

IBA TECHNICAL & COMPETITION RULES

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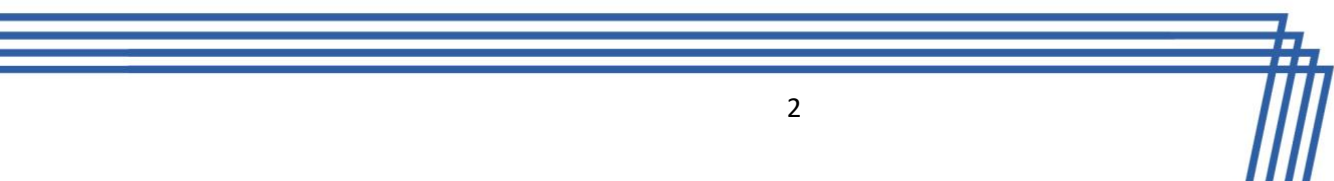




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COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES

These IBA Technical and Competition Rules apply to all IBA Competitions and are the only IBA Technical and Competition Rules worldwide that IBA National Federations and members of the IBA boxing community must follow and respect in all of their boxing Competitions in accordance with the respective Competition level. No National Federation may develop its own Technical and Competition Rules that are contradictory to these rules. However, National Federations, for National Competitions, may alter these rules to reflect National laws or regulations, as long as, the alteration does not diminish the rules, especially with regards to all medical and safety requirements.





DEFINITIONS

“**AIBA Medical Rules**” means the rules published by IBA in relation to the medical standards required to be observed prior, during, and after IBA Competitions;

“**Bout**” means the boxing contest between two (2) Boxers;

“**Bout Review**” means the process during which the result of the Bout is being re-assessed.

“**Boxer**” means any athlete registered by an IBA National Federation;

“**Closed Competition**” means a Competition which Boxers can attend only after qualifying in a qualifying Competition;

“**Competition**” means a series of Bouts;

“**Competition Official**” means any person appointed or certified to act as a Technical Delegate, an International Technical Official, a Referee and Judge, or any appointed position in IBA Competitions;

“**Competition Venue**” means the area where Competition takes place;

“**Confederation**” means an IBA’s continental office;

“**Continental Multi-Sport Games**” means the multi-sport event of the respective continent;

“**Daily Weigh-In**” means the daily process of checking registered Boxers with document check, medical check and weigh-in before the Boxers’ Bouts of the day;

“**Deputy Technical Delegate**” means the person who manages all issues related to each Bout;

“**Elite**” pertains to any Boxer 19 years of age or older competing at a national, international or professional level;

“**FOP**” means Field of Play, the Competition area which extends from all 4 sides of the ring and which only Competition Officials, Boxers, and Seconds can enter;

“**Gloves**” means the equipment that is worn on the hands to protect them during a Bout;

“**Headguards**” means the equipment that is worn on the head to protect it during a Bout;

“**Host National Federation**” means the National Federation of the country in which the Competition is staged, and which is responsible for organising the Competition and all additional events necessary for the Competition to take place (ex. Official Draw, etc.);

“**IBA**” means the International Boxing Association;

“**IBA Anti-Doping Rules**” means the rules published by IBA in relation to the anti-doping standards required to be observed prior, during, and after IBA Competitions;

“**IBA Certification Course**” means the certification programme and examination that allows a member of a National Federation to be recognised as an IBA star-level coach, Referee and Judge, International Technical Official, or a Technical Delegate (formerly known as Supervisor);

“**IBA Competition**” means any boxing Competitions regulated by IBA Rules;



“**IBA Cut Technician**” means the person who is appointed by IBA as ITO to oversee the work of and advise the Teams’ Cut Technicians;

“**IBA Database**” means the IBA’s online system for storing profiles and results, maintaining registration for Competitions and IBA Certification Courses, and any other additional functions as required by IBA;

“**IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code**” means IBA’s code that governs disciplinary matters applicable to IBA, each Confederation, each National Federation and its member, and any Competition Official or Team Delegation member;

“**IBA Official Equipment Licensee**” means the contracted licensee of IBA who is approved to produce the equipment for use in all IBA Competitions;

“**IBA Rules**” means the IBA Technical and Competition Rules, IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code, IBA Regulations, IBA Anti-Doping Rules, IBA Medical Rules and any other rules that are developed by IBA to govern IBA Competitions and its participants;

“**IBA Scoring System**” means the IBA-approved electronic system that conducts the official draw, the electronic draw of Referees and Judges, records decisions of all Judges, and produces official scoring documents of the Bouts;

“**IBA Technical and Competition Rules**” means this sport-specific and Competition-related rules that govern all IBA Competitions;

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

“**International Technical Official**” or “**ITO**” means a Competition Official who has passed an IBA Certification Course and can be appointed to work at IBA Competitions. In Multi-sport Games, such as, but not limited to, Olympic Games, “ITO” also refers to a Referee and Judge;

“**International Tournament**” means any boxing Competition where Boxers from different National Federations compete;

“**Judge**” means the person who allocates points during a Bout according to IBA Technical and Competition Rules based on Boxers’ performance;

“**Local Organising Committee**” or “**LOC**” means a body, whether emanating from the Host National Federation or otherwise (with or without legal personality), responsible for the preparation and staging of the Competition and all additional events necessary for the Competition to take place (ex. Official Draw, etc.);

“**Medical Bout Report**” means the form that is filled out by the Ringside Doctor after the Bout to report any medical-related activities that took place during the Bout;

“**Men/Male/Boy**” means an individual with chromosome XY. For this purpose, the Boxers can be submitted to a random and/or targeted gender test to confirm the above, which will serve for the gender eligibility criteria for the IBA Competitions;

“**National Federation**” means an IBA Member Federation who is recognised by IBA as legal entity who governs the sport of boxing in the IBA Member Federation’s country;





“**National Competition**” means a Competition organised and sanctioned by a National Federation;

“**Official Draw**” means the procedure for drawing the Boxers to decide the Bout schedules in each Weight Category for the entire Competition;

“**Open Competition**” means a Competition which Boxers can attend without having to attend a qualifying Competition;

“**Referee and Judge Draw**” or “**R&J Draw**” means the procedure for drawing the Referees and Judges for every Bout;

“**Referee**” means the person who ensures that the Boxers follow the IBA Rules during their Bouts in the ring;

“**R&J**” means Referee and Judge, a person who works as a Referee and Judge during Competitions;

“**Results Management Authority**” means the organisation that is responsible, in accordance with WADA Code, for the management of the results of anti-doping testing (or other evidence of a potential anti-doping rule violation) and hearings;

“**Sample Collection Authority**” means the organisation that is responsible for the collection of anti-doping samples in compliance with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations;

“**Seconds**” means the Team Delegation members who can work in their Boxer’s corner of the ring;

“**Seeding**” means the system to ensure that the Competition may have a better-balanced level of difficulty by keeping the best Boxers from facing off in the preliminaries of the Competition;

“**Sport Entries Check**” means the process before the Official Draw to check and validate the Team Delegation registration and all related documents and equipment;

“**Sport Nationality**” means the nationality under which a Boxer chooses to compete in IBA Competitions;

“**Technical Delegate**” means the person who is responsible for ensuring that the IBA Competition follows the IBA Rules;

“**Technical Meeting**” means a meeting between the Technical Delegate and the Team Officials, where the Technical Delegate presents Competition details and other relevant content;

“**Team Delegation**” means the members of an IBA National Federation who are registered for and who attend the Competition and include Boxers, Coaches, a Doctor, a Cut Technician, a Physiotherapist a Team Manager, and any other staff recognised by IBA;

“**Team Officials**” means the members of the Team Delegation, except the Boxers;

“**Testing Authority**” The organisation that has authorised a particular Sample collection, whether (1) an Anti-Doping Organisation (such as, the International Olympic Committee or other Major Event Organisation, WADA, an International Federation, or a National Anti-Doping Organisation); or (2) another organisation conducting anti-doping testing pursuant to the



authority of and in accordance with the rules of the Anti-Doping Organisation (such as, a National Federation that is a member of an International Federation);

“Training Venue” means a designated area where Boxers and their Team Officials can train throughout the Competition;

“Warm-up Area” means the designated area where Boxers and their Team Officials can prepare for the Bout prior to the Bout;

“Women/Female/Girl” means an individual with chromosome XX. For this purpose, the Boxers can be submitted to a random and/or targeted gender test to confirm the above, which will serve for the gender eligibility criteria for the IBA Competitions.

Throughout this document, metric units of length – centimetres (cm) and metres (m) – are used.





RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1. IBA COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- 1.1. IBA Competitions can be owned by IBA, sanctioned by IBA, or affiliated with IBA.
- 1.1.1. An IBA-owned Competition is overseen by IBA Head Office.
- 1.1.2. An IBA-sanctioned Competition is overseen by the governing body of the Competition. As a general rule, IBA Head Office provides counsel in the planning and operational stages. For all IBA-sanctioned Competitions, but in particular with respect to Continental Competitions, IBA establishes minimum requirements for the Competition, supervises the implementation of these requirements, and provides instructions and counsel in the planning and operational stages.
- 1.1.3. An IBA-affiliated Competition follows IBA Rules but does not involve IBA Head Office.
- 1.2. Results of IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Elite Men’s and Women’s Competitions are used for the computation of the IBA World Ranking.
- 1.3. It is the responsibility of the Governing Body for each IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competition to ensure that the Competitions are organized according to the calendar approved by IBA, in accordance with the highest possible standards, in compliance with the IBA Rules as well as any requirements and other directives issued by IBA. In the event that a Confederation fails to organize a Competition, or if it appears that a Continental Competition may not be organized in accordance with the standards set in this article 1.3, IBA may organize the Competition in lieu of the Continental Confederation. IBA may also, at its discretion, take over some aspects of the organization of the Competition. When IBA takes over the organization of a Continental Competition, it shall be deemed to be the Governing Body for that Competition, and may organize it as it deems fit, at its risks. Any revenues or profits from Competitions organized by IBA, even at Continental level, shall be attributed to IBA. If IBA assumes only a part of the costs related to a Continental Competition, it may also be entitled to obtain a share of the revenues, to be decided on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with the Continental Confederation.
- 1.4. The following table describes all IBA Competitions:

Governing Body	Competitions	Classification	
IOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympic Games Youth Olympic Games Olympic Qualifying Events (men and women) Youth Olympic Qualifying Events (men and women) 	World	
IBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elite World Boxing Championships (men and women) Youth World Boxing Championships (men and women) 	World	IBA-owned





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior World Boxing Championships (male and female) • World Boxing Tour (men and women) 		
IBA Confederations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elite Continental Championships (men and women) • Youth Continental Championships (men and women) • Youth Championships that act as a qualifier for IBA-owned events (men and women) • Under 22 Continental Championships (men and women) • Junior Continental Championships (boys and girls) • Under 14 Continental Championships (boys and girls) 	Continental	IBA-sanctioned
Organisers of the Multi-sport Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Multi-sport Events (European Games, Asian Games, Pan American Games, Pacific Games, All- Africa Games) • Non-Continental Multi-sport Events (Commonwealth Games) 	Continental	IBA-sanctioned
IBA National Federations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Championships (Elite and Youth men and women) • International Tournaments (to include dual matches) 	National	IBA-affiliated

1.5. Organisational Rules:

	National	Continental	World
Participants	A National Competition involves the National Elite and Youth Boxers	A Continental Competition can involve any of the IBA National Federations of the same continent and has to include a minimum of three different National Federations	A World Competition can involve any IBA National Federation



		In the case of Non-Continental Multi-sport Events, these Competitions can involve any of the IBA National Federations in the world	
Technical Delegate Department	Appointed by: National Federation for its National Competitions	Appointed by: Confederation after close consultations with the IBA in conjunction with the IBA Competition Committee	Appointed by: IBA for both IBA events and Multi-sport events
ITOs appointments	Appointed by: National Federation for its National Competitions	Appointed by: Confederation after consultations with the IBA in conjunction with respective Competition and Referee and Judges Committee Except for ELITE MEN or ELITE WOMEN Championships, in which case IBA will appoint the ITOs	Appointed by: IBA for both IBA events and Multi-sport events
R&Js Appointments	National Federation defines if R&Js have to be appointed or if each team brings its own R&J	Appointed by: Confederation after consultations with the respective IBA-R&J Committee; Except for ELITE MEN or ELITE Women Championships, in which case IBA will appoint the R&JS	Appointed by: IBA for both IBA events and Multi-sport events
Minimum R&Js Level	National Certification	U-22, U-14, Junior: IBA Certified 1-Star R&Js Youth: IBA Certified 2-Star R&Js	IBA Certified 3-Star R&Js





		<p>Elite and any qualifying event for World event: IBA Certified 3-Star R&Js</p> <p>European Games, Asian Games, Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games: IBA Certified 3-Star R&Js</p>	
Coordination and follow-up of the preparation	National Federation is responsible for overseeing the preparations of its Competition	<p>Confederation is responsible for following-up on preparations and coordinating with the LOC for Continental Championships, considering that IBA supervises proper implementation of the minimum requirements for the Competition, provides instructions and counsel in the planning and operational stages</p> <p>IBA for Multi-sport events and Youth / Elite Continental Championships qualifying for World events</p>	IBA is responsible for World Championships and IOC for Olympic and Youth Olympic Games.
Reporting		Confederation is responsible for reporting the main facts and results of the Competition to IBA.	

1.6. The following general rules shall be applied for all IBA-Competitions:

1.6.1. Any International Tournament may be organised, held, or supported by a Confederation or a National Federation subject to the IBA prior approval. A request for such approval must be sent in writing by the relevant legal representative of the Confederation or National Federation to the IBA Competition Committee through the IBA Head Office (email: sport@iba.sport) at least three (3) months in advance, whereas the IBA Competition Committee will decide on a form of such request and a list of necessary documents to be provided by the relevant Confederation or National Federation. Should the IBA



Competition Committee not reply within three (3) weeks of the date of filing of such request, the latter will be deemed rejected. The decision of the IBA Competition Committee is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

- 1.6.2. National Federations, their teams, individual Boxers or the Competition Officials are forbidden to participate in an International Tournament which is not approved in advance by IBA as per the mechanism of the previous Rule.
 - 1.6.3. No Competition organised, held, or supported by a Confederation or a National Federation shall include into its name words such as “World”, and/or “Global” and/or any other word which may mislead the public, sponsors and any other stakeholder, etc as an IBA-owned Competition, unless it is an IBA-owned Competition. No IBA logo or any IBA trademark can be used in respect of these Competitions.
 - 1.6.4. Only IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions shall be included into the IBA official calendar, and IBA shall be entitled to promote among its National Federations only these Competitions. IBA shall not be entitled to include into its official calendar other types of Competitions and to promote them.
 - 1.6.5. Confederations and National Federations are prevented to organise their own Competitions within five (5) days before, during and five (5) days afterwards of an IBA World Boxing Championship.
- 1.7. Prizes monies or Prizes
- 1.7.1. All medallists (gold, silver, bronze) at all IBA Competitions could be paid prize monies or be presented prizes, depending on the Host City Agreement for each respective competition.
 - 1.7.2. Each year, the IBA Board shall be entitled to establish the amount of prize monies to be paid in IBA-owned Competitions. For other Competitions, it shall be a power of the organizer of the Competition to establish the prize monies or to present the prizes, possibly with the support of one or several partners and/or sponsors. However, in consultation with the Continental Confederations, IBA may assume (in whole or in part) the payment of prize monies or presenting the prizes due at Continental Competitions. In this event, IBA will in its discretion decide:
 - a. whether such payment or providing the prizes should be considered as part of the IBA Financial Support Program;
 - b. whether such payment or providing the prizes is part of IBA budget for Competitions;
 - c. whether such payment or providing the prizes is IBA’s contribution in the organization of some aspects of a Continental Championship. If so, IBA may also be entitled to get a share of the revenues of the Competition, or to get a part of the advertising facilities for advertising sponsors and partners of IBA.
 - 1.7.3. The Boxer will be entitled to receive prize money only if he/she won at least one (1) bout at the Competitions, win by walkover included.
 - 1.7.4. Payment of prize money can be frozen for relevant weight category in case of any significant concern of the integrity of the Competitions’ bouts until the end of relevant investigation. If any kind of manipulation is confirmed, prize money for relevant weight category can be cancelled.





2. CLASSIFICATION

2.1. Age Classification

- 2.1.1. The age of a Boxer is determined using his/her year of birth.
- 2.1.2. Men and Women Boxers between the ages of 19 to 40 are categorised as Elite Boxers.
- 2.1.3. Men and Women Boxers between the ages of 17 to 18 are categorised as Youth Boxers.
- 2.1.4. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 15 to 16 are categorised as Junior Boxers.
- 2.1.5. Boys and Girls boxers between the ages of 13 to 14 years of age are categorized as School age boxers (Schools).

2.2. Weight Classification

2.2.1. Elite and Youth Men Boxers

ELITE AND YOUTH MEN BOXERS							
IBA				OLYMPIC			
#	Weight Category	over Kg	to Kg	#	Weight Category	over Kg	to Kg
1	Minimumweight	46	48	1	Flyweight	46	51
2	Flyweight	48	51	2	Featherweight	51	57
3	Bantamweight	51	54	3	Light Welterweight	57	63.5
4	Featherweight	54	57	4	Light Middleweight	63.5	71
5	Lightweight	57	60	5	Light Heavyweight	71	80
6	Light Welterweight	60	63.5	6	Heavyweight	80	92
7	Welterweight	63.5	67	7	Super Heavyweight	92	-
8	Light Middleweight	67	71				
9	Middleweight	71	75				
10	Light Heavyweight	75	80				
11	Cruiserweight	80	86				
12	Heavyweight	86	92				
13	Super Heavyweight	92	-				



2.2.2. Elite and Youth Women Boxers

ELITE AND YOUTH WOMEN BOXERS							
IBA				OLYMPIC			
#	Weight Category	over Kg	to Kg	#	Weight Category	Over Kg	to Kg
1	Minimumweight	45	48	1	Light Flyweight	45	50
2	Light Flyweight	48	50	2	Bantamweight	50	54
3	Flyweight	50	52	3	Featherweight	54	57
4	Bantamweight	52	54	4	Lightweight	57	60
5	Featherweight	54	57	5	Welterweight	60	66
6	Lightweight	57	60	6	Middleweight	66	75
7	Light Welterweight	60	63				
8	Welterweight	63	66				
9	Light Middleweight	66	70				
10	Middleweight	70	75				
11	Light Heavyweight	75	81				
12	Heavyweight	81	-				

2.2.3. Junior Boys and Girls Boxers

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS BOXERS			
#	Weight Category	over Kg	to Kg
1	Pin	44	46
2	Light Fly	46	48
3	Fly	48	50
4	Light Bantam	50	52
5	Bantam	52	54
6	Feather	54	57
7	Light	57	60
8	Light Welter	60	63
9	Welter	63	66
10	Light Middle	66	70
11	Middle	70	75
12	Light Heavy	75	80
13	Heavy	80	-

2.2.4. School age 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.

3. DURATION AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS

- 3.1. In all IBA Elite and Youth Men's and Women's Competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 3.2. In all IBA Junior Boys' and Girls' Competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes each.
- 3.3. In all IBA School-age Competitions, the Bouts must consist of three (3) rounds of 90 seconds (1.5 minutes) each.
- 3.4. For all above listed Competitions, the rest time between rounds is one (1) minute.





4. MEMBERSHIP AND 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 their respective 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 support of their National Federations (as per section 4.2.3.7.8), and IBA may further accept the participation of boxers under the IBA flag without support of any National Federation (notably if a National Federation is suspended). In such 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 regulation.
- 4.1.3. Boxers and Team Officials can be registered in the IBA Database only by their respective National Federations, or by IBA in the case of Boxer competing under the conditions of article 4.1.2.

