Changes to the Rules approved by AIBA Executive Committee

Dear National Federations and Secretary Generals,

As you are aware AIBA is in the process of reviewing current AIBA Technical Rules and AOB Competition Rules. Following the Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Montreux on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of December, a second set of Rules' changes has been approved by the AIBA Executive Committee.

Please find below a short description of each modification.

### **Compliance to the Rules (Technical)**

National Federations, for domestic competitions, may alter the AIBA Technical Rules to reflect National laws or conditions, as long as, the alteration does not diminish the rules, especially regarding Medical and Safety requirements.

#### **Rule 8 of the Technical Rules: Caution, warning, disqualification**

- If a Boxer receives head butting or illegal blows which do not cause an injury or a cut, the Referee will give a Warning to the offending Boxer, deducting one (1) point per Judge or may disqualify the offending Boxer if actions deemed sufficiently serious to warrant a disqualification
- If a Boxer receives head butting or illegal blows which cause an injury or a cut the Referee must disqualify the offending boxer.

➤ *The Rule is strengthened*

#### **Rule 12 of the Technical Rules: AIBA R&J Management**

- AIBA is responsible for the certification of all Star Level R&J.

➤ *Reference to National level deleted*

#### **Rule 3 of the Technical Rules: Scoring System**

- For APB and WSB bouts, three (3) Judges will be used for each bout and will be allocated a position around the ring through a manual draw performed by the supervisor.

### **Rule 5 of the Technical Rules: Protest**

- AOB - If the Supervisor believes that the decision of the referee has been taken in contravention of these Technical Rules and /or of the AOB Competition Rules, the Supervisor must fill in the Bout Review Request Form (as per appendix D) and call for a meeting with the Deputy Supervisors and the RJ Evaluators. The Supervisor must, through the Bout Review Request Form, inform both concerned Team Delegations immediately of the decision.
- *The Rule is simplified*

### **Compliance to the Rules (AOB)**

National Federations, for domestic competitions, may alter the AOB Competition Rules to reflect National laws or conditions, as long as, the alteration does not diminish the rules, especially regarding Medical and Safety requirements.

### **Rule 15 of the AOB Competition Rules: AIBA Cutman**

- When appointed to competitions without Headguards, the AIBA Cutman controls the handwraps, prepared by the Coaches and intervenes only if necessary. He oversees the work of the Team's cutmen at the corner and provides advice to the Seconds if necessary. The AIBA Cutman also conducts Handwrap Workshops, Seminar or Courses for Coaches.
- When appointed to competitions with Headguards, the AIBA Cutman conducts Handwraps Workshops, Seminars or Courses for Coaches.
- *The role of the AIBA Cutman evolves, as the team's cutman is now empowered to treat his own boxer during the breaks.*

### **Rule 5.8 of the AOB Competition Rules: Bout Schedule**

- At the request of the Host Broadcaster, and in agreement with the Supervisor, the bout schedule of a given day can be amended, so that boxers from a same nationality box consecutively within the same session, even if they were originally planned in two different sessions. This arrangement is possible as long as the two following conditions are met:
  - The new bout schedule is communicated to the teams one day before the scheduled bout.
  - If one bout is moved from a session to another session, the bout of the next direct opponent shall be moved as well.
- *This change aims to better market our sport.*

### **Rule 6 of the AOB Competition Rules: Duration and Number of Rounds**

- In all AOB Elite Men and Women and Youth Boys and Girls Competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of three (3) minutes each.

### **Rule 9.3 of the AOB Competition Rules: ITO positions in and around the FOP**

- The R&J Coordinator(s) chair(s) must be placed in the same area as the stand-by RJ chairs.
- The R&J Evaluators table must be placed immediately behind the advertising banners on the same side as the Supervisor's table and the Draw Commissioner's table, as mentioned in the FOP layout set up in article 9.1 and 9.2.

### **Appendix A of the AOB Competition Rules: Competition Guidelines**

- AOB 3 - Star Competitions - AIBA International Tournaments - World Championships System
  - From 2017 and onwards, the Elite Men World Championships will be held only with Boxers who qualified through all Continental Championships.
  - From 2019 and onwards, the Elite Women World Championships will be held only with Boxers who qualified through all Continental Championships.
  - From 2018 and onwards, the Youth World Championships, Boys and Girls, will be held only with boxers who qualified through all Continental Championships.
- AOB 2-Star Competitions – AIBA Confederation Competitions
  - Continental Confederation Qualification Championships for Women, and Men
  - Oceanian Confederation Championships.

### **Rule 21 of the AOB Competitions Rules: Hairnet Rule**

- For all boxers not wearing Headguards with hair below the neckline, a hair net or any other item must be worn to control the hair. The Seconds have to ensure that the hair is secured appropriately.

This second set of changes, discussed extensively by the AIBA stakeholders, is made for the betterment of our sport and we are fully confident you will ensure successful implementation during the forthcoming competitions.

Please do not hesitate to contact AIBA Sport department should you have any query on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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*Attachment: New AOB Competition and Technical Rules*