4.2. Eligibility on Gender

- 4.2.1. Boxers will compete against boxers of the same gender, meaning Women vs Women and Men vs Men as per the definitions of these Rules.
- 4.2.2. To determine the gender, the Boxers can be submitted to a random and/or targeted gender test which will be conducted by IBA in cooperation with the selected laboratory personnel.
- 4.2.3. In case of adverse result, the Boxer will be immediately notified by IBA and will be disqualified from such competition with immediate effect and will be prevented to compete in further IBA owned and sanctioned competitions of that gender. For this purpose, IBA will share such information with the relevant internal bodies respecting its confidentiality.

4.3. Athlete Eligibility

- 4.3.1. IBA has the right to make a final decision regarding a Boxer's eligibility.
- 4.3.2. Each National Federation is responsible for ensuring that its Boxers meet all the requirements of Rule 4 of these rules.
- 4.3.3. Sport Nationality Eligibility
 - 4.3.3.1. Boxers must be of the same nationality as the National Federation which has registered them.
 - 4.3.3.2. A Boxer who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Boxer may elect. However, after having represented one (1) country in an IBA-owned or IBA-sanctioned Competition, a Boxer may not represent another country unless he/she meets the conditions laid out in Rule 4 of these rules.



- 4.3.3.3. For all disputes on eligibility taking place prior to or after an IBA Competition, the final decision on determining the nationality lies with the IBA Legal Department. If it is believed that nationality rules have been violated, the matter is submitted to the BIIU Tribunal for review and sanctions may be imposed on the Boxer and/or his/her National Federation.
- 4.3.3.4. Sport Nationality shall be confirmed by the Boxer's passport issued by the represented country. When the nationality is questioned, IBA has the right to request the following documents:
- a) Birth Certificate;
 - b) Citizenship Identity Papers;
 - c) Nationality Identity Document;
 - d) Confirmation Letter from the NOC.
- 4.3.3.5. Change of Sport Nationality
- a) Change of Sport Nationality applies to a Boxer who has more than one (1) nationality or acquired a new nationality of affiliated National Federations, and who would like to change his/her Sport Nationality. For the sake of clarity, if the Boxer has participated with a former National Federation of IBA, and now intends to participate with another current National Federation, this Rule does not apply, and the Boxer will be able to participate with his/her new National Federation without being subject to the procedure of this Rule and can be automatically registered with the IBA sport database.
 - b) Change of Sport Nationality rules follow the Olympic Charter, Bylaw to Rule 41.
 - c) A Boxer who has represented one (1) National Federation in any IBA-owned or IBA-sanctioned Competition and who wishes to represent another National Federation of which he/she holds the nationality may represent his new National Federation provided that at least three (3) years have passed since the Boxer last represented his/her former National Federation in an IBA-owned or IBA-sanctioned competition, unless his/her former National Federation is not affiliated to IBA anymore.
 - d) A Boxer who has represented one (1) country in any IBA-owned or IBA-sanctioned Competition and who wishes to represent another country nationality of which he/she acquired through naturalisation may represent his/her new country provided that at least three (3) years have passed since the Boxer last represented his/her former country.
 - e) The Boxer, together with its new National Federation, may request the IBA Board of Directors, who will take into account the circumstances of each case, to shorten the period.





- f) A Boxer can only change the federation of origin once and may not change to a third federation.
- g) To start the procedure to change the Sport Nationality of a Boxer, IBA Head Office needs to receive the documents mentioned in Appendix 1 and the Appendix 2 properly filled of these Rules.
- h) Refugee status
 - i. Boxers who are recognized as refugees or beneficiaries of international protection according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) agency and who have high Competition results may be entered in IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, except Multi-sport Events, under the IBA flag based on prior approval from the IBA Board of Directors.
 - ii. In all other Competitions, such as but not limited to Multi-sport Events and National Competitions, eligibility criteria is defined by the bodies owning the respective event.

4.3.4. Eligibility on Sport-related Issues

- 4.3.4.1. Participation of professional boxers in IBA Events. 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.
- 4.3.4.2. Participation of Boxers affiliated to a different international boxing federation will not prevent them to also be enrolled to a National Federation.

4.3.5. Eligibility on Medical-related Issues

- 4.3.5.1. All allowed disabilities and prohibited conditions are outlined in the IBA Medical Rules.
- 4.3.5.2. Boxers are not allowed to enter any IBA Competition with the following conditions:
 - a) Boxers wearing a dressing on a cut, wound abrasion, laceration or blood swelling (on the scalp or face including the nose and ears).
 - i. If a Boxer has an abrasion or a laceration, no dressing other than Collodion, Thrombin Solution Micro Fibrillar Collagen, Gel foam, Surgical, and Adrenaline 1/1000 or Steri-Strip may be used.
 - ii. The decision is made by the doctor during the medical examination at the Daily Weigh-in.





- b) A Boxer can have a beard and moustache, but either must not cover the neck and must not be longer than ten (10) cms.
 - c) No body piercing and no body accessories are permitted to be worn during a Bout.
 - d) Implanted electrical devices are allowed if approved by the surgeon/physician who implanted the device. A copy of the original consent from the surgeon/physician who implanted the device should be presented at the Sport Entries Check.
 - e) A Boxer is only allowed to wear soft contact lenses. All other contact lenses are prohibited.
 - i. If the concerned Boxer loses contact lenses, the following rules apply:
 - a. The Boxer accepts to continue to box and the Bout continues.
 - b. The Boxer does not accept to continue to box without contact lenses, the Referee terminates the Bout, and the opponent is declared the winner by ABD.
 - f) Boxer's laser eye surgery is accepted if accompanied by a letter from the practitioner who carried out the surgery attesting that it is safe to box. A copy of the original consent from the practitioner should be presented at the Sport Entries Check.
 - g) A Boxer with epilepsy shall not be allowed to participate in boxing competitions.
 - h) A Boxer wearing braces, including braces on both upper and lower sets of teeth, can box if he/she is wearing a fitted gumshield and can provide a letter from his or her orthodontist attesting that it is safe to box.
 - i. For Boxers with braces on both upper and lower sets of teeth wearing a gumshield for the upper set of teeth is sufficient.
 - ii. A copy of the original consent from the orthodontist should be presented at the Sport Entries Check.
 - i) A Boxer must possess a thumb, an index finger, and either a ring or a middle finger, on each hand to be allowed to compete.
 - j) Boxers are allowed to use Kinesiology taping; but it can only be applied from waist down, and to the back of the body.
- 4.3.5.3. Medical Certification following Probation Periods. Before resuming boxing after any period of rest as prescribed in Rule 4.2.5.5. of these rules, a Boxer must be certified as "fit to box" by a doctor to be able to take part in IBA Competitions.





4.3.5.4. Knockout (**KO**) and Referee Stops Contest (**RSC**)

- a) When the result of the Bout is KO or RSC, the Ringside Doctor must fill out and sign a Medical Bout Report.
 - i. The Ringside Doctor delivers the Medical Bout Report to the Technical Delegate with a recommendation on how many rest days are prescribed and/or the protective sanitary measures to be taken.
 - ii. The Ringside Doctor must send a copy of the report to the IBA Head Office and the IBA Head Office uploads the document in the IBA Database and sends it to the National Federation concerned.

4.3.5.5. Protective Sanitary Measures and Suspension Periods

- a) A suspension period is a period of time in which a Boxer is not allowed to train, spar or box in competition. Suspension Periods are enforced to protect the Boxer's own health.
- b) All Boxers who have received a suspension period must be examined by a doctor before returning to boxing and must have completed an accepted internationally recognised return to play protocol.
- c) The IBA Medical Committee has created a programme aligned with the international return to play protocol, called Graduated Return to Boxing Programme "**GRTP**" (Appendix 9 of these rules) with detailed steps and timeline that must be followed after a suspension period.
- d) Single Occurrence of KO or RSC (with or without a loss of consciousness)
 - i. If a Boxer suffers a KO as a result of a blow(s) to the head (KO-H) or has a diagnosis of concussion, the Boxer is suspended for 30 (thirty) days following this period, the Boxer must follow approved GRTP protocols.
 - ii. If the result of a Bout is RSC because the Boxer has received heavy blows to the head (RSC-H) and the Ringside Doctor makes a diagnosis of concussion, the Boxer is suspended for 30 (thirty) days, following this period they must follow approved GRTP protocols.
 - iii. If the result of the Bout is RSC because the Boxer has received heavy blows to the head (RSC-H) and the Boxer is not diagnosed with concussion, then the Boxer does not require a suspension period, although the Ringside Doctor may give a suspension if they feel it is appropriate.





e) Double Occurrence of KO or RSC

- i. If during a period of three months a Boxer twice loses a Bout due to KO or RSC due to a head blow (KO-H or RSC-H) (with or without loss of consciousness) or has a diagnosis of concussion, then the Boxer may not take part in Boxing or sparring for a minimum period of 30 (thirty) days after the second occurrence. The Boxer must follow approved GRTP protocols.
- ii. If the result of a Bout is RSC because the Boxer has received heavy blows to the head (RSC-H) and the Boxer is not diagnosed with concussion, then the Boxer does not require a suspension period, although the Ringside Doctor may give a suspension if they feel it is appropriate.

f) Triple Occurrence of Knockout or RSC

- i. If during a period of twelve (12) months the Boxer suffers three KOs (with or without loss of consciousness) or three RSCs due to the Boxer having received heavy blows to the head (KO-H or RSC-H) and the Boxer is diagnosed with concussion, then the Boxer may not take part in Boxing or sparring for a period of one (1) year after the third occurrence.
- ii. Any combination of KO or RSC (due to head injuries) that equals three under these circumstances qualifies for a one-year suspension. The Boxer must follow approved GRTP protocols.
- iii. Any Boxer who has a medical restriction must not train or spar during the suspension period.

g) All protective measures must also apply if a KO and/or concussion occur during training or anywhere else. The Coach is responsible for reporting to the National Federation.

h) If one Boxer is knocked out as a result of a head blow after “break” or “stop” and is counted up to “ten” (10), the win by disqualification does not permit this Boxer to continue boxing in the Competition.

i) Boxers returning from protective sanitary measures must receive written clearance from their national medical commission and inform the IBA Head Office before returning to box. IBA Head Office then upload the document to the Boxers’ profiles in the IBA Database. If the National Federation does not have any national medical commission, a neurologist or sports medicine specialist must provide the clearance.

j) In the case of body blows, the rest period or the protective sanitary measures are at the discretion of the Ringside Doctor, following the Post-Bout Medical Examination.



- 4.4. If a complaint on the eligibility of a Boxer is received during any IBA Competition, the Technical Delegate must immediately report the case to the IBA Head Office. If an ineligibility case is proved, the Technical Delegate must immediately disqualify the Boxer and inform the Boxer's National Federation.
 - 4.4.1. Under no circumstance will there be a redraw, if an ineligibility case is proved after the Official Draw.
 - 4.4.2. If an ineligibility case is proved after the competition begins, and the ineligible Boxer competes (and wins), only the last defeated boxer can re-enter the competition.
 - 4.4.3. The reaction in the case of disqualification for ineligibility, based on change of nationality criteria, has been expanded to all cases of ineligibility.

5. COMPETITION REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Boxers must comply with Rule 2 and 4 of these rules (Classification, Membership and Eligibility) to register for an IBA Competition.
- 5.2. In IBA Competitions, only one (1) Boxer per Weight Category per country is allowed to compete.
- 5.3. When registering for any IBA Competition, all Boxers and Team Officials must provide a clear and legible copy of their current passport, a national identification document or a refugee identification document.
- 5.4. In all IBA Competitions, except for National Competitions, Boxers and Team Officials' registration is done in two mandatory phases:
 - 5.4.1. Registration in the IBA Database. This does not apply to Multi-sport Games.
 - 5.4.2. Validation of the registration at the Sport Entries Check.
- 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.
 - 5.5.2. Each IBA Database profile must have the following documents:
 - 5.5.2.1. A clear and legible copy of the current passport, a national identification document or a refugee identification document;
 - 5.5.2.2. Signed Anti-doping Consent Form (Appendix 6 of these rules) for Boxers only;
 - 5.5.2.3. Completed, signed, and stamped copy of the IBA Medical Certificate (Appendix 5 of these rules) for Boxers only;
 - 5.5.2.4. Signed Declaration of Non-Pregnancy (Appendix 7 of these rules) for Women Boxers only.
 - 5.5.3. IBA National Federations are responsible for ensuring that Boxers' and Team Officials' profiles are correct and up-to-date.



- 5.6. To participate in IBA-Owned and IBA-Sanctioned Competitions, Boxers are required to provide a signed Anti-Doping Consent Form during the Sport Entries Check. Upon request by IBA, these documents must be uploaded to the IBA Database in advance.
 - 5.6.1. For Boxers who are eighteen (18) years-old or older, the Anti-Doping Consent Form has to be signed by the Boxer.
 - 5.6.2. For Boxers who are under eighteen (18) years-old, the Anti-Doping Consent Form has to be signed by the Boxer and by at least one (1) of the Boxer's parents/legal guardians.
- 5.7. Payment of a registration fee of USD 100 (one hundred American Dollars) per Boxer per Competition (both for IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions) to bank account as it will be indicated in the IBA/Confederation Handbook issued from time to time by IBA or concerned Confederation for each relevant Competition. In case of no show-up of the Boxer to the Competition, this registration fee will serve as a penalty. Otherwise, the registration fee will be deducted from the total accommodation invoice amount of the relevant Boxer.
- 5.8. Submission of the Medical Certificate
 - 5.8.1. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, a Boxer's IBA Medical Certificate issued within the previous 30 (thirty) days must be presented at the Sport Entries Check.
 - 5.8.2. In all IBA-affiliated Competitions, a Boxer's IBA Medical Certificate issued within the previous one (1) year must be checked.
 - 5.8.3. 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.
 - 5.8.3.1. 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.
 - 5.8.3.2. A copy of these documents has to be uploaded to the Boxer's profile in the IBA Database.
- 5.9. Submission of the Fit-to-Box Form
 - 5.9.1. In all competitions, a Fit-to-box Form (Appendix 7 of these rules) signed by the boxer, must be submitted at the Sport Entries Check.
- 5.10. Submission of the Declaration of Non-Pregnancy
 - 5.10.1. For women Boxers who are eighteen (18) years old or older, the Declaration of Non-pregnancy has to be signed by the Boxer.
 - 5.10.2. For women Boxers who are under eighteen (18) years old, the Declaration of Non-pregnancy has to be signed by the Boxer and by at least one of her parents/legal guardians.





5.11. Submission of an IBA Boxer's Record Book

5.11.1. In all IBA Competitions, a Boxer's IBA Boxer's Record Book has to be presented and validated at the Sport Entries Check for the Boxer to be eligible to participate in the Competition.

5.11.2. The IBA Boxer's Record Book must be duly completed, including the medical section, and must be signed and stamped by the Secretary General or Executive Director of the Boxer's National Federation.

5.12. Pregnant women are not allowed to box/compete. As part of the pre-bout examination process, each Boxer shall fill in a Fit-to-box Form (Appendix 7 of these rules).

6. SPORT ENTRIES CHECK

6.1. A Sport Entries Check is mandatory for all IBA Competitions, except for National Competitions.

6.2. It is mandatory for all Team Delegations to attend the Sport Entries Check Meeting to confirm their registered Boxers and team officials.

6.3. The Sport Entries Check should take place two (2) days before the first Competition Day and always before the Official Draw. In exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate may decide to extend the meeting due to delayed arrivals.

6.4. The Team Manager and the Team Doctor of each Team Delegation must attend this meeting. If they are not available, then the Head Coach must replace them.

6.5. To confirm the team registration, the below listed documents must be presented:

6.5.1. Copy of passport or national identification document of each Boxer;

6.5.2. IBA Boxer's Record book of each Boxer;

6.5.3. IBA Medical certificate issued within the previous 30 days of each Boxer and accompanied by a copy of the annual 6 months original laboratory documentation for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV tests;

6.5.4. Fit to Box form (appendix 7);

6.5.5. Boxers' uniforms;

6.5.6. Boxers' equipment;

6.5.7. Any other document or item as requested in the Team Delegation Handbook;

6.5.8. Any additional document or item as requested by the Technical Delegate.

6.6. The Sport Entries Check Meeting is comprised of several stations with ITOs. The Technical Delegate appoints two (2) ITOs to each station, taking into consideration that one (1) Doctor must be present at each of them.

6.7. ITOs verify the provided registration documents and confirm the final entries through the signature of the Sport Entries Form.

6.8. No changes are accepted once the Form has been signed off by both the ITOs and the Team Representative(s).

6.9. Failure to attend the Sport Entries Meeting results in the cancellation of the registration of the Team Delegation.



- 6.10. Failure to provide one or several documents results in the cancellation of the registration of the concerned Boxer(s).
- 6.11. Substitution of Boxers at Sport Entries Check meeting
 - 6.11.1. In Open Competitions, it is permissible to substitute a Boxer during the Sport Entries Check meeting, as long as, the substitute Boxer was registered through the IBA Database in a different weight category or as a reserve Boxer.
 - 6.11.2. In Closed Competitions (where a qualification is required to participate), it is not permissible to substitute any Boxer at the Sport Entries Check Meeting.

7. OFFICIAL DRAW

- 7.1. The Official Draw has to take place after the completion of the Sport Entries Check Meeting. It must be completed no less than three (3) hours prior to the first Bout on the first Competition Day.
- 7.2. It is mandatory that at least one (1) Team Official of each participating Delegation attends both the Technical Brief and the Official Draw. This will allow for any omissions or weight category anomalies to be addressed and rectified at that specific time.
- 7.3. An IBA Scoring System is to be used for the Official Draw in all IBA Competitions and should be operated by the IBA Scoring System operator.
- 7.4. In case the IBA Scoring System is not working, a manual system may be used.
- 7.5. In any case, until the last Weight Category draw is completed, if there is any error caused by the IBA Scoring System or the IBA Scoring System Operator, the Technical Delegate has the right to order that Weight Category draw to be re-done.
- 7.6. The Technical Delegate has to ensure, where applicable, that no Boxer can box twice in the Competition before all other Boxers of the same Weight Category have boxed at least once.
- 7.7. Competition Schedule
 - 7.7.1. In IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, the Bouts should be arranged, if possible, in the order of weights from lowest weight categories to highest.
 - 7.7.1.1. In arranging the schedule of the Semi-Finals and Finals of these Competitions, requests from the Local Organising Committee may be accommodated by the Technical Delegate, as long as, the results of the Official Draw are not called into question.
 - 7.7.1.2. At the request of the Host Broadcaster, and in agreement with the Technical Delegate, the Bout schedule of a given day can be amended, so that Boxers from the same nationality box consecutively within the same Session, even if they were originally planned in two (2) different sessions – if the following requirements are met:
 - 7.7.1.3. The new Bout schedule has to be communicated to the Teams at least one (1) day before the scheduled Bout; and



7.7.1.4. In case one (1) Bout is moved from a Session to another session, the Bout of the next direct opponent shall be moved as well to the same session.

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 (1) bout within the same calendar day.

7.9. The Official Draw has to respect the Seeding Procedure as per Rule 8 of these rules and be in accordance with IBA World Ranking procedure as per Rule 15 of these rules.

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.

8.2.3. For each Competition where seeding should be applied the Seeding Commission reviews the up-to-date IBA World Ranking and the Boxers' past performances in order to decide which Boxers are eligible to be seeded.

8.2.4. The Process is as follows:

8.2.4.1. IBA Head Office sends the entry list to the Seeding Commission

8.2.4.2. The Seeding Commission works on the seeding and sends the final seeding back to IBA Head Office not later than 10 days prior to the Official Draw.

8.2.4.3. IBA Head Office sends the final seeding to the IBA Scoring System operators no later than five (5) days prior to the Official Draw.

8.3. Seeding Criteria

8.3.1. To prepare the seeding for the Official Draw, the IBA Seeding Commission must follow the rationale laid out in Rule 8.3 of these rules. A Boxer who does not meet these criteria does not get seeded.

8.3.2. To be seeded, Boxers must be ranked in the IBA World Ranking.





8.3.3. Additionally, Boxers must meet one (1) of the criteria below:

8.3.3.1. Be within the Quarterfinalists of the last edition of the IBA Elite World Boxing Championships.

8.3.3.2. Be within the Quarterfinalists of the last edition of the Elite Confederation Championships.

8.4. Seeding Procedure during the Official Draw

8.4.1. The number of seeds at the Official Draw are as follows:

Number of entries in the weight Category	Number of seeded Boxers
≤ 3	0
4 to 8	Up to 2
9 to 16	Up to 4
Over 17	Up to 8

8.4.2. Depending on the number of seeds, seeded entries are placed as detailed in Appendix 3 of these rules and as described hereafter.

8.4.2.1. Up to two (2) seeded Boxers:

- a) Seeds 1 and 2 should be placed respectively at the top and the bottom of the draw.
- b) The remaining places are filled with non-seeded Boxers randomly drawn by the IBA Scoring System.

8.4.2.2. Up to four (4) seeded Boxers:

- a) Seeds 1 and 2 should be placed respectively at the top and the bottom of the draw.
- b) Seeds 3 and 4 should be drawn to potentially face seeds 1 and seeds 2 in the Semi-finals.
- c) The remaining places are filled with non-seeded Boxers randomly drawn by the IBA Scoring System.

8.4.2.3. Up to eight (8) seeded Boxers:

- a) Seeds 1 and 2 should be placed respectively at the top and the bottom of the draw.
- b) Seeds 3 and 4 should be drawn to potentially face seeds 1 and seeds 2 in the Semi-finals.
- c) Seeds 5,6,7 and 8 shall be drawn to potentially Box seeds 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Quarterfinals.
- d) The remaining places are filled with non-seeded Boxers randomly drawn by the IBA Scoring System.



- 8.4.3. The number of byes must be defined and placed as follows:
- 8.4.3.1. When the number of Boxers is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 or any higher power of 2, they meet in pairs (e.g. Diagram 1 in Appendix 3 of these rules).
 - 8.4.3.2. When the number of Boxers is a power of 2, there are byes in the first round of the Bouts. The number of byes is equal to the difference between the next higher power of 2 and the number of Boxers (e.g. with 17 Boxers, there are $32 - 17 = 15$ byes).

9. DRAW COMMISSIONER PROTOCOL

- 9.1. First Day of the Competition. Upon arriving to the Competition, the Draw Commissioner receives a list of all R&Js taking part in the tournament, produced by the IBA Scoring System. This list is to be used as reference throughout the Competition.
- 9.2. Prior to start of a Boxing Session
 - 9.2.1. During the Daily Technical Delegate Meeting, the Draw Commissioner informs Technical Delegate of any names to be withdrawn from the R&J pool for the Sessions of the current day. The Technical Delegate sends an Official Communication, using the template provided by the IBA Scoring System, to the IBA Scoring System operator with clear instructions of which names have to be withdrawn from the day's R&J pool. If no names are to be withdrawn and no filters are to be used during the R&J Draw for the given day, no action is required.
 - 9.2.1.1. R&Js can be withdrawn from the R&J pool for a Session based on the evaluations and recommendations of the R&J Evaluators.
 - 9.2.1.2. Filters used for the R&J Draw must abide by the rules of neutrality of the IBA Technical and Competition Rules.
 - 9.2.1.3. Additional filters can only be used for the R&J Draw when an R&J is from a country that is in major current conflict with the country(ies) of one or both of the competing Boxers in the given Bout.
 - 9.2.2. The deadline for the Official Communication to be sent to the IBA Scoring System operator is one and a half hours (1h30m) before the start of the first Session of the day. The communication can be hand-written and delivered in person at the Competition Venue, as well as electronically.
 - 9.2.3. One and a half hours (1h30m) before the start of the first Session of the day, the IBA Scoring System operator inputs all requested filters and withdrawals and then draws the R&Js for that Session.
 - 9.2.3.1. The date and time of the R&J Draw is protocolled into the IBA Scoring System, assuring no second draw can take place.
 - 9.2.3.2. The IBA Scoring System operator then produces the R&J draw sheet for the Session and gives it to the Draw Commissioner in the Field of Play.



- 9.2.4. For all consequent Sessions of the day, 15 minutes after the end of the previous Session, the IBA Scoring System operator inputs all requested filters and withdrawals, that were stipulated in the morning in the Official Communication as per Rule 9.2 of these rules, and then draws the R&Js for that Session.
- 9.2.4.1. The date and time of the R&J Draw will be protooled into the IBA Scoring System, assuring no second draw will take place.
- 9.2.4.2. The IBA Scoring System operator will then produce the R&J draw sheet for the Session and gives it to the Draw Commissioner in the Field of Play.
- 9.2.5. No later than 30 (thirty) minutes prior to the start of each session, the Draw Commissioner must hand in the R&J Draw Sheet (with any extraordinary change requests, as per Rule 9.3 of these rules, or in the case where no Judge is drawn by the IBA Scoring System and signed by the Technical Delegate) to the IBA Scoring System operator.
- 9.2.5.1. If no change requests are made, the Draw Commissioner must hand in the overall R&J draw sheet signed by the Technical Delegate to the IBA Scoring System operator.
- 9.2.5.2. If the Draw Commissioner needs to make any changes or manual entries that involves his/her nation, this needs to be brought to the attention of the Technical Delegate and the Deputy Technical delegate for a final approval.
- 9.2.6. The duty of a Draw Commissioner is to ensure that the morning Official Communication to the IBA Scoring System operator contains all the necessary filter and withdrawal requests, so that the computerised R&J draw is made with as much input as possible, and with the objective of not having to request any changes once the draw has been made.
- 9.2.7. From the moment the Draw Commissioner receives the R&J draw sheet and starts reviewing it, he or she must remain in the Field of Play, until he or she returns the R&J draw sheet, that is signed off by the Technical Delegate, to the IBA Scoring System operator.
- 9.2.8. The Technical Delegate must be present in the Field of Play to approve and sign off the R&J draw sheet after it is reviewed by the Draw Commissioner. From the moment the Technical Delegate receives the R&J draw sheet for review, approval and signature, and until the document is returned to the Draw Commissioner and then the IBA Scoring System operator, the Technical Delegate may not leave the Field of Play.
- 9.2.9. All change requests must abide by the rules of neutrality stated in the IBA Technical and Competition Rules.
- 9.2.10. Once the R&J Draw Sheet is returned to the IBA Scoring System operator, with or without change requests, the IBA Scoring System operator prints four updated R&J per Bout draw sheets for the upcoming Session.
- 9.2.10.1. The IBA Scoring System operator hands all copies, Bout per Bout, to the R&J Coordinator who:





- a) Hands one copy to the announcer at ringside.
- b) Hands a copy to each of the R&J Evaluators.
- c) Keeps one copy in order to properly call the R&Js taking part in the upcoming Bout.

9.3. After the start of a Boxing Session

- 9.3.1. The Draw Commissioner can only request changes to the R&J Draw after the start of the Boxing Session if:
 - 9.3.1.1. Unforeseen individual problems occur to an R&J, such as illness, injury or external emergencies.
 - 9.3.1.2. An unexpected “no show” from an R&J for the Bout where the R&J is assigned.
 - 9.3.1.3. A CLEAR identification of wrongdoing as per IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code is recognised during the said Session.
 - 9.3.1.4. A CLEAR identification of a safety hazard for the R&J or the Boxer is recognised during the said Session.
- 9.3.2. When a change request is made after the “Start of Session”, the request should be made through an Official Communication, using the template provided by the IBA Scoring System, signed by the Technical Delegate, and detailing each individual substitution (Bout number, name and number of the substituted R&J; name and number of the new R&J). The Official Communication must also include the reason why the substitution was made.
- 9.3.3. If a selected Judge cannot continue judging during a bout due to illness, the procedures as per Rule 9.3.2. will be followed. The total score will be calculated as if no replacements took place.

10. ATHLETE MEDICAL EXAMINATION

- 10.1. Within 30 (thirty) 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 stamped IBA Medical Certificate.
- 10.2. Within 1 (one) year before all IBA-affiliated Competitions, Boxers must pass a medical examination with the NF Registered Medical/Ringside doctor to receive their completed, signed, and stamped IBA Medical Certificate.
- 10.3. Pre-bout medical examination
 - 10.3.1. Pre-bout medical examination must be on the same day as the Bout and takes place during the Daily Weigh-In.
 - 10.3.2. The Technical Delegate decides the starting time of the pre-bout medical examination and must communicate the starting time to the LOC, Team Delegations and Competition Officials.
 - 10.3.3. Ringside Doctors are assigned by the Technical Delegate to work at the pre-bout medical examination.





10.3.3.1. The Chairperson of the Ringside Doctors may select Local or Team Doctors to assist with the pre-bout medical examinations. Local and Team Doctors must be qualified doctors and must provide a legible copy of his/her current passport (no other proof of identity is accepted) and medical credentials.

10.3.4. A Boxer must be examined by the doctor and must be confirmed "Fit to Box" before being able to weigh-in.

10.4. In Competitions, blood tests can be conducted, based upon the request of IBA, the appointed Ringside doctor or the Technical Delegate. Post-bout medical examinations are conducted as per IBA Medical Rules.

10.5. Additional medical examinations may be conducted as per AIBA Medical Rules.

11. DAILY WEIGH-IN

11.1. During the Boxer's first Daily Weigh-In of the Competition, both the minimum and the maximum weight limits are controlled. Boxer's weight must not exceed the maximum of the Boxer's Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the Boxer's Weight Category.

11.2. The weight registered at the Sport Entries Check decides the Boxer's Weight Category for the entire Competition.

11.3. At the consequent Daily Weigh-Ins, only the maximum weight limit is controlled, not the minimum weight limit. If a Boxer exceeds the maximum weight limit at the Daily Weigh-In, that Boxer is not allowed to continue competing as per Rule 19.11.2. of these rules.

11.4. A Boxer is allowed to be present at the official scales only once.

11.5. The weight is the one shown on the scale, the body being naked except for a swimming suit or underwear. When necessary, the Boxer may take off the underwear.

11.6. There is a zero tolerance on any overweight than the chosen Weight Category.

11.7. The Weigh-In must be conducted by Competition Officials appointed by the Technical Delegate.

11.8. The Weigh-In must be conducted by Competition Officials of the same gender as the Boxers.

11.9. Electronic scales must be used for both Test scales and Daily Weigh-In scales and have to be of the same brand and model, calibrated daily and not moved after calibration.

11.10. Test scales must be available at the Weigh-In area and each Team Hotel.

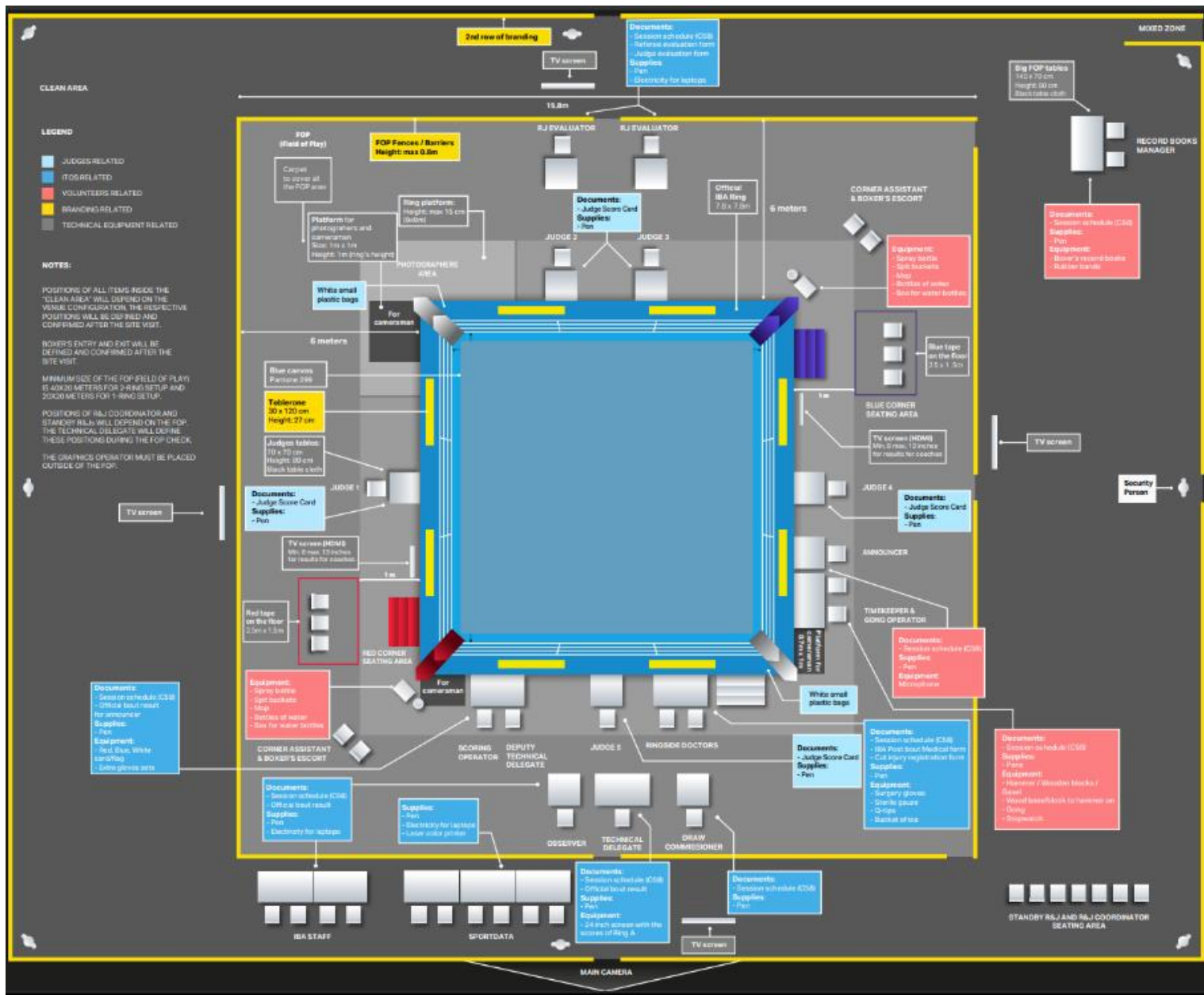
11.11. The time from the end of the Daily Weigh-In to the start of the first Bout of the Competition days must not be less than three (3) hours. The Technical Delegate reserves the right to relax this condition if unavoidable circumstances occur and after consultation with the Chairperson of the Ringside Doctors.

11.12. The LOC of a mixed Competition, where both Men and Women Boxers compete, must arrange distinct areas for the Medical Examination and the Daily Weigh-In, so these activities can be carried out separately for Men and Women Boxers.

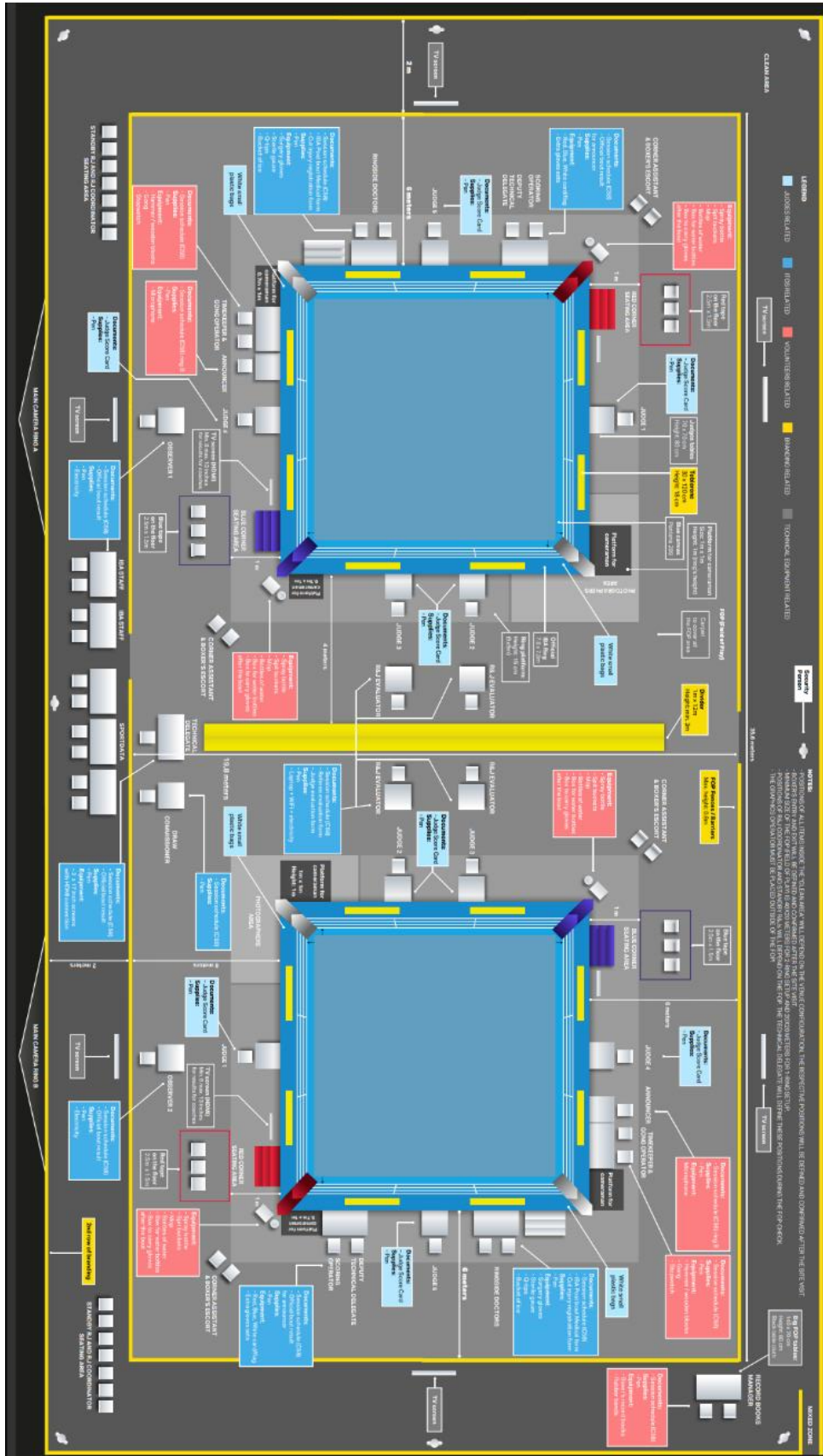


12. FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)

12.1. FOP Set Up – One ring



12.2. FOP Set Up – Two rings





12.3. ITO Positions in and around the FOP

- 12.3.1. The R&J Coordinator(s) chair(s) must be placed in the same area as the stand-by R&Js chairs.
- 12.3.2. The Equipment Managers' table must be located near Boxers' entrance to the FOP.
- 12.3.3. The Record Book Managers must be seated at a table located nearby the Boxers' exit from the FOP.

12.4. Media Guidelines

- 12.4.1. If a platform for TV cameras is required during a Competition, its length and width have to be 1 m each. Its height is determined jointly by the IBA Head Office and the Competition Manager, subject to the Technical Delegate's approval.
- 12.4.2. A maximum of two (2) TV camera operators can mount the ring apron during and between Bouts, but only one (1) can enter the ring and only for the announcement of the Bout decision.
- 12.4.3. Each camera operator may have one assistant at the maximum, and this assistant must remain on the floor.
- 12.4.4. No more than four (4) photographers may be positioned at ringside during Competition. They are to remain in a marked area of 1.5 m from the neutral corner towards Judge 1 and Judge 2.
- 12.4.5. Microphones may only be attached to the backside of the pads in the neutral corners.

13. IBA ANTI-DOPING AND MEDICAL RULES

- 13.1. All IBA Competitions must adhere to the IBA Anti-Doping Rules and the IBA Medical Rules.
- 13.2. In all IBA Competitions, anti-doping tests must be conducted.
 - 13.2.1. The test distribution plan needs to be requested to the IBA Head Office.
- 13.3. At the end of a Competition, the LOC is responsible for uploading all Doping Control Forms (DCF) into ADAMS (Anti-Doping Administration & Management System), under a new mission order. All physical records of anti-doping tests, including DCFs and Chain of Custody forms, must then be sent to the IBA Head Office, via mail, within forty-eight (48) hours after the end of a Competition.



13.4. Authority overview:

Event	Sample Collection Authority	Testing Authority	Results Management Authority
IBA Event	IBA decides	IBA	IBA
WBT Event	IBA decides	IBA	IBA
Confederation Event	IBA decides	IBA	IBA
Multi-sport Event	Multi-sport Event Organising Committee decides	Multi-sport Organising Committee	NADO/Multi-sport Event Organising Committee & IBA
International Event not organised by IBA	Local Organising Committee decides	IBA	IBA

14. TEAM OFFICIALS

14.1. Team Cut Technician

14.1.1. Eligibility. 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 event 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 respective application form within 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.

14.1.2.1. A Team Cut Technician must be IBA certified to be part of a team delegation.

14.1.2.2. A Team Cut Technician is there to assist a Boxer's preparation and may accompany a Boxer to the ring. A Team Cut Technician is mostly needed in Competitions that are required to use professional hand wraps and no headguards. However, they may work in any type of event.

14.1.3. The duties of the Team Cut Technician

14.1.3.1. A Team Cut Technician is responsible for using his/her skills and knowledge to ensure injury prevention of a Boxer.

14.1.3.2. Examples of a Team Cut Technician's duties in the following areas.

- a) Hand wrapping;
- b) Facial area treatment prior and during a Bout to help prevent injuries;
- c) Treatment of cuts, swelling and nosebleeds during and after a bout.





14.2. Seconds

14.2.1. Eligibility

- 14.2.1.1. Only IBA-certified Coaches and IBA-certified Team Cut Technicians can work as Seconds in all IBA Competitions, unless due to exceptional circumstances IBA allows otherwise.
- 14.2.1.2. Any Coach active in professional boxing shall be allowed to be a Coach and/or Second in IBA Competitions once the Coach has been certified by IBA as a registered Coach. Reciprocally, an IBA certified Coach may be active in professional boxing.
- 14.2.1.3. Each Boxer is entitled to be accompanied to the ring by up to three (3) Seconds. However, only 2 (two) Seconds may mount the apron of the ring and only 1 (one) may enter the ring.
 - a) In any Elite IBA Competition, 1 (one) Second position can be filled by a Team Cut Technician. An IBA Team Cut Technician must always be accompanied by an IBA-certified coach.

14.2.2. The duties of the Seconds

- 14.2.2.1. Seconds must leave the ring and the apron prior to the start of each round, and must remove seats, towels, buckets, etc., from the platform of the ring.
- 14.2.2.2. Seconds must have a towel for the Boxer during the Bout. A Second may indicate retirement of the Boxer by throwing the towel into the ring when this Boxer is considered to be unfit or unable to continue boxing, except when the Referee is in the course of counting.
- 14.2.2.3. Seconds can only use the transparent bottled water provided by the Organizing Committee. In the case of a cut, the Seconds can use Collodion, Thrombin Solution, Micro Fibrillar Collagen, Gelfoam, Surgicel and Adrenaline 1/1000. Ice bags, Enswell and Swabs are permissible.
- 14.2.2.4. Seconds may not administer any drugs aside from the approved ones during the Bout.
- 14.2.2.5. Seconds may use a bag with maximum dimensions of 30 cm x 20 cm x 20 cm.

14.2.3. Prohibited activities

- 14.2.3.1. Seconds are not permitted to stand up and/or to encourage or incite spectators by words or signs during the progress of a round. Seconds are not allowed to touch the ring during the Bout, yell, cause a scandal or disturb the Competition.
- 14.2.3.2. Seconds' seating area must be one (1) metre away from the ring corner within a 1.5m x 2.5m designated area.





- 14.2.3.3. Seconds are not permitted to walk off Second's designated area with disagreed actions against the Referee.
- 14.2.3.4. Seconds are not permitted to throw any item into the ring to demonstrate a disagreement or to kick any chair or water bottle or to take any other action that may be deemed as unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- 14.2.3.5. The use of any communication device is not permitted in the FOP such as but not limited to mobile telephones, walkie-talkies, smart phones, headsets, shortwave radios, etc.
- 14.2.3.6. Under no circumstance are Seconds allowed to administrate supplemental oxygen or any type of inhaler to a Boxer during a Bout.
- 14.2.3.7. Seconds are not permitted to yell at/argue with any Official on the FOP during or after the Bout.

14.2.4. Sanctions

- 14.2.4.1. For a 1st violation on any of above prohibited activities, a Second receives a caution.
- 14.2.4.2. For a 2nd violation on any of above prohibited activities, a Second receives a warning and be placed just outside of the FOP area but be allowed to remain the Competition Venue.
- 14.2.4.3. For a 3rd violation on any of the above prohibited activities, a Second is removed by the Technical Delegate for the rest of the day.
- 14.2.4.4. If a Second is removed for a second time, that Second is completely suspended from the Competition.

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 Disciplinary and Ethics Code 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 and betting are prohibited on all kit items inside the Competition Venue.





15. IBA WORLD RANKING

- 15.1. IBA World Ranking points for each Boxer are accumulated over a two (2) year “rolling” period.
- 15.2. IBA World Ranking points are awarded for each Competition as listed below and maintained in full for four (4) Competitions.
- 15.3. From the 5th Competition onwards (up to a maximum of 7 Competitions), the overall lowest IBA World Ranking point awarded are decreased by 25% per Competition.
- 15.4. The Official IBA World Ranking is issued after each Competition counting into the ranking system.
- 15.5. Every Boxer participating in IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Elite Competitions, except for IBA Olympic Qualifying Events for the Olympic Games is ranked within the Competition and gains points depending on final result and position.
- 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:

Ranking Competition and point to earn for reach the respective places

Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	5 th	7 th	1/16 th	1/32 nd		Participation
Olympic Games	2000	1700	1300	1000	600	300	100		0
World Championships	2000	1700	1300	1000	600	300	100		0
Continental	1200	900	700	400	300	150	50		0
Continental Multi Sport Games*	1200	900	700	400	300	150	50		0
Golden Belt	900	700	500	250	150	80	30		0
Silver Belt	600	400	250	150	100	60	20		0
Bronze Belt	300	200	100	60	40	20	10		0

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

- 15.7.1. The above-listed ranking points are adjusted for the Continental Championships based on the number of Boxers in each Weight Category as follows:





15.7.1.1. Seven (7) Boxers or less: fifty percent (50%) deduction from above-listed points

15.7.1.2. Eight (8) to eleven (11) Boxers: thirty percent (30%) deduction from above-listed points

15.7.1.3. Twelve (12) Boxers or more: No deduction

15.8. Extra criteria (Men and Women)

15.8.1. Any Boxer who changes Weight Category is awarded seventy-five percent (75%) of all points granted in the previous Weight Category.

15.8.2. Two (2) Boxers with the same number of points are firstly ranked by the number of Competitions in which they participated.

15.8.3. If two (2) Boxers have the same number of points gained in the same number of Competitions, they are ranked through the best result in the highest ranked Competition as follows:

15.8.3.1. World Championships

15.8.3.2. Olympic Games

15.8.3.3. Continental Elite Championships

16. RESULT PROTOCOL

16.1. In IBA Competitions, Boxers' results are classified as follows:

Result	Rank	Competition Stages
1	1	Gold
2	2	Silver
3	3	Loser vs Gold in Semi-Final (SF)
3	4	Loser vs Silver in Semi-Final (SF)
5	5	Loser vs Gold in Quarter-Final (QF)
5	6	Loser vs Silver in Quarter-Final (QF)
5	7	Loser in QF vs Loser to Gold in SF
5	8	Loser in QF vs Loser to Silver in SF
9	9	Loser vs Gold in Round of 16
9	10	Loser vs Silver in Round of 16

16.2. In an IBA Competition where box-off Bout for the third (3rd) place is organised between the two (2) losers of the semi-finals, the Boxers result must be classified as follows:

Result	Rank	Competition Stages
1	1	Gold
2	2	Silver
3	3	Winner of the Box-off Bout for the third (3 rd) place
4	4	Loser of the Box-off Bout for the third (3 rd) place
5	5	Loser vs Gold in Quarter-Final (QF)
5	6	Loser vs Silver in Quarter-Final (QF)
5	7	Loser in QF vs the Boxer ranked third (3 rd)
5	8	Loser in QF vs the Boxer ranked fourth (4 th)



9	9	Loser vs Gold in Round of 16
9	10	Loser vs Silver in Round of 16

16.3. In an IBA Competition where box-off Bout for the fifth (5th) places is organised between the four (4) losers of the quarterfinals, the Boxer's result must be classified as follows:

Result	Rank	Competition Stages
1	1	Gold
2	2	Silver
3	3	Loser vs Gold in Semi-Final (SF)
3	4	Loser vs Silver in Semi-Final (SF)
5	5	Two (2) Winners of the Box-off Bout are ranked at the fifth (5 th) place
7	7	Two (2) Losers of the Box-off Bout are ranked at the seventh (7 th) place
9	9	Loser vs Gold in Round of 16
9	10	Loser vs Silver in Round of 16

16.4. In all other cases, Rule 19 of these rules applies.

17. IBA DATABASE

17.1. The IBA Head Office maintains records of IBA certified R&Js and ITOs. Certification, participation, evaluation and personal information is stored on the 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 Head Office will update the certification level of the IBA certified coach or R&J.

RULES FOR SCORING

18. IBA SCORING SYSTEM

18.1. The approved IBA Scoring System must be used in all Bouts and must be operated by the approved IBA Scoring System operator.

18.2. The IBA Scoring System is based on a "Ten Point Must-System".

18.3. In all Bouts of IBA Competitions, the five (5) Judges for each Bout are allocated a position around the ring in accordance with the electronic draw by the IBA Scoring System.

18.4. At the end of each round, each Judge determines the winning Boxer of that round by awarding a score of ten (10) points and by awarding nine (9) or less points (7 (seven) is the minimum score) to the losing Boxer, depending on the judgment as to the degree to which the opponent lost the round. Every round must have a declared winner.

18.4.1. At the end of each round, the scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score is identified on a public display, but not visible to the Referee and Judges in the Field of Play.

18.5. The scores of all five (5) Judges shall be counted in determining the winning Boxer.

18.6. The Judges have to push the button on the scoring pad within fifteen (15) seconds. These scores are transmitted directly to a computer system managed by the Deputy



Technical Delegate, and no alterations or additions are made to these scores after the initial transmission. The announcement of the scores by the Announcer and on the live TV broadcast are made immediately at the end of the Bout, after the approval of the scores by the Deputy Technical Delegate.

- 18.6.1. At the end of the Bout, but only after the winner of the Bout is announced, the precise scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score is identified on a public display. This public display also indicates the total score by each Judge for each Boxer for the entire Bout (including any deduction due to warnings).
- 18.7. In case the total scores awarded by each Judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the Bout, the decision is determined as per Rule 19.3 of these rules.
- 18.8. In any case, the Judges' scores of all the rounds must not be disclosed or displayed until the winner of the Bout is announced.
- 18.9. The Deputy Technical Delegate informs the Announcer of the official results.
- 18.10. If the IBA Scoring System becomes defective during a Bout, the Referee collects all five (5) Judges' score cards with the names of the Judges and gives them to the Deputy Technical Delegate.
- 18.11. Each Judge independently judges the merits of the two (2) Boxers using the IBA Scoring System based on the following criteria:
 - 18.11.1. Number of quality blows on target area;
 - 18.11.2. Domination of the Bout by technical and tactical superiority;
 - 18.11.3. Competitiveness.
- 18.12. The Judges must apply the following criteria to score each round:
 - 18.12.1. 10 vs. 9 – Close round;
 - 18.12.2. 10 vs. 8 – Clear winner;
 - 18.12.3. 10 vs. 7 – Total dominance.
- 18.13. Results Management
 - 18.13.1. At the conclusion of each Bout and each Session, the results recorded in the IBA Scoring System must be printed and handed to the Technical Delegate;
 - 18.13.2. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, at the end of each Session, IBA Scoring System Operator forwards the Session Results to IBA Head Office;
 - 18.13.3. In all IBA Competitions, after the final Session of the Competition, the IBA Scoring System Operator forwards all Competition documents to IBA Head Office.

19. DECISIONS

- 19.1. Win on points – WP
 - 19.1.1. At the end of a Bout, each Judge determines a winner based on the Boxer's total scores of the Bout. The winner is determined by either unanimous or split decision.



- 19.1.2. The Judges score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout, and the Boxer who is ahead on points is declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the IBA Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped is scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 19.1.2.1. Cases where Rule 19.1.2. of these rules applies:
- If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs during any round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;
 - In case both Boxers are injured at the same time and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;
 - In case the Bout is terminated by the Referee due to an event that is out of the Boxer's or Referee's control, such as the destruction of the ring, failure of the lighting supply, forces of nature and other similar unforeseen conditions, and only if the event mentioned occurs after the end of the first round.
- 19.2. The IBA Scoring System appoints the winner by a unanimous or split decision as follows:
- 19.2.1. Unanimous decision by points: the five (5) Judges appoint the same winner, or
- 19.2.2. Split decision by points:
- 19.2.2.1. Three (3) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the other two (2) Judges either appoint the other Boxer as a winner or a draw; or
- 19.2.2.2. Four (4) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the other Judge either appoints the other Boxer as a winner or a draw.
- 19.3. Tiebreak - In the event that the total scores awarded by each Judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the Bout, the Judge(s) with equal scores are requested to nominate which Boxer is the winner of the Bout in their opinion in the following cases:
- 19.3.1. One (1) Judge has even scores, and the total scores of the other four (4) judges are evenly split; or
- 19.3.2. Two (2) Judges have even scores and the other three (3) judges do not score unanimously; or
- 19.3.3. Three (3) or more Judges have even scores.
- 19.4. There is no "Technical Draw".
- 19.5. Abandon ("**ABD**"). If a Boxer retires voluntarily or if the Coach throws the towel into the ring or appears on the apron, however not, while the Referee is counting, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by Abandon.
- 19.6. Win by Referee Stops Contest ("**RSC**")
- RSC-H: Stoppages due to punches to the head
RSC-B: Stoppages due to punches to the body
- 19.6.1. If a Boxer fails to resume boxing immediately after the rest period between rounds, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.



- 19.6.2. If a Boxer, in the Referee's opinion, is being outclassed or is receiving excessive punishment or hard blows, the Bout is stopped and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.
- 19.6.3. If a Boxer is unfit to continue and fails to resume boxing after a Knockdown, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.
- 19.6.4. If a Boxer does not recover after ninety (90) seconds, as per Rule 22, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.
- 19.6.5. In the case of a Boxer being punched out of the ring by a legal blow, the Boxer must be allowed 30 (thirty) seconds to come back into the ring, after the eight (8) count, without the help of anyone. In case the Boxer is not able to come back within the above-mentioned timeframe, such Boxer is deemed to have lost the Bout by RSC.
- 19.6.6. The Ringside Doctor has the option to advise the Referee to terminate a Bout if a Boxer receives too much punishment. The opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC.
- 19.7. Win by Referee Stops Contest-Injury ("RSC-I")
 - 19.7.1. If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, is unfit to continue because of a sustained or increased injury from correct punches, the Bout is stopped and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.
 - 19.7.2. If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, becomes incapable of continuing to compete because of an injury not sustained from punches, the Bout is stopped and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.
- 19.8. Win by Disqualification – DSQ
 - 19.8.1. If a Boxer is disqualified for any reason, the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.
 - 19.8.1.1. If the Boxer who won by DSQ is declared unfit to compete in the next round of the same Competition due to that foul or any other reason, then Rule 19.11.2. applies.
 - 19.8.2. If the Referee, at his/her discretion, determines that an intentional foul caused an injury to a Boxer and that the fouled and injured Boxer cannot continue because of the injury sustained from this intentional foul, the offending Boxer is disqualified and the injured Boxer is declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.
 - 19.8.3. The third warning in the whole Bout automatically disqualifies the Boxer and the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.
 - 19.8.4. In the case a Double Disqualification (BDSQ) occurs, including Walkovers, both Boxers lose the Bout by BDSQ.
 - 19.8.5. If a Boxer is disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour (such as assaulting or acting aggressively towards a Referee, Judge, Technical Delegate, Team Official, or other), the opponent is declared the winner of the Bout by Disqualification for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour (DQB). The disqualified Boxer is subject to sanctions determined by the BIU Tribunal in accordance with the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
 - 19.8.6. If the Boxer has been disqualified due to misconduct or unsportsmanlike behaviour, it has to be brought to the attention of the BIU Tribunal by the





- Technical Delegate within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the respective Bout.
- 19.8.7. A Boxer disqualified by DSQ will not be awarded a medal, a quota place if the Competition is a qualifying event, or IBA World Ranking points related to the Bout.
 - 19.8.8. A Boxer disqualified for behaviour by DQB will not be awarded a quota place if the Competition is a qualifying event, a medal or IBA World Ranking points related to the Bout.
 - 19.8.9. If both Boxers do not box competitively in the ring, both shall be disqualified by BDSQ. In this case, both Boxers will not be awarded quota places if the Competition is a qualifying event, medals or IBA World Ranking points related to the Bout.
 - 19.8.10. If a Boxer is disqualified in the semi-finals or finals, the Boxer's medal will not be reallocated and his Competition ranking will be annulled. In this case, the next best ranked Boxer will not be moved up the Competition ranking.
- 19.9. Win by Knockout – KO
- Knockout due to blows to the head:
- KO-H Knockout due to blows to the body: KO-B
- 19.9.1. If a Boxer is knocked down and fails to resume boxing before that Boxer is counted up to ten (10), the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by KO.
 - 19.9.2. In the case of an emergency and the Referee summons the Ringside Doctor in the ring before the Boxer is counted up to ten (10), the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by KO.
- 19.10. Both Boxers are disqualified or KO
- 19.10.1. If both Boxers are disqualified or KO at any stage of the Competition before a semi-final, the opponent in the next round will win by walkover.
 - 19.10.2. In case of double disqualification during a final, they will not be eligible to receive a medal.
 - 19.10.3. In the case a Double KO (DKO) occurs, both Boxers will lose the Bout by DKO.
 - 19.10.4. If a DKO occurs during a final, Rule 19.1.2. of these rules applies.
- 19.11. Win by Walkover – WO
- 19.11.1. If a Boxer is present in the ring fully attired and ready to box and the opposing Boxer fails to appear in the ring after being announced and a maximum period of one (1) minute has elapsed after the bell has been sounded, the Referee will declare the present Boxer to be the winner by WO.
 - 19.11.2. If a Boxer fails the Medical Examination or Daily Weigh-In, his/her opponent will win by Walkover.
 - 19.11.3. If the Technical Delegate knows in advance that a Boxer will not be present, he/she must cancel the procedure mentioned in Rule 19.11.1. of these rules, and the result must be officially announced.



- 19.11.4. No medal will be awarded to a Boxer who has not boxed at least once within the entire Competition period.
- 19.12. There is no “No Contest” decision
- 19.13. If a Bout cannot take place
- 19.13.1. If a Bout cannot take place because both Boxers cannot compete, at any stage of Competition before the semi-finals, the opponent in the next round will win by walkover.
- 19.13.2. If a semi-final Bout cannot take place:
- 19.13.2.1. If both Boxers failed the weigh-in or did not show, both will be disqualified from the semi-final and will not be eligible for receiving a medal
- 19.13.2.2. If both Boxers were not allowed to compete by medical decision or force majeure, both Boxers will receive a bronze medal in addition to the loser of the other semi-final bout
- 19.13.3. If a final Bout cannot take place
- 19.13.3.1. If both Boxers failed the weigh-in or did not show, both will be disqualified from the final and will not be eligible for receiving a medal
- 19.13.3.2. If both Boxers were not allowed to compete by medical decision or force majeure, both Boxers will receive a silver medal, the two Boxers will be ranked second
- 19.13.4. If both semi-final Bouts cannot take place, four (4) Boxers will be ranked third.
- 19.14. Extraordinary Rescheduling

20. BOUT REVIEW 22

- 20.1. Implementation of the ‘new’ Bout Review 22
- 20.1.1. Changes to the Bout Review came into effect as of 25 March 2023 as defined in accordance with (IAW) Technical and Competition (Rule 1).
- 20.1.1.1. Only IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned elite and youth events, that is, Elite and Youth World Championships, Elite and Youth Continental Championships
- 20.2. Composition of the Bout Review 22
- 20.2.1. The Bout Review 22 composition will consist of the following appointments to be known as the Bout Review Jury: the Deputy Technical Delegate, respective ring Observer and the appointed Referee/Judge Evaluator¹; also dependent on the nature of the review and whereby actions of the Referee have been incompetent or inconsistent with these Rules, the appointed Ringside “Chair” Doctor may also be required to be part of the Bout Review Jury. The review will be initiated by the appointed ring Deputy Technical Delegate, in conjunction with the ring Observer, based on a deconfliction of results between both the appointed five (5) Judges and the Judge Evaluator, and/or

¹ Specific to either the Judge or Referee position and dependent on the review requirement



a decision made by the Referee that is deemed to be a contravention of the rules that may affect the overall result of the bout.

- 20.2.1.1. The Bout Review Jury² will consist of appointed and qualified Observer(s) and Evaluator(s); for one ring there should be two (2) Observers and up to five (5) Evaluators-minimum of three (3) appointed to the event, and for a two-ring tournament, there should be three (3) Observers and up to seven (7) Evaluators-minimum of five (5) appointed to the event. Where practicable, there should be members of the Bout Review Jury from all five (5) confederations for the highest level of competition, as referenced at 20.1.1.1.
- 20.2.2. Bout review equipment (Judging): the Observer and Evaluator ringside system/process (live) will be used thoroughly to assess the overall result. A white marker/flag³ will be raised by the Deputy Technical Delegate to activate the review process with the Observer and the Evaluator. The live screens will show “Bout Review” so that the respective Coaches, Boxers and audience are fully aware that a review has been initiated. The Observer and Evaluator will use a red or blue paddle to highlight his/her preference.
- 20.2.3. Immediately upon conclusion of the bout, and within five (5) minutes, the review must be activated and concluded.
- 20.2.4. The Bout Review slip will be written in English and signed by both the Observer and Evaluator, which will reflect their respective bout scores.
- 20.2.5. The appointed IBA Scoring System Operator must record the exact time of the review and bout number, post notification by the ring Observer. All results will be annotated and seen on the screens that are both placed at the red and blue corner respectively, along with those screens that have been outwardly placed for the audience to view and to understand. The scoring system will retain all bout review information for future reference as required.
- 20.2.6. Once the Bout Review is activated, the Deputy Technical Delegate will immediately inform the ringside Observer; both the ringside Observer and the respective Evaluator will inform of their result, by simply annotating the scores of the bout based against both of their decisions and those of the Referee/Judges.
- 20.2.7. The appointed ringside Deputy Technical Delegate is responsible for the oversight of the Bout Review process; however, final authority of the decision is given by the appointed Technical Delegate.
- 20.3. The IBA Scoring System Operator will be required to record all reviews that take place within the actual scoring system, and to ensure that the appropriate information is applied to the system for both the coach and the audience to view.
- 20.4. Observer and Evaluator review (known as the Bout Review Jury).
 - 20.4.1. If the Observer and respective Evaluator are required to assess the Bout, the Bout in question will be assessed accordingly. The scores will be compared

² May also involve the Ringside ‘Chair’ Doctor dependent on the nature of the review, for example, the boxer has received a knock down (KD), but in the opinion of the jury, the decision of the referee was inconsistent with the IBA Technical and Competition Rules. In this instance, he/she may be consulted for an opinion to allow the boxer to continue/or not

³ The system will change/improve once digitisation takes place, with direct communication via a tablet; more information will follow as the process evolves





between the respective Judges and those of the Observer and Judge Evaluator.

20.4.1.1. The Observer will inform the Deputy Technical Delegate of their respective scores.

20.4.1.2. If the Observer and Judge Evaluator disagree with the results of the Judges, for example:

a) The overall result after three (3) rounds is 3:2 to red, however, both the Judge Evaluator and Observer have scored the Bout to blue, the adjusted result in this instance would be 3:4 to blue. This is when the Bout result would be announced a blue win, based on the evaluations by both the Observer and the Judge Evaluator.

20.4.1.3. If the Observer and Judge Evaluator agree with the results of the Judges, for example:

a) The overall result after three (3) rounds is 3:2 to red, and both the Judge Evaluator and Observer have scored the bout to red, the adjusted result in this instance would be 5:2 to red. This is when the bout result would be announced a red win, based on the Judges scores, and the evaluations of both the Observer and Judge Evaluator.

b) The overall result after three (3) rounds is 3:2 to red, and both the Judge Evaluator and Observer have scored the bout to both red and blue, the adjusted result in this instance with by 4:3 to red. This is when the bout result would be announced a red win, based on the Judges scores, and the evaluations of both the Observer and the Evaluator.

20.4.2. The Deputy Technical Delegate will annotate the change of result, and the scoring system will reflect the score and will be announced accordingly. All scores will be highlighted on the screens within the FOP.

20.4.3. Bout Reviews will be conducted immediately on the conclusion of the Bout. The review must be finalised within five (5) minutes of a review activation. The Bout Review will be recorded regardless of whether the result has been changed or not. Note that this information must be discussed at the daily Observer and Evaluators meeting as part of the Referee and Judge sanctioning process. Referees and Judges will be awarded sanctions based on their overall performance if deemed appropriate.

20.5. Bout Review criteria (Refereeing).

20.5.1. The review will also be considered if the actions of the Referee are deemed to be incompetent, have contravened, or are inconsistent with the Technical and Competition Rules which have impacted on the overall result of the bout. The review will be activated by either the Observer or Referee Evaluator by approaching the Deputy Technical Delegate and calling 'Time'. This must be agreed by both the Observer and Evaluator in the first instance.

20.5.2. In the case of a review whereby a Competition and Technical Rule was violated by the Referee, the review should clearly indicate which IBA rule(s) has/have been breached, in which rounds(s) the breach is alleged to have





taken place and how the breach(es) affected the final result on the Bout Review Form as follows:

- 20.5.2.1. Procedures not followed by the Referee as outlined within these Rules.
 - 20.5.2.2. Foul rules as a legal action by the Referee.
 - 20.5.2.3. Legal action rules as a foul by the Referee.
 - 20.5.3. In extenuating circumstances whereby incompetence or negligence has taken place, and the inappropriate actions of the referee have affected the final result of the bout, the Bout Review Jury must initiate a review immediately, and to conclude the decision within five (5) minutes once activated. The results must be communicated and recorded accordingly and approved by the Technical Delegate.
- 20.6. The Bout Review Decision.
- 20.6.1. In the event of a Bout Review, the Observer and Evaluator will determine the winner of the Bout, or simply override a decision by the Referee, that is not correct, or inconsistent with these Rules. The following must also be taken in to account using all three (3) scoring criteria (as below):
 - 20.6.1.1. Number of quality blows on the target area;
 - 20.6.1.2. Domination of the bout by technical and tactical superiority;
 - 20.6.1.3. Competitiveness.
 - 20.6.2. In the case of a Bout Review claiming that a Rule was violated by the Referee, the Observer and Referee Evaluator will determine the winner/or override an inconsistency of the Bout by reviewing the detail and finding:
 - 20.6.2.1. A clear violation of a Rule that warrants the reversal of the decision.
 - 20.6.3. After the Bout Review, the Observer and Referee Evaluator (and to include the Ringside “Chair” Doctor if appropriate) must complete the process and make a decision. They will communicate this decision to both the Deputy Technical Delegate and the Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate will inform the IBA Scoring System Operator, who in turn will document the decision in the scoring system. The result will be passed directly to the Deputy Technical Delegate and the decision will be announced accordingly.
- 20.7. Bout Review timing mitigation
- 20.7.1. In order to mitigate delays caused by the previous Bout Review process, the reduction of time to conclude the review has been reduced to five (5) minutes post Bout and prior to the official announcement. This should not impact on any post bout activity, which could include the medal ceremony.

21. FOULS

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

21.1.1. Hitting

- 21.1.1.1. Below the belt (low blow), with the head, shoulder, forearm or elbow



- 21.1.1.2. With an open glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand
- 21.1.1.3. The back of the opponent, especially on the back of the neck or head
- 21.1.1.4. With a kidney punch
- 21.1.1.5. With a pivot blow / backhand punch

- 21.1.2. Holding
 - 21.1.2.1. Holding and hitting
 - 21.1.2.2. Locking the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent
- 21.1.3. Tripping
- 21.1.4. Kicking
- 21.1.5. Butting
- 21.1.6. Strangling
- 21.1.7. Pulling
- 21.1.8. Biting
- 21.1.9. Faking / simulating
- 21.1.10. Pushing
 - 21.1.10.1. Opponent's face with an arm or an elbow
 - 21.1.10.2. The head of the opponent back over the ropes
- 21.1.11. Attacking whilst holding the ropes or making any unfair use of the ropes
- 21.1.12. Lying on, wrestling and throwing in the clinch
- 21.1.13. Attacking an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising
- 21.1.14. Ducking below the belt of the opponent
- 21.1.15. Completely passive defence by means of double cover and intentionally falling, running, or turning the back to avoid a blow
- 21.1.16. Speaking
- 21.1.17. Not stepping back when ordered to break
- 21.1.18. Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the Referee has ordered "break" and before taking a step back
- 21.1.19. Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a Referee at any time
- 21.1.20. Gumshield falling out
 - 21.1.20.1. Spitting out the gumshield intentionally without receiving a correct punch will cause the Boxer to receive a mandatory warning;



21.1.20.2. If the gumshield falls out after the Boxer has received a correct punch, and if this happens for the third time, the Boxer will receive a mandatory warning.

21.1.21. Keeping the advanced hand straight in order to obstruct the opponent's vision.

22. LOW BLOW

22.1. After a low blow, if the offended Boxer does not complain and the low blow was not hard and intentional, the Referee must signal the foul without interrupting the Bout.

22.2. After a low blow, if the offended Boxer complains about the severity of the low blow, the Referee will have two (2) options:

22.2.1. The offending Boxer will be immediately disqualified if it is an intentional and hard blow.

22.2.2. Start an eight (8) count.

22.3. After the eight (8) count, the Referee will have two (2) options:

22.3.1. The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee may give a warning to the offender, if the Referee considers it as necessary, and the Bout will continue.

22.3.2. The Boxer is unfit to continue: the Referee will give a certain amount of time to the Boxer to try to recover with a maximum of up to one (1) minute and a half.

22.4. After above mentioned timeframe, the Referee will have two (2) options:

22.4.1. The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee may give a warning to the offender and the Bout will continue.

22.4.2. The Boxer is unfit to continue: the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by RSC-I.

23. CAUTION, WARNING, DISQUALIFICATION

23.1. A Boxer who does not obey the instructions of the Referee, who acts against the rules of boxing, who boxes in any unsportsmanlike manner, or who commits fouls, will, at the discretion of the Referee, be cautioned, warned or disqualified. If a Referee intends to warn a Boxer, the Referee must say "stop" and demonstrate the infringement. The Referee must then indicate to the Boxer and then to the Deputy Technical Delegate.

23.2. If a Boxer receives a Referee's warning, the Deputy Technical Delegate will record the warning and inform the IBA Scoring System Operator who, in turn, will record the warning in the IBA Scoring System. Each warning will reduce the total score of the offending Boxer by one (1) point per Judge. The third warning in a Bout will automatically disqualify the Boxer.

23.3. If a Boxer receives a headbutt or any other serious illegal blow which does 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.

23.4. If a Boxer receives a headbutt or any other illegal blow which causes an injury or a cut, the Referee must disqualify the offending Boxer.





- 23.5. If the Referee has any reason to believe that a foul has been committed which the Referee has not seen, the Referee may consult the Judges.
- 23.6. If an irregularity is found in the Boxer's bandages after the Bout which, in the Referee's opinion, gave an advantage to the Boxer, this Boxer must be immediately disqualified.
- 23.7. The Technical Delegate has the right to caution, to remove from the Field of Play, and to remove the accreditation of a Second who has infringed the IBA Technical and Competition Rules.
- 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, as the right to refer the matter to the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit for further prosecution and possible sanctions.

24. KNOCKDOWN

- 24.1. A Boxer is considered to be knocked down due to a legal blow if:
 - 24.1.1. The Boxer touches the floor with any part of the body other than the Boxer's feet as the result of a blow or series of blows.
 - 24.1.2. The Boxer hangs helplessly on the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.
 - 24.1.3. The Boxer is outside or partly outside the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.
 - 24.1.4. Following a hard punch, the Boxer has not fallen and is not lying on the ropes, but is in a semi-conscious state and cannot, in Referee's opinion, continue the Bout.
- 24.2. Counts following a Knockdown
 - 24.2.1. In the case of a Knockdown, the Referee must say "stop" and then begin an Eight Count – count from one (1) to eight (8) – if the Boxer is fit to continue; and count from one (1) to ten (10) if the Boxer is unfit to continue.
 - 24.2.2. The Referee counts with intervals of one (1) second between the numbers and indicates each second with the hand so that the Boxer who has been knocked down may be aware of the count.
 - 24.2.3. Before the number "one" is counted, an interval of one (1) second must have elapsed from the time when the Boxer is knocked down, and the time of announcing "one".
- 24.3. Responsibilities of the Opponent
 - 24.3.1. If a Boxer is knocked down, the Boxer's opponent must at once go to the neutral corner as designated by the Referee and remain there until the Referee allows the Boxer to leave. If the opponent does not respect this, the Referee must suspend the count until the opponent complies with the command.





24.4. Mandatory Eight Counts

24.4.1. When a Boxer is knocked down as the result of a blow, the Bout must not continue until the Referee has reached a mandatory count of eight (8), even if the Boxer is ready to continue before then or the round has come to a close.

24.5. Both Boxers Knocked Down

24.5.1. If both Boxers are knocked down at the same time, the count is continued, as long as one of them is still knocked down.

24.6. Compulsory Count Limits

24.6.1. A maximum of three (3) Eight Counts are given in one (1) round;

24.6.2. In Men Elite IBA Competitions, a maximum of three (3) Eight Counts are given in one (1) round, and a maximum of four (4) Eight (8) Counts apply in one Bout;

24.6.3. In Women, Youth and Junior IBA Competitions, a maximum of three (3) Eight Counts are given in one (1) round, and four (4) Eight Counts apply in one Bout;

24.6.4. In School age IBA Competitions, a maximum of two (2) Eight Counts are given in one (1) round, and a maximum of three (3) in one Bout;

24.6.5. Eight Counts due to an illegal blow, are not considered in this amount.

24.7. Boxer Knocked Out of the Ring

24.7.1. In the case of a Boxer being punched out of the ring by a legal blow, the Boxer must be allowed 30 (thirty) seconds to come back into the ring, after the Eight Count, without the help of anyone. In case the Boxer is not able to come back within the above-mentioned timeframe, such Boxer is deemed to have lost the Bout by RSC.

24.8. Knockout

24.8.1. After the Referee has said "ten", the Bout ends and must be decided as KO. The Referee may stop the count if in his/her opinion the Boxer is in immediate need of medical attention.

24.9. Boxer Knocked Down at the End of a Round

24.9.1. In the case of a Boxer being knocked down at the end of any round, the Referee must continue to count until the Boxer is no longer knocked down irrespective of the end of the round.

24.9.2. Should the Referee count up to ten (10), such Boxer is deemed to have lost the Bout by KO. The gong does not save the Boxer.

24.10. Second Knockdown without a Further Punch

24.10.1. If a Boxer is knocked down as the result of a punch and the Bout is continued after the count of 8 (eight) has been reached, but the Boxer falls again without having received a further punch, the Referee may continue the count from the count of eight (8) up to the count of ten (10).





RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

25. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- 25.1. No Competition Official [refers to International Technical Official (**ITO**) and Referee and Judge (**R&J**)] is entitled as of right to participate and to be invited as Competition Official to any Competition. IBA and/or the competition organizer may at its discretion, at any time, refuse to enter any Competition Official, without indication of grounds.
- 25.2. The Competition Officials' eligibility criteria and appointment process depend on the type of Competition Official (as described below), as well as the category of Competition. Notwithstanding, all Competition Officials nominated and appointed to Competitions have to comply with the eligibility criteria and appointment processes listed under Rule 25 of these rules.
- 25.3. The eligibility criteria include:
 - 25.3.1. Qualification and certification.
 - 25.3.2. Nationality.
 - 25.3.3. No conflict of interests with other positions in IBA or any other boxing governing body.
 - 25.3.4. Integrity.
- 25.4. Qualification and certification
 - 25.4.1. Except for the Timekeeper and Gong Operators, Announcer, or other assistant positions, all Competition Officials must be duly certified by IBA [for international duty] / or by National Federations for National Competitions.
 - 25.4.2. The level of certification depends on the function of Competition Officials, and of the level of Competition. The specific requirements in terms of qualification and certification are further described by these rules.
 - 25.4.3. Competition organizer shall exclusively use certified Competitions Officials for all Competitions. A failure to do so shall be considered as a serious breach of these Rules that can result in sanctions or further disciplinary action, as provided for by IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 25.5. Nationality and residence
 - 25.5.1. National Federations may propose candidates as Competitions Officials. However, for the avoidance of doubt, once a Competition Official has been duly certified by IBA, he or she shall be deemed directly affiliated to IBA. Therefore, in the event in which such National Federation voluntarily withdraws or IBA Congress terminates its membership, the certification and eligibility of the Competition Official to participate in IBA Competitions will remain unaffected.
 - 25.5.2. National Federations and Confederations shall immediately inform IBA if they learn any information about a Competition Official that could affect his or her integrity or eligibility under these Rules. However, any decision to appoint or not to appoint a Competition Official for an IBA-owned or sanctioned competition rests with IBA, in its full discretion, and National Federations do not have standing to challenge a decision to appoint or not to appoint a Competition Official.



- 25.5.3. These Rules include limitations for Competition Officials to officiate depending on their nationality and place of residence.
 - 25.5.4. Competition Officials must spontaneously inform IBA of (i) all their nationalities – if they have several nationalities and (ii) their place of residence. If a Competition official changes his or her country of residence or acquires a new nationality, he/she needs to immediately inform IBA and submit evidence of his new domicile or nationality.
 - 25.5.5. If a Competition Official has several nationalities, or changes nationality, no matter whether he or she keeps his/her former nationality or not, both his/her actual and former nationalities shall be registered in the IBA database. For the purpose of applying these rules, the Competition Official shall be deemed to be a national of all countries he/she is or was a national.
- 25.6. No conflict of interests with other positions in Boxing
- 25.6.1. In accordance with the IBA Constitution, no IBA Director may be a Competition Official, in any capacity and at any level (World – Continental – National).
 - 25.6.2. Neither the IBA Secretary General & CEO, nor the IBA Legal Counsel, nor anyone working at IBA Head Office, nor any member of any Corporate Governance Committee, nor any member of a committee dealing with technical and competition issues (such as Referee and Judge Committee, Competition Committee, Coach Committee or the like) may be a Competition Official, in any capacity and at any level (World – Continental – National).
 - 25.6.3. For World Competitions, no Competition Official may be, at the same time, President, Director or Executive Committee member, Secretary General, CEO or Executive Director, a member of a committee dealing with technical and competition issues (such as Referee and Judge Committee, Competition Committee, Coach Committee, or the like) or a member of the staff or other Official of any Confederation or National Federation.
 - 25.6.4. For Continental Competitions, no Competition Official may be, at the same time, President, Director or Executive Committee member, Secretary General, CEO or Executive Director, a member of a committee dealing with technical and competition issues (such as Referee and Judge Committee, Competition Committee, Coach Committee or the like), or a member of the staff or other Official of the Confederation organizing the Competition or of a National Federation affiliated to such Confederation.
 - 25.6.5. For National Competitions, no Competition Official may be, at the same time, President, Director or Executive Committee member, Secretary General, CEO or Executive Director, a member of a committee dealing with technical and competition issues (such as Referee and Judge Committee, Competition Committee, Coach Committee or the like) or a member of the staff or other Official of the National Federation organizing the Competition or of the Confederation to which such National Federation is affiliated.
 - 25.6.6. In any given Competition, no one can be at the same time a Competition Official and a Boxer or a Team Official registered in the same Competition.
 - 25.6.7. For the avoidance of any doubt, participation as a member of a committee, which does not deal with competition, technical, financial or integrity issues, such as Veterans and Champions Committee or Women Committee will not



be considered as an “official” position preventing the members of such committee to act as Competition Officials.

25.6.8. If a Competition Official, certified by IBA and having pledged commitment to the organisation, engages in participation within any other analogous international governing boxing entity without obtaining prior written approval from IBA Board of Directors, the R&J and Competitions Committees/BIU will conduct a thorough review. Subsequently, a decision will be made regarding the withdrawal or downgrade of the Competition Official’s certification by these respective Committees.

25.7. Selection process and Integrity

25.7.1. All Competition Officials shall, before being appointed to any World or Continental Competition, be subject to a thorough selection process that includes an integrity check, as further described in IBA Technical Officials Selection Rule 25 v3 [refer to IBA website].

25.7.2. If at any time during the integrity check or during a Competition, a Competition Official is identified as being of “high risk” or is otherwise identified as being “problematic”, the concerned Competition Official shall not be invited to the upcoming Competition and/or shall be removed from the Competition if he or she is already on site. As no Competition Official has a right to serve in any given Competition, such decision of non-invitation/ exclusion from a Competition may be reviewed by the CAS only if it appears that the decision was carried out in a manifestly discriminatory, arbitrary, or unfair manner.

25.7.3. IBA and the Confederations shall refrain from appointing at World and Confederation Competitions any Competition Official who has been declared of being of “high risk” or is otherwise identified as being “problematic” for a period of twenty-four (24) months since the “high risk” assessment as a Referee and Judge (R&J), and a period of thirty-six (36) months since the “high risk” assessment as an International Technical Official (ITO). At the expiry of such period, the concerned Competition Official may be appointed again, provided that he or she successfully passes the selection process and integrity check, described in IBA Technical Officials Selection Rule 25 v3 [refer to IBA website], and that he or she fulfils all other eligibility criteria, notably benefits from an appropriate and valid certification.

25.7.4. If, in the course of a given Competition, there are serious concerns of breach of integrity, bout manipulation or the like, IBA may, on its own motion or upon referral by a Confederation or a National Federation, declare all or some categories of Competition Officials at such Competition as being “high risk”. Then, IBA may decide to reduce or extend the period mentioned in article 25.6.3.

25.7.5. A declaration that a Competition Official is considered as being “high risk” shall not be considered as a sanction, and it does not imply that the Competition Official has been found guilty of any wrongdoing; the concerned Competition Official may continue to have other activities in Boxing than Competition Official in World or Continental Competitions. Such “high risk” assessment is the result of the process described in IBA Technical Officials Selection Rule 25 v3 [refer to IBA website] aiming at reinforcing reliability and accountability of Competition Officials. In case of a “high risk” assessment, the concerned Competition Official may, within thirty days of learning of such assessment apply for the competent Committee (R&J or Competition



Committee) within IBA to conduct an administrative review of the decision and of the process described in IBA Technical Officials Selection Rule 25 v3 [refer to IBA website] and to issue a formal decision with grounds. If the motivated decision to be issued by IBA confirms the “high risk” assessment, the concerned Competition Official may challenge such decision before the BIIU within thirty days of notification. Before the BIIU, the concerned Competition Official may exercise his or her right to be heard and access the file pertaining to his or her case, subject to (i) information that needs to be kept confidential in order to avoid any risk of jeopardizing pending or future investigations or ethics or disciplinary proceedings and (ii) any redaction as deemed appropriate. The BIIU will conduct a procedure and issue a decision with respect to such “high risk” assessment.

25.7.6. Any decision by the BIIU confirming a “high risk” assessment may be exclusively appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with the IBA Constitution.

25.7.7. If at any time, a Confederation or IBA suspects in the course of a Competition or in the context of the selection process and integrity check conducted in accordance with IBA Technical Officials Selection Rule 25 v3 [refer to IBA website] that a breach of the Disciplinary and Ethics Code, the (Disciplinary) Code of Conduct, the Policy on Prevention of the Manipulation of the Competition, and/or the anti-harassment policy may have occurred, the matter shall be referred to the BIIU for further investigation and prosecution.

25.8. For National Competitions

25.8.1. The appointment of Competition Officials for National Competitions shall occur in accordance with the regulations of each National Competitions; IBA are aware that some National Federations (NFs) follow the IBA Technical and Competition Rules to the exact detail. Other NFs may not follow these rules completely based on local requirements.

25.8.2. The National Federations must use the following criteria for Competition Official’s appointment:

25.8.2.1. Qualification

25.8.2.2. Nationality

25.8.2.3. Performance and/or certification date (for newly certified officials)

25.8.2.4. Standards of conduct, reputation, and integrity

25.8.3. The National Federations shall have a process in place to ensure that Competition Officials meet eligibility requirements, and that any manipulation of competition or other misconduct result in sanctions against the concerned Competition Officials.

25.8.4. Before confirming the appointment of a Competition Official, the National Federations may consult with IBA in order to enquire whether an IBA Technical Official has any outstanding concerns regarding the standards of conduct, reputation and integrity.

26. TECHNICAL DELEGATE

26.1. Qualification and Eligibility

26.1.1. To be appointed for an IBA Competition, the Technical Delegate must have successfully passed the IBA Technical Delegate Certification Course or the



International Technical Official Certification Course, with a recommendation based on extensive experience as an NTO at the TD or Supervisor level.

- 26.1.2. To be a Technical Delegate at an IBA Competition, a person cannot be an active Coach, Referee, Judge, Team Manager and/or Boxer, nor should have ever been sanctioned with an over six (6) month suspension.
- 26.1.3. The Technical Delegate may not be a national of the country where the IBA Competition takes place.
- 26.1.4. The Technical Delegate must respect and sign the IBA Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules) and upload it to his/her IBA Database profile.

26.2. Duties

- 26.2.1. Prior to the start of an IBA Competition, the Technical Delegate is responsible for conducting a Technical Meeting with Team Officials.
- 26.2.2. Prior to the start and throughout an IBA Competition, the Technical Delegate is responsible for ensuring that the FOP and the athletes' and officials' areas are functioning as per the IBA Technical and Competition Rules.
- 26.2.3. A Session does not commence without the presence of the Technical Delegate.
 - 26.2.3.1. In the event that the Technical Delegate is not present, a qualified designee will assume the role of the Technical Delegate.
- 26.2.4. During an IBA Competition, the Technical Delegate will be responsible for overseeing all Bout decisions.
- 26.2.5. The Technical Delegate will review the scores and obtain feedback from the Referee and Judge Evaluators regarding the performance of the Referees and Judges.
 - 26.2.5.1. The Technical Delegate will immediately suspend a Referee and/or Judge for the rest of the Competition Day for any wrongdoing. Once the Competition is completed, the Technical Delegate will discuss any further recommendation to the BIIU Tribunal regarding sanctioning the Referee and Judge.
- 26.2.6. In IBA Competitions, the Technical Delegate will evaluate ITOs based on the criteria developed by the IBA Technical & Competition Rules Commission and the IBA Head Office and will forward the results to the IBA Head Office and the IBA Technical & Competition Rules Commission.
- 26.2.7. If an International Technical Official or National Technical Official appointed for a Bout is absent, the Technical Delegate will appoint a replacement from the Officials present at the Competition.
- 26.2.8. If a Bout cannot be held due to a force majeure, the Technical Delegate may order to stop the Bout until it can be satisfactorily resumed.
- 26.2.9. The Technical Delegate may not work in Bouts involving Boxers from the country where the Technical Delegate was born or resides.
- 26.2.10. During an IBA Competition, the appointed Technical Delegate will be responsible for cautioning, warning and/or removing accreditation of persons who display improper behaviour.



26.2.11. The detailed duties of the Technical Delegate are listed in the IBA Technical Officials' Regulations.

27. INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITO)

27.1. Qualification and Eligibility

27.1.1. To work in IBA Competitions, an ITO has to successfully pass the IBA ITO Certification Course.

27.1.2. To be appointed as an ITO at an IBA Competition, a person cannot be an active Coach, Referee, Judge, Team Manager and/or Boxer, nor should have ever been sanctioned with an over six (6) month suspension.

27.1.3. ITO positions include the following roles:

27.1.3.1. Technical Delegate (appointed independently)

27.1.3.2. Deputy Technical Delegate

27.1.3.3. Draw Commissioner

27.1.3.4. Ringside Doctor

27.1.3.5. IBA Cut Technician

27.1.3.6. Referee and Judge Evaluator

27.1.3.7. Referee and Judge Coordinator

27.1.3.8. Observer

27.1.3.9. Equipment Manager

27.1.4. In an IBA Competition, there can be no more than two (2) ITOs of the same nationality. These ITOs from the same nationality cannot be assigned in the same Bout.

27.1.5. An ITO may not work in Bouts involving Boxers from the country where the ITO was either born or resides.

27.1.6. Every ITO must respect and sign the IBA Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules) and upload it to his/her IBA Database profile.

27.1.7. The detailed duties of the ITOs are listed in the IBA Technical Officials' Regulations.

28. DEPUTY TECHNICAL DELEGATE

28.1. Qualification and Eligibility. To be appointed for an IBA Competition, the Deputy Technical Delegate must have successfully passed the IBA Technical Delegate Certification Course or the International Technical Official Certification Course, with a recommendation based on extensive experience as a NTO at the TD or Supervisor level.

28.2. In an IBA Competition, the Deputy Technical Delegate may not be a national of the country where the Competition is taking place and must hold a different nationality than the appointed Technical Delegate.





28.3. Appointment

- 28.3.1. IBA will appoint a minimum of two (2) Deputy Technical Delegates for any IBA Competition that uses two (2) rings.
- 28.3.2. IBA will appoint a minimum of one (1) Deputy Technical Delegate for any IBA Competition that uses one (1) ring.

28.4. Duties

- 28.4.1. In an IBA Competition, the Deputy Technical Delegate will be responsible for all Competition aspects of the Bout with the same duties as the appointed Technical Delegate.

29. REFEREE AND JUDGE EVALUATOR

29.1. Qualification and Eligibility

- 29.1.1. To be appointed for an IBA Competition, the Referee and Judge Evaluator has to be a former 3-Star R&J and has to have passed the IBA ITO Certification Course and an additional IBA Certification Course specifically designed for R&J Evaluators/Observer.

29.2. Appointment

- 29.2.1. IBA will appoint three (3) Evaluators for one ring Competitions or five (5) Evaluators for two ring Competitions.

29.3. Duties

- 29.3.1. Attend daily Technical Delegate meetings to provide post-bout feedback and analysis.
- 29.3.2. Evaluate the performance of the Referees or Judges.
- 29.3.3. Judge Evaluators should score each round for comparison with the Judges scores; this is integral in support of the Bout Review.
- 29.3.4. Fill out Database Evaluation form.
- 29.3.5. Conduct the daily R&J Meeting before the first Session, and before the second Session if required.

30. RINGSIDE DOCTORS

30.1. Qualification and Eligibility

- 30.1.1. To be appointed for an IBA Competition, the Referee and Judge Evaluator has to be a former 3-Star R&J and has to have passed the IBA ITO Certification Course and an additional IBA Certification Course specifically designed for R&J Evaluators/Observer.

30.2. Appointment

- 30.2.1. IBA will appoint up to three (3) Evaluators for one ring Competitions and up to five (5) Evaluators for two ring Competitions.





30.3. Duties

- 30.3.1. Attend daily Technical Delegate meetings to provide post-bout feedback and analysis.
- 30.3.2. Evaluate the performance of the Referees or Judges.
- 30.3.3. Judge Evaluators should score each round for comparison with the Judges scores.
- 30.3.4. Form part of the Bout Review Jury dependent on position (Referee or Judge Evaluator).
- 30.3.5. Fill out Database Evaluation form.
- 30.3.6. Conduct the daily R&J Meeting before the first Session, and before the second Session if required.

30.4. Qualification and Eligibility

- 30.4.1. For all IBA-owned, IBA-sanctioned and IBA-affiliated Competitions (except National classification events), only IBA Certified Ringside Doctors are permitted to serve as Ringside Doctors,

‘Unless’
- 30.4.2. In emergency situations during an IBA Competition where appointed IBA Ringside Doctors are not able to perform their duties, the appointed Technical Delegate can appoint a Local or a Team Doctor to work at ring side.

30.5. Attendance in Competition

- 30.5.1. Ringside Doctors must be present one hour before the first Bout and until they check the Boxers at the end of the last Bout.
- 30.5.2. Ringside Doctors have to wear surgical gloves during the Bout.

30.6. Number of Ringside Doctors

- 30.6.1. In an IBA Competition where one (1) ring is used, a minimum of three (3) IBA Ringside Doctors must be present and/or in the FOP. However, there must not be more than two (2) Ringside Doctors at the ringside.
- 30.6.2. In an IBA Competition where two (2) rings are used, a minimum of five (5) Ringside Doctors must be present and/or in the FOP. However, there must not be more than two (2) Ringside Doctors at the ringside of each ring.

30.7. Duties

- 30.7.1. A Ringside Doctor has to ensure that the IBA Competition follows the IBA Medical Rules.
- 30.7.2. A Ringside Doctor performs Medical Examinations at all Daily Weigh-Ins.
- 30.7.3. During a Bout, a Ringside Doctor may be called by the Referee to express an opinion regarding the competing Boxer’s condition.
 - 30.7.3.1. At the discretion of the Ringside Doctor, he or she can treat a Boxer’s injury (cut or nosebleed, etc.) up to a maximum of one (1) minute during a Bout.



- 30.7.4. Ringside Doctors provide support for anti-doping related matters.
- 30.7.5. Before the start of an IBA Competition, appointed Ringside Doctors carry out Medical Examinations for appointed Referees and Judges.
- 30.7.6. Prior to the start of each Session, a Ringside Doctor must:
 - 30.7.6.1. Check for the presence of oxygen and stretcher, other recovery equipment, evacuation equipment, and evacuation route.
 - 30.7.6.2. Check that one (1) ambulance is present for each ring.
 - 30.7.6.3. Confirm that a hospital has been designated to take care of injured Boxers, Team Officials, and other persons taking part in the Competition.
- 30.7.7. At least one (1) Ringside Doctor must be at ringside for the entire duration of the Bout.
- 30.7.8. Ringside Doctors must inform the Technical Delegate to stop the Bout if a competing Boxer appears unable to continue.
- 30.7.9. Procedure after KO or RSC
 - 30.7.9.1. Unconscious Boxer - If a Boxer is rendered unconscious, only the Referee and the Ringside Doctor can remain in the ring. Only the Ringside Doctor can request additional help.
 - 30.7.9.2. In case a Boxer is unconscious for more than one (1) minute, this Boxer must be transported to the nearest hospital (if possible, to the neurosurgery department) for further evaluation. Any Boxer with a concussion may be referred to the hospital by the Ringside Doctor.
 - 30.7.9.3. In the case of a Knockout without unconsciousness or in the case of Referee Stops Contest, the Boxer must be examined by a Doctor immediately afterwards in the locker room to determine the nature of the injury and the need of a further medical observation and/or hospitalization.
 - 30.7.9.4. Ringside Doctors may recommend treatment for injured Boxers.
 - 30.7.9.5. Ringside Doctors decides if a Boxer is “fit to box”.
 - 30.7.9.6. Ringside Doctors must fill out the Medical Bout Report in the case a restriction period and/or protective sanitary measures have been ordered for the Boxer.

31. IBA CUT TECHNICIAN

- 31.1. Qualification and Eligibility
 - 31.1.1. IBA Cut Technicians must have passed the IBA Cut Technician Certification Course.
- 31.2. Appointment
 - 31.2.1. IBA will appoint one (1) IBA Cut Technician for one-ring Competitions and two (2) for two-ring Competitions.





31.3. Duties

- 31.3.1. When appointed to Elite IBA Competitions, the IBA Cut Technician controls the hand wraps prepared by the Coaches and intervenes only if these do not comply with these Rules.
- 31.3.2. He oversees the work of the Teams' Cut Technician at the corner and provides advice to the Seconds if necessary.
- 31.3.3. The IBA Cut Technician can conduct hand wraps workshops, seminars or courses for Coaches.

32. EQUIPMENT MANAGER

32.1. Qualification and Eligibility

- 32.1.1. Must have passed the IBA ITO Certification Course.

32.2. Appointment

- 32.2.1. IBA will appoint two (2) Equipment managers for each IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competition.

32.3. Duties

- 32.3.1. Ensure that all Boxer's equipment, equipment distribution and handling align with IBA Technical and Competition rules.
- 32.3.2. Responsible for all Boxer's Competition related equipment and its distribution.
- 32.3.3. Manage the volunteers in charge of escorting the Boxers, running gloves, bandages, headguard and equipment storage.
- 32.3.4. Inspect all Boxers and their equipment prior to entering the FOP.
- 32.3.5. Inspect all coaches and Seconds to ensure proper clothing is used.
- 32.3.6. Ensure that only eligible Seconds who also possess valid accreditation enter the FOP.
- 32.3.7. Manage the Bout Review request forms by providing the forms to Team Officials upon their request. Keep record of Bout Review requests and deliver all submitted forms to the Technical Delegate after the end of each Session.

33. REFEREE AND JUDGE COORDINATOR

33.1. Qualification and Eligibility

- 33.1.1. Must have passed the IBA ITO Certification Course.

33.2. Appointment

- 33.2.1. IBA will appoint two (2) R&J Coordinators for one-ring or three (3) R&J Coordinators for two-ring IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions.

33.3. Duties

- 33.3.1. Collect R&J draw from the IBA Scoring System operator.
- 33.3.2. Use R&J draw sheet to lead the Referee and Judges from the R&J lounge to a designated area around the FOP.



- 33.3.3. Inform the R&Js to enter the FOP and ensure each are in their correct positions.
- 33.3.4. Distribute R&J Draw sheets to the Announcer, R&J evaluators and TD.
- 33.3.5. Ensure R&Js exit the FOP in an orderly fashion.

34. DRAW COMMISSIONER

- 34.1. Qualification and Eligibility
 - 34.1.1. Must have passed the IBA ITO Certification Course.
- 34.2. Appointment
 - 34.2.1. IBA will appoint one (1) Draw Commissioner for one-ring Competitions and up to two (2) for two-ring Competitions.
- 34.3. Duties
 - 34.3.1. Follow the Draw Commissioner Protocol as per Rule 9 of these rules.
 - 34.3.2. Review the list of R&Js appointed to the Competition.
 - 34.3.3. Provide all filters to the Technical Delegate prior to the computerized R&J draw. Filters should comply with neutrality rules specified in these rules.
 - 34.3.4. Ensure the R&J draw aligns with the rules of neutrality.
 - 34.3.5. After the R&J draw, change requests can only be made under extraordinary circumstances and should abide by the Draw Commissioner Protocol.

35. OBSERVER

- 35.1. Qualification and Eligibility
 - 35.1.1. Experienced IBA ITO (Referee and Judge Evaluator) who has passed the IBA ITO Certification Course and an additional IBA Certification Course specifically designed for Referee & Judge Evaluators/Observer.
- 35.2. Appointment
 - 35.2.1. IBA will appoint one (1) Observer for one ring, and two (2) for two rings, at any IBA-Owned or IBA-Sanctioned event (World, IOC & Multi-sport).
- 35.3. Duties
 - 35.3.1. Observe the scores of the Judges, as well as the Evaluators.
 - 35.3.2. Enter Judges' scores after each round (if not automated) and evaluate against the evaluators' scores into the IBA Database.
 - 35.3.3. Compare Judges' scores with Evaluators' score in each round and make appropriate deductions against each judge (if not automated).
 - 35.3.4. Be a member of the Bout Review Jury and to support the mechanism in place by providing input following the scoring of each round/Bout.
 - 35.3.5. Record all protests and outcomes using the IBA Database.
 - 35.3.6. Evaluate performance of R&J Evaluator.



35.3.7. Back up Evaluator if any national neutrality conflicts arise.

36. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (NTOs)

- 36.1. Host National Federation nominates qualified persons as National Technical Officials (“NTOs”) for the following positions:
- 36.1.1. Timekeeper (use of an IBA 1-star Referee and Judge for this position is strongly recommended).
 - 36.1.2. Gong Operator.
 - 36.1.3. Record Book Manager.
 - 36.1.4. Assistant Referee and Judge Coordinator.
 - 36.1.5. Assistant Equipment Manager.
- 36.2. Every NTO must respect and sign the IBA Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules).

37. TIMEKEEPER AND GONG OPERATOR

- 37.1. The duties of the Timekeeper & Gong Operator can be performed by one person; however, at IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, it is recommended to have two persons to perform these duties to ensure consistent quality control.
- 37.2. Duties
- 37.2.1. Regulate the number and duration of the rounds and the intervals between the rounds. The intervals between the rounds must be of one (1) minute.
 - 37.2.2. The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must start and end each round by striking the gong.
 - 37.2.3. Ten (10) seconds before the end of each round, the Timekeeper & Gong Operator will signal the approaching end of the round.
 - 37.2.4. The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must regulate all periods of time and counts by a watch or clock but will only stop the clock when instructed by the Referee with the command “time” resuming after the Referee gives the command “box”.
 - 37.2.5. Following a Knockdown, the Timekeeper & Gong Operator will give the sound signal to the Referee indicating the elapsing seconds while the Referee is counting.
 - 37.2.6. If, at the end of a round, a Boxer is knocked down and the Referee is in the course of counting, the gong indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. The gong will be sounded only when the Referee gives the command “box” indicating the continuation of the Bout.
 - 37.2.7. The Timekeeper & Gong Operator will regulate the time when a low blow or Loss of Consciousness occurs and if a Boxer falls out of the ring.





38. ANNOUNCER

38.1. Duties

- 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 Judge, and the name and country of the Referee.
- 38.1.2. The Announcer must announce the round number after the start of each round.
- 38.1.3. Ten (10) seconds before the start of each round, the Announcer must clear the ring by ordering “Seconds out”, except for the first round.
- 38.1.4. The Announcer must reveal the final results and the winner of the Bout after having received the final results from the Deputy Technical Delegate.

39. REFEREES AND JUDGES

- 39.1. All IBA-certified Referees and Judges have to abide by the most recent IBA Technical & Competition Rules and IBA Referee and Judge Regulations.
- 39.2. IBA R&J Certification Courses are organised only by IBA.
- 39.3. In all IBA-affiliated Competitions, except for National Championships, the Referees and Judges must be IBA-certified.
- 39.4. Any R&J active in professional boxing shall be allowed to be an R&J in IBA Competitions once they have been certified by IBA as a registered R&J. Reciprocally, an IBA certified R&J may be active in professional boxing. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, the Referees and Judges should be appointed as follows:
 - 39.4.1. To ensure neutrality, the Referee and Judges for each Bout will be selected by the IBA Scoring System and approved by the Draw Commissioner and the Technical Delegate.
 - 39.4.2. Each Referee and Judge must be an IBA-certified Referee and Judge.
 - 39.4.3. Each Referee and Judge must be of a different country and National Federation from one another, as well as from any of the Boxers taking part in the Bout.
 - 39.4.4. Each Referee and Judge must not be a national or resident of any country which is a dominion, colony or dependency of the country of any of the Boxers taking part in the Bout.
 - 39.4.5. In case of a change in nationality, such Referee and Judge must not officiate in any Bout in which a Boxer of the Referee and Judge’s former nationality is taking part.
 - 39.4.6. In case it is impossible for the Draw Commissioner to comply with the above directives, the Technical Delegate, along with the Deputy Technical Delegate must approve the final selection.
- 39.5. Referees and Judges have to respect and sign the IBA Code of Conduct (Appendix 4 of these rules).





39.6. Disciplinary Action

39.6.1. A decision on suspension related to Referees' or Judges' poor performances in a Competition can be proposed by the Referee and Judge Evaluator(s) to the Technical Delegate and the Technical Delegate, in turn, would inform the IBA Scoring System Operator of the R&J name(s) that need to be withdrawn from a Session.

39.6.2. A decision of suspension related to Referees' or Judges' ethics must be made by the BIU Tribunal.

39.7. In all IBA Competitions, each Bout must be controlled by a Referee, who will officiate in the ring but will not score the Bout. For IBA Competitions the Referees shall be drawn by the IBA Scoring System and confirmed by the Draw Commissioner and the Technical Delegate.

39.8. Duties of the Referee

39.8.1. To be primarily concerned for the health of both Boxers throughout the Bout.

39.8.2. To see that all rules and fair play are strictly observed.

39.8.3. To maintain control of the contest at all stages.

39.8.4. To prevent a weak Boxer from receiving undue and unnecessary punishment.

39.8.5. To use four (4) words of command:

39.8.5.1. "Stop" when ordering the Boxers to stop boxing;

39.8.5.2. "Box" when ordering the Boxers to continue boxing;

39.8.5.3. "Break" when breaking a clinch;

39.8.5.4. "Time" when ordering the Timekeeper & Gong Operator to stop the time, and to order the Boxers to stop boxing.

39.8.6. To indicate to a Boxer any infringement of the IBA Technical & Competition Rules using suitable explanatory signs, verbal commands and/or gestures.

39.8.7. The Referee may touch with the hand a Boxer to stop and to break the Bout, or to separate the Boxers.

39.8.8. The Referee must not indicate the winner by raising a Boxer's hand or otherwise, until the announcement has been made. When the winner of a Bout is announced, the Referee must be positioned in the middle of the ring holding one hand of each Boxer and raise the hand of the winning Boxer while facing the main TV camera.

39.8.9. When a Referee terminates a Bout for any reason, this Referee must first inform the Deputy Technical Delegate of the decision and the reason why the Bout was stopped. The Deputy Technical Delegate should inform the Referee if the decision is clearly against the IBA Technical & Competition Rules.

39.8.10. The Referee may consult the Ringside Doctor regarding the competing Boxer's condition.

39.8.11. When the Referee calls the Ringside Doctor to the ring to examine a Boxer, only the Referee and the Ringside Doctor will be present in the ring or on the apron; however, the Ringside Doctor may request someone to help him/her.



- 39.8.12. If an injury occurs the Referee will follow the steps set out below:
- 39.8.12.1. Ask the non-injured Boxer to go to the neutral corner;
 - 39.8.12.2. Ask the Ringside Doctor if the injured Boxer is fit to continue. If the Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that the Boxer is fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to continue the Bout;
 - 39.8.12.3. If the Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that the Boxer is not fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to terminate the Bout. If the Referee did not see the cause of injury, the Referee will request the opinion of each of the five (5) Judges to see whether all or a majority have seen a foul or a correct blow, and the Referee will then make one of the following decisions:
 - a) Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen a correct blow – Rule 19.7.1. of these rules applies;
 - b) Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an intentional foul – Rule 19.9.2. of these rules applies;
 - c) Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul – Rule 19.1.2. of these rules applies.
- 39.8.13. To terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers it to be one-sided.
- 39.8.14. To terminate a contest at any stage if one of the Boxers has received an injury which the Referee decides the Boxer should not continue.
- 39.8.15. To terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers the Boxers inactive and not competitive. In such a case, the Referee may disqualify one or both Boxers.
- 39.8.16. To caution a Boxer or administer a warning to a Boxer against fouls or for any other reason in the interest of fair play, or to ensure compliance with these rules.
- 39.8.17. To disqualify a Boxer who fails to comply immediately with the Referee's command or behaves towards the Referee in an offensive or aggressive manner at any time.
- 39.8.18. With or without previous warning, to disqualify a Boxer for committing a serious foul.
- 39.8.19. To interpret these rules insofar as they are applicable or relevant to the Bout or to decide and take action on any circumstance of the Bout which is not covered by these rules.
- 39.8.20. Right to check the Boxer
- 39.8.20.1. Once a Boxer has entered the ring, the Referee has to ensure that the Boxer is wearing an appropriate uniform and equipment as per the IBA Technical & Competition Rules.
 - 39.8.20.2. At the end of the Bout, the Referee has to ensure that the Boxer has appropriate bandages as per the IBA Technical & Competition Rules.



39.8.20.3. In the case of a Boxer's glove becoming undone during a Bout, the Referee will stop the Bout to have the issue rectified.

39.8.21. The Referee will check that the positions of the Judges and of the Ringside Doctor(s) are correct before the start of the Bout.

39.8.22. The Referee starts the Bout only after the authorisation of the Deputy Technical Delegate.

39.9. Duties of the Judge

39.9.1. To follow the scoring process and regulations as per IBA Technical and Competition Rules.

39.9.2. To score independently the merit of the Boxers during each round of the assigned Bout.

39.9.3. To not speak or give any sign to a Boxer or to another Judge or to anyone else before, during and after the Bout.

39.9.4. To not leave his/her seat until the results have been announced to the public.

40. LOC COMPETITION MANAGER

40.1. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, the Local Organising Committee has to appoint a dedicated LOC Competition Manager.

40.2. The LOC Competition Manager is responsible for ensuring that the Competition is organised according to the IBA Technical & Competition Rules, and for following the instructions and guidance of the Technical Delegate and IBA Head Office.

40.3. The LOC Competition Manager has to ensure that the Competition follows the competition venue requirements as per Appendix 10 of these rules.

41. PARAMEDICS

41.1. There must be at least one (1) fully equipped ambulance stationed near the FOP, with a designated doctor, driver, and qualified paramedic available for each boxing ring in use at all times during the event.

41.2. Paramedics must possess valid certifications and qualifications in emergency medical care, including CPR, first aid, and trauma management.

41.3. Paramedics are responsible for providing immediate medical assistance to boxers in case of injuries or emergencies during matches.

41.4. Paramedics must have access to necessary medical equipment, including but not limited to stretchers, oxygen masks, defibrillators, and basic trauma kits.

41.5. Paramedics should maintain clear communication with ringside officials, referees, and medical staff to ensure prompt response and coordination in case of emergencies.

41.6. Paramedics must be familiar with and adhere to established emergency protocols and procedures, including evacuation plans and communication protocols with hospital facilities.

41.7. Paramedics should remain vigilant and attentive throughout the event, ready to intervene immediately in case of any medical emergencies or injuries.



- 41.8. Regular training and refresher courses should be provided to paramedic staff to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date with current medical practices and regulations.
- 41.9. Organisers and event management must ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and guidelines regarding paramedic staffing and medical care during boxing events.

RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

42. COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

- 42.1. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, equipment, outlined in the Rule of these rules, must be provided by an IBA Official Equipment Licensees, unless exceptionally agreed by IBA.
- 42.2. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, gloves, headguards, and bandages manufactured by one of the IBA Official Equipment Licensees shall be provided by IBA via the Local Organising Committee and shall be verified by the Technical Delegate.
- 42.3. FOP Equipment
 - 42.3.1. Ring
 - 42.3.2. Ring Accessories
 - 42.3.3. Gloves
 - 42.3.4. Glove Tape
 - 42.3.5. Headguard
 - 42.3.6. Bandage/Professional hand wraps
- 42.4. Warm-up Area and Training Venue Equipment
 - 42.4.1. Ring
 - 42.4.2. Floor ring
 - 42.4.3. Punching bags and frames
 - 42.4.4. Training gloves (16 oz or more)
 - 42.4.5. Headguards

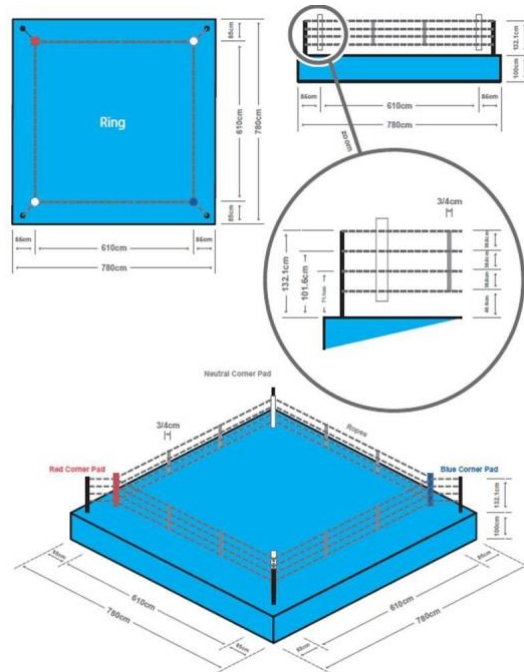
43. RING

- 43.1. In all IBA Competitions, only rings manufactured by one of the IBA Official Equipment Licensees can be used.
- 43.2. Ring Specifications
 - 43.2.1. In all IBA Competitions, the ring must measure 6.10 m inside the ropes on all four (4) sides.
 - 43.2.2. The size of the apron must extend for eighty-five (85) cm outside the line of the ropes on each side, including additional canvas necessary to tighten and secure it.



43.2.3. The ring must have the dimensions in accordance with the Manufacturer Guidelines: IBA Official Ring.

43.2.3.1. For the total height of the poles, distance between the ropes, and the width of the rope strips, a margin of two (2) cm is accepted.



43.2.4. Platform and Corner Pads

43.2.4.1. The platform must be safely constructed, levelled and free from any obstructing projection. It must be fitted with four (4) corner posts with four (4) corner pads in order to prevent injury to the Boxers. The corner pads must be arranged facing towards the Technical Delegate as follows:

- a) In the near left side corner – red
- b) In the far-left side corner – white
- c) In the far-right side corner – blue
- d) In the near right side corner – white

43.2.4.2. The platform must be one hundred (100) cm from the ground.

43.2.4.3. The length and the width of the ring platform must be 7.80m x 7.80m.

43.2.5. Surface of the Ring Floor

43.2.5.1. The floor must be covered with felt, rubber or other suitably approved material that is soft quality and elasticity. It must not be less than 1.5 cm and no more than 2.0 cm.

43.2.6. Canvas

43.2.6.1. The canvas must cover the entire platform and must be made of non-slippery material.





43.2.6.2. The canvas must be blue, pantone 299, unless otherwise approved by IBA.

43.2.7. Ropes

43.2.7.1. The ropes must be covered by a thick padding.

43.2.7.2. The ring must include four (4) separate ropes on each side of the corner posts. They must be 4cm-thick, without considering the cover.

43.2.7.3. The heights of the four (4) ropes must be 40 (forty) cm, seventy (70) cm, one hundred (100) cm, and one hundred thirty (130) cm from the canvas.

43.2.7.4. Rope separator specifications

a) The four (4) ropes must be joined on each side of the ring, at equal intervals, by two (2) pieces of material (close to the texture of the canvas) 3 to 4 cm wide. The two (2) pieces must not slide along the rope.

43.2.7.5. The tension of each section of the top two ropes must be tight. The tension of bottom two must not be too tight. However, in any case, the Referee and/or the Technical Delegate have the right to ask the LOC to adjust the tension if necessary.

43.2.8. Stairs

43.2.8.1. The ring must be provided with three (3) sets of stairs, with each one having three (3) steps.

43.2.8.2. Two (2) sets of stairs at the opposite corners for the use of the Boxers and Seconds, and one (1) set of stairs in the neutral corner for the use of the Referee and of the Ringside Doctor.

44. RINGSIDE ACCESSORIES

44.1. The following ringside accessories are required for all Bouts and must be provided by the organisers no later than two (2) days before the start time of the Competition per ring:

44.1.1. Gong.

44.1.2. Two (2) plastic receptacles which can be used for spitting.

44.1.3. Chairs and tables for the Technical Delegate and Deputy Technical Delegates (in IBA Competitions), Ringside Doctors, Timekeeper & Gong Operator, Official Announcer, TV Graphics Operator and Judges.

44.1.4. The tables for the Judges must be standardized for all IBA Competitions

44.1.4.1. Form – Square

44.1.4.2. Width – 70 cm x 70 cm

44.1.4.3. Height – 80 cm

44.1.4.4. Drape Colour – a solid colour that matches the branding of the Competition, otherwise – white.



- 44.1.5. One (1) electronic stopwatch which complies with the requirements of the IBA Scoring System and one manual stopwatch as a backup.
- 44.1.6. One (1) IBA Scoring System.
- 44.1.7. One (1) microphone connected to the loudspeaker system.
- 44.1.8. First-aid supplies as required in accordance with the IBA Medical Rules.
- 44.1.9. A non-transparent small plastic bag placed in the two neutral corners outside of the ring.
- 44.1.10. Three (3) chairs for the Seconds in each corner with clearly indicated area borders.
- 44.1.11. One (1) stretcher.
- 44.1.12. Mops or towels for cleaning the ring.

45. GLOVES

- 45.1. Boxers must wear red or blue gloves, as per the respective Boxer's corner, or otherwise specified by IBA (for example, the use of white for exclusive events such as WBT or WCHs).
- 45.2. Boxers must put on their gloves before entering the ring.
- 45.3. Gloves must be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced.
- 45.4. The padding of the gloves must not be displaced or broken.
- 45.5. Only clean and serviceable gloves must be used. All Gloves must be cleaned using 10% Sodium Hypochlorite before they are used again.
- 45.6. In IBA Elite and Youth Men's Competitions:
 - 45.6.1. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used for the Minimum Weight (46-48kg) category to the Welterweight (67kg) category.
 - 45.6.2. Twelve (12) oz gloves must be used for the Light Middleweight (71kg) category to Super Heavyweight (92+ kg) category.
- 45.7. In IBA Elite and Youth Women's Competitions:
 - 45.7.1. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used in all weight categories.
 - 45.7.2. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used for all School age (boys, girls) weight categories.
- 45.8. Glove Specifications
 - 45.8.1. Gloves must weigh 284 grams (approx. 10 oz) and 340 grams (approx. 12 oz), with a tolerance of five percent (5%) up or downwards, of which the leather portion must not weigh more than half of the total weight, and the padding portion not less than half of the total weight. The margin of five percent (5%) would also apply downwards and upwards, respectively.
 - 45.8.2. Only gloves with Velcro closing systems will be approved for all IBA Competitions.



- 45.8.3. In all IBA Competitions, the glove closure system shall be covered by glove tape with a maximum of one layer around the wrist part of the gloves to avoid any cut or laceration for the opponent.
 - 45.8.3.1. The glove tape must be procured from an IBA Official Equipment Licensee.
 - 45.8.3.2. The glove tape must be five (5) cm wide.
- 45.8.4. The leather portion of the gloves must be made of high-quality material such as:
 - 45.8.4.1. Cowhide leather
 - 45.8.4.2. Grade A leather
 - 45.8.4.3. Others of equivalent quality subject to IBA's approval.
- 45.8.5. The thumb must be fixed to the main body of the gloves by the top part and with a maximum gap of ten (10) millimetres.
- 45.8.6. The Competition identification or the manufacturer logo may be printed and may be displayed at the following positioning and measurements:
 - 45.8.6.1. Maximum fifty (50) cm² on the front top part of each glove.
- 45.8.7. The official manufacturer's logo may be printed and may be displayed at the following positioning and measurements:
 - 45.8.7.1. Maximum twenty-four (24) cm² on the thumb of each glove.
- 45.8.8. Any other form of advertising is prohibited such as and non-limited to figurative logo, design mark, script and manufacturer name, etc.
- 45.8.9. The IBA mark must be placed on the internal part of the gloves.
- 45.8.10. Detailed glove specifications can be found in Appendix 11 of these rules.

46. HEADGUARD

- 46.1. In IBA Elite Men's and Women's Competitions, headguards are not allowed.
 - 46.1.1. If a Boxer is not wearing headguards and has hair that reaches 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.
 - 46.1.2. As a transitional measure, Women will use headguards in Elite Competition until 1 June 2024, therefore allowing a 3-month timeframe period whereby the change of conditions can be managed within the training environment. For all IBA Competitions effective prior to the commensurate date of 1 June 2024, headguards are to be worn accordingly. As noted above in the first line of this paragraph, and to reiterate, the obligation for Women not to wear headguards will be fully implemented with effect from 1 June 2024.
- 46.2. In all other Competitions, a Boxer must wear a red or a blue headguard, as per the respective Boxer's corner.
- 46.3. Long hair should not limit a Boxer's vision and should be appropriately tied.
- 46.4. There is no restriction on hair length.





- 46.5. A Boxer must put on a headguard only after entering the ring.
- 46.6. A headguard must be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced. Hair net or any other item worn to control the hair can be kept.
- 46.7. All headguards must be cleaned using ten percent (10%) Sodium Hypochlorite before they are used again.
- 46.8. Headguard Specifications
 - 46.8.1. A headguard must weigh a maximum of four hundred fifty (450) grams (approx. 16 oz).
 - 46.8.2. In IBA Competitions, headguards should come in four (4) mandatory sizes (S=Small, M=Medium, L=Large, XL Extra Large).
 - 46.8.3. Only a headguard with Velcro closing systems is approved for all IBA Competitions.
 - 46.8.4. The measurements of the headguard must respect the dimension as described in Appendix 12 of these rules.
 - 46.8.5. The padding of the headguards must respect a minimum thickness of 2-3 cm.
 - 46.8.6. The leather portion of the headguard must be made of high-quality leather such as:
 - 46.8.6.1. Cowhide leather
 - 46.8.6.2. Grade A leather
 - 46.8.6.3. Others of equivalent quality subject to IBA's approval.
 - 46.8.7. The Competition identification or the manufacturer logo may be printed and may be displayed at the following positioning and measurements:
 - 46.8.7.1. Maximum 50 (fifty) cm² on the front part of the headguard.
 - 46.8.8. The official manufacturer's logo may be printed and may be displayed at the following positioning and measurements:
 - 46.8.8.1. Maximum 40 (forty) cm² on the back part of the headguard.
 - 46.8.9. Any other form of advertising is prohibited such as and non-limited to figurative logo, design mark, script, manufacturer name, etc.
 - 46.8.10. The IBA mark must be placed on the inside part of the headguard.
 - 46.8.11. Detailed headguard specifications can be found in in Appendix 12 of these rules.

47. BANDAGES, PROFESSIONAL HANDWRAPS, REUSABLE HANDWRAPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

- 47.1. Use of Bandages
 - 47.1.1. In IBA Competitions, except for Elite Competitions, Velcro bandages shall be used.
 - 47.1.2. The bandages are distributed at the equipment table by the Equipment Manager.



- 47.1.3. The bandages of each Boxer must be checked and marked by the Equipment Manager at the equipment check table.
- 47.1.4. Bandages must not be longer than 4.5 m (14.76 feet), and not shorter than 2.5 m (8.2 feet). Bandages must be 5.7 cm (2 ¼ inches) wide.
- 47.1.5. Bandages must be made of stretchy cotton material with a Velcro closure.
- 47.1.6. The use of any substance on the bandages is prohibited.

47.2. Use of Professional Hand wraps

- 47.2.1. In Elite Competitions and any other event as decided by IBA, the use of professional hand wraps or reusable hand wraps (i.e.: 46.3) shall be mandatory.
- 47.2.2. The materials provided for professional hand wraps for each Boxer shall be as follows:
 - 47.2.2.1. Gauze Bandage: two (2) rolls of 5 cm x 15 m Gauze (1 roll of gauze for each hand)
 - 47.2.2.2. Two (2) rolls of 5 cm x 10 m Gauze (1 roll to create a knuckle pad for each hand)
 - 47.2.2.3. Zinc Oxide Tape: 2 rolls of 2.5 cm x 13 m
 - 47.2.2.4. One (1) roll of 1.25 cm x 13 m for between the fingers
- 47.2.3. All equipment shall be clearly branded, and packaging will include specifications and relevant instructions.
- 47.2.4. In IBA Elite Competitions, a Boxer shall apply the provided gauze bandages and tape on his hands as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the Zinc Oxide Tape.
- 47.2.5. The use of any substance or object on the Gauze and/or Zinc Oxide Tape is prohibited.

- 47.3. Reusable Hand wraps may be used in any competitions and one pair of Reusable hand wraps shall only be used for a maximum of six official bouts.

48. BOXING SENSORS

- 48.1. In all IBA-owned and IBA-sanctioned Competitions, boxing sensors manufactured by the IBA Official Data provider/partner shall be allowed to be worn in order to gather Competition and boxing data/metrics.
- 48.2. Sensors shall be inserted either in the Competition gloves or on the bandages depending on the official gloves brand used during the Competition.

49. ATHLETE COMPETITION UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- 49.1. In all IBA Competitions, a Boxer has to wear a uniform that complies with Rule 48 of these rules and the Manufacturer Guidelines: IBA Official Boxers' Uniform.





- 49.2. The Technical Delegate of the Competition or a Technical Official who was given authority of a Technical Delegate determines the uniforms permitted in the FOP in accordance with the IBA Technical and Competition Rules.
- 49.3. Vests, shorts/skirts, and robes
 - 49.3.1. Men and Boy Boxers have to wear a vest and shorts.
 - 49.3.2. Women and Girl Boxers have to wear a vest and either shorts or a skirt.
 - 49.3.3. The length of the shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh, cannot cover the knee and must not be worn above the belt line.
 - 49.3.4. The vest and shorts/skirt can be in the Boxer's respective national colours or in red or blue colour according to the Boxer's respective corner allocation.
 - 49.3.5. Elite Boxers may wear a robe over his/her uniform on the way to the ring, and the robe can be in the Boxer's respective national colours or in red or blue colour according to the Boxer's respective corner allocation.
 - 49.3.5.1. The robe must be of the same material as the uniform.
 - 49.3.6. For the avoidance of doubt, if the uniform and/or robe is in red or blue colour, a solid red or blue colour has to be used and must be one of the following:
 - 49.3.6.1. Red: Pantone 185, 199 or 485
 - 49.3.6.2. Blue: Pantone 286, 293 or 661
 - 49.3.7. A Boxer is not allowed to have tape, in any form, on his/her uniform.
 - 49.3.8. The belt line must be clearly identified by a contrasting colour to the shorts/skirt and vest and must be 6-10cm wide.
 - 49.3.8.1. The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips and must not cover the navel.
- 49.4. Footwear and socks
 - 49.4.1. A Boxer must box in boxing appropriate footwear, such as shoes or light boots (without spikes or heels).
 - 49.4.2. A Boxer may wear socks, but they must not be higher than the knee.
- 49.5. Gumshield
 - 49.5.1. A Boxer must wear a gumshield during every Bout.
 - 49.5.2. No red or partially red-coloured gumshield may be worn.
 - 49.5.3. A Boxer should never use a borrowed gumshield.
 - 49.5.4. The gumshield has to fit exactly and comfortably.
- 49.6. Cup and Breast protectors
 - 49.6.1. Men and Boy Boxers must wear a cup protector during a Bout and may additionally wear a jock-strap.
 - 49.6.1.1. The cup protector must not cover any part of the target area.





- 49.6.1.2. The cup protector must have no metal parts except if there is a fastening at the back of the Boxer.
- 49.6.2. Women and Girl Boxers may use a breast protector and/or a cup protector during a Bout.
 - 49.6.2.1. The breast protector should be confined to the natural contours of the breast, so as not to provide extra protection to surrounding structures. It may not shield any target area of the body, including the breastbone.
 - 49.6.2.2. The breast and cup protectors must have no metal parts except if there is a fastening at the back of the Boxer.
- 49.7. Hijab
 - 49.7.1. Women and Girl Boxers may wear a black sport form-fitting Hijab.
 - 49.7.1.1. The Hijab can include the following elements:
 - a) Long-sleeved form fitting shirt under the Competition vest;
 - b) Full-length form fitting tights under the Competition shorts or skirt;
 - c) Sport Hijab scarf. The scarf must fit without causing any visual or physical impediment to the boxer or their opponent. The scarf must fit in a manner as to not move during the bout. Any constant movement can be deemed as an infringement to the rules, which in turn will lead to a caution, potential warning, and could lead to disqualification.
 - 49.7.1.2. The use of Hijab in the Field of Play shall not interfere with the view of the referee and judges, or potentially cause any injuries or cuts, or give any unfair competitive advantages.
 - 49.7.1.3. No identification of the Member Association, and no further elements such as marks, insignia, statements or slogans shall be displayed on the Hijab, tights or sleeves.
 - 49.7.1.4. The hijab outfit has to be presented and approved during the Sport Entries Check.
- 49.8. 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 IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code visible on the Boxer's body or apparel including uniform, footwear, socks, permanent or temporary tattoo on the body, etc.
- 49.9. A uniform diagram can be found in Appendix 14 of these rules.
- 49.10. Identification Specifications
 - 49.10.1. In all IBA-sanctioned Multi-sport competitions, Team Delegations have to follow identification specifications of the Multi-sport LOC.
 - 49.10.2. National Flag





49.10.2.1. The flag of the country of the National Federation may be displayed only once on the vest, once on the robe, and once on the shorts and/or skirt.

49.10.2.2. The flag must not contain any manufacturer's identification, sponsor advertising, design features or other elements.

49.10.2.3. The flag may be printed, embroidered or sewn on as a badge.

49.10.2.4. There are no restrictions on the shape of the flag, but the following measurements and positioning on the item must be observed:

a) Vest and robe: Maximum 50 (fifty) cm², front of the vest and robe, over the heart.

b) Shorts/skirt: Maximum 50 (fifty) cm², front of left leg.

49.10.3. Manufacturer's Logo

49.10.3.1. The manufacturer's identification may be displayed only once on each of the following:

- a) Vest
- b) Robe
- c) Shorts and/or skirt
- d) Each sock
- e) Each item of footwear
- f) Each item of protective equipment
- g) Second's bag

49.10.3.2. The manufacturer's identification may be printed, embroidered or sewn on to the vest, robe, shorts/skirt, socks and footwear and must not interfere with the other elements identifying the National Federation (e.g. flag).

49.10.3.3. The following quantities, positioning and measurements must be observed:

a) Vest and robe: Maximum 30 (thirty) cm², front of the vest and robe, at heart level and on the opposite side of the National Flag;

b) Shorts/skirt: Maximum 30 (thirty) cm², front of the right leg;

c) Socks: Maximum ten (10) cm² per sock;

d) Footwear: as generally used on products sold through retail trade during the period of 6 months prior to the IBA Competition;

e) Protective equipment: Maximum six (6) cm² per item;

f) Bag: no greater than ten percent (10%) of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of sixty (60) cm²;



49.10.4. National Abbreviation of the National Federation (NANF) (now mandatory for IBA-owned events)

49.10.4.1. The NANF is the Abbreviation of the National Federation's Country name, therefore, consisting of three (3) capital letters. The NOC must be in English lettering.

49.10.4.2. It may be displayed only once on the back of the vest and robe.

49.10.4.3. The letters must not exceed ten (10) cm in height and twenty (20) cm in length.

49.10.4.4. The letters must be in white colour contrasting to the colour(s) of the vest and robe. Note that both the current Olympic and World Champion can apply their NANF in a gold colour for all competitions; once the Boxer is no longer the current champion, the colour must revert as described above to white.

49.10.4.5. The letters may be printed, embroidered, or sewn on as a badge.

49.10.4.6. The NANF must not interfere with the other elements of the uniform that identify the Boxer (e.g. Boxer's name).

49.10.5. Boxer's Name (now mandatory for IBA-owned events)

49.10.5.1. Each Boxer must be identified by means of solely the surname ("**Name**") on the back of the vest.

49.10.5.2. The Name must be identical to that indicated in the passport.

49.10.5.3. The Name must be positioned on the upper part of the back of the vest under the NANF.

49.10.5.4. The letters must not exceed five (5) cm in height and 20 (twenty) cm in width.

49.10.5.5. The letters must be in white colour contrasting to the colour(s) of the vest. Note that both the current Olympic and World Champion can apply their Name in a gold colour for all competitions; once the Boxer is no longer the current champion, the colour must revert as described above to white.

49.10.5.6. The letters may be printed, embroidered or sewn on as a badge.

49.10.5.7. The letters must not interfere with the other elements of the uniform that identify the Boxer (e.g. NANF).

49.10.5.8. The name may not contain any manufacturer identification, sponsor advertising, design features or any other elements.

49.10.5.9. In case the Boxer does not bring his/her Name printed on the vest by the respective bout as indicated above, the LOC will print it onsite before the bout by charging an amount of five American dollars (USD 5) that will be paid before the bout.

49.10.6. National Federation's Sponsors Advertising

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



and betting are prohibited on all kit items inside the Competition Venue.

49.10.6.2. The National Federation's sponsor advertising may be printed, embroidered or sewn on to the vest and must not interfere with the other elements identifying the National Federation (e.g. the flag). The following quantities, positioning and measurements must be observed:

- a) Vest: Maximum one hundred fifty (150) cm² once on the front of the vest below the chest level area.

50. OFFICIAL'S COMPETITION UNIFORM

- 50.1. Referees and Judges must wear only the official IBA attire for Referees and Judges.
 - 50.1.1. White, short-sleeve, button-down collared shirt (long-sleeve acceptable in exceptional cases)
 - 50.1.2. Black bow tie
 - 50.1.3. IBA R&J badge affixed upon the left side (over the heart) of the shirt
 - 50.1.4. Black trousers (no denim)
 - 50.1.5. Black sport shoes with no heels
- 50.2. Referees may use surgical gloves when officiating.
- 50.3. Technical Delegates and ITOs must dress in strict business attire, unless provided with an IBA-approved uniform.





APPENDIX 1: CHANGE OF SPORT NATIONALITY PROCEDURE

To start the process to change the Sport Nationality of a Boxer, IBA Head Office needs to receive from the Boxer's New National Federation the mandatory documents listed below:

- Document 1 – Official request for changing Sport Nationality. The document can be found in Appendix 2 of these rules.
- Document 2 – Copy of the Boxer's original passport, corresponding to the nationality waived by the Boxer.
- Document 3 – Copy of the Boxers' new passport, corresponding to the country of the Boxers' new National Federation.
- Document 4 – New National Federation confirmation letter agreeing with the change of sport nationality.
- Document 5 – Former Federation confirmation letter agreeing with the change of sport nationality.

If the Boxer is under eighteen (18) years old at the time of submitting the request to change their sport nationality, the documents must be signed by both the Boxer and their legal guardian. Additionally, the legal guardian signing the documents must provide a copy of their passport.





APPENDIX 2: CHANGE OF SPORT NATIONALITY APPLICATION FORM

Change of Sport Nationality - Application Form

BOXER (to be filled by the Boxer's New Federation of Origin and signed by the Boxer)

<p>_____</p> <p><i>Last Name</i></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><i>First Name</i></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <p>Photo</p> </div>
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<p>_____</p> <p><i>New Sport Nationality</i></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><i>Passport N° New National Federation</i></p>	
<p>_____</p> <p><i>Previous Sport Nationality</i></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><i>Passport N° National Federation of Origin</i></p>	

Date and competition the Boxer last represented his Federation of origin _____

<p>_____</p> <p><i>Place</i></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><i>Date</i></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><i>Boxer's signature</i></p>
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Gender	
Woman	Man

To be filled by the Boxers' New National Federation

Name of the National Federation

Approved

Not Approved*

(to be filled by IBA HQ)

Name of the NF President

Seal and Signature of NF President

To be filled by the Boxer's National Federation of Origin

Name of the National Federation

Approved

Not Approved*

(to be filled by IBA HQ)

Name of the NF President

Seal and Signature of NF President

Change of Sport Nationality will take effect on _____

Change of Sport Nationality approved
 Change of Sport Nationality Not Approved
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APPENDIX 3: SEEDING DIAGRAMMES

Diagram 1

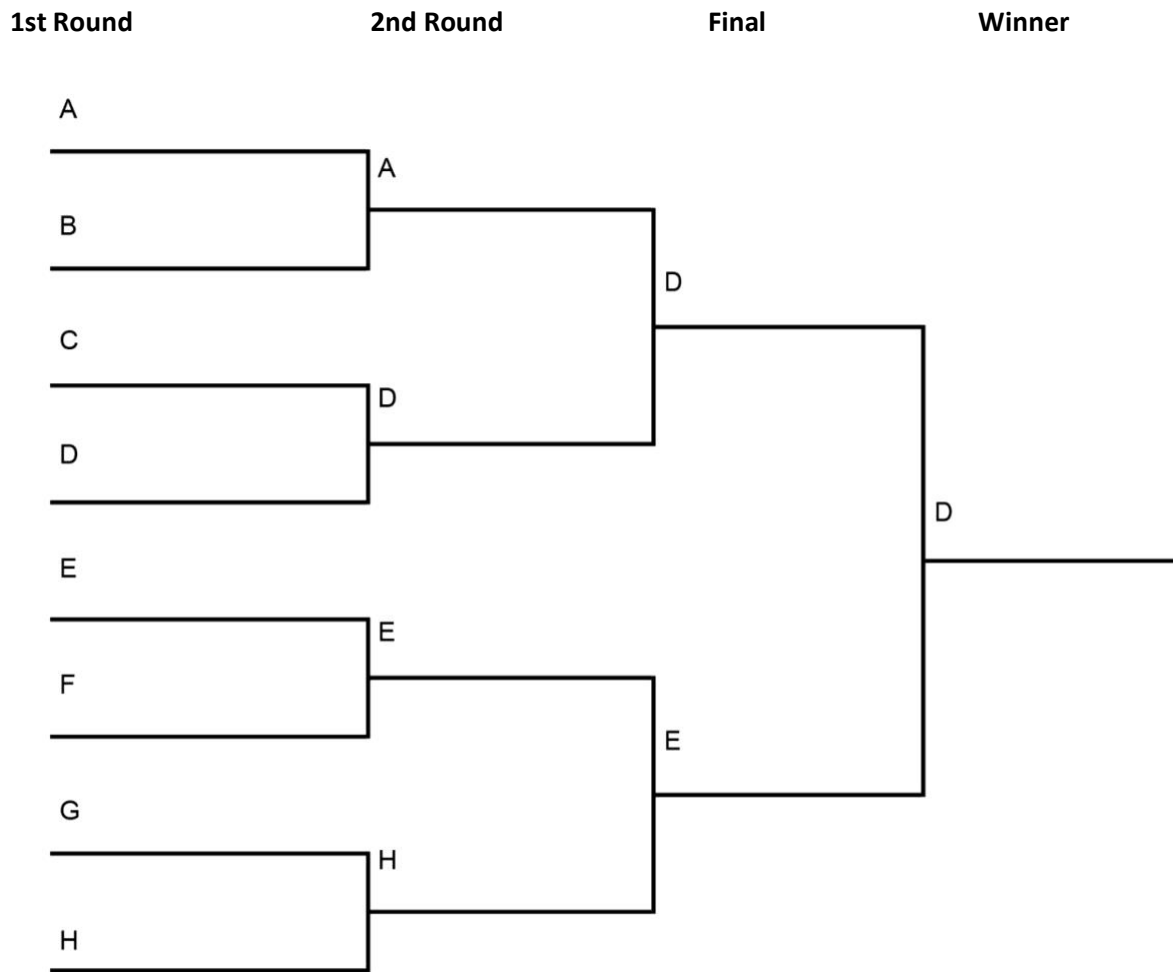




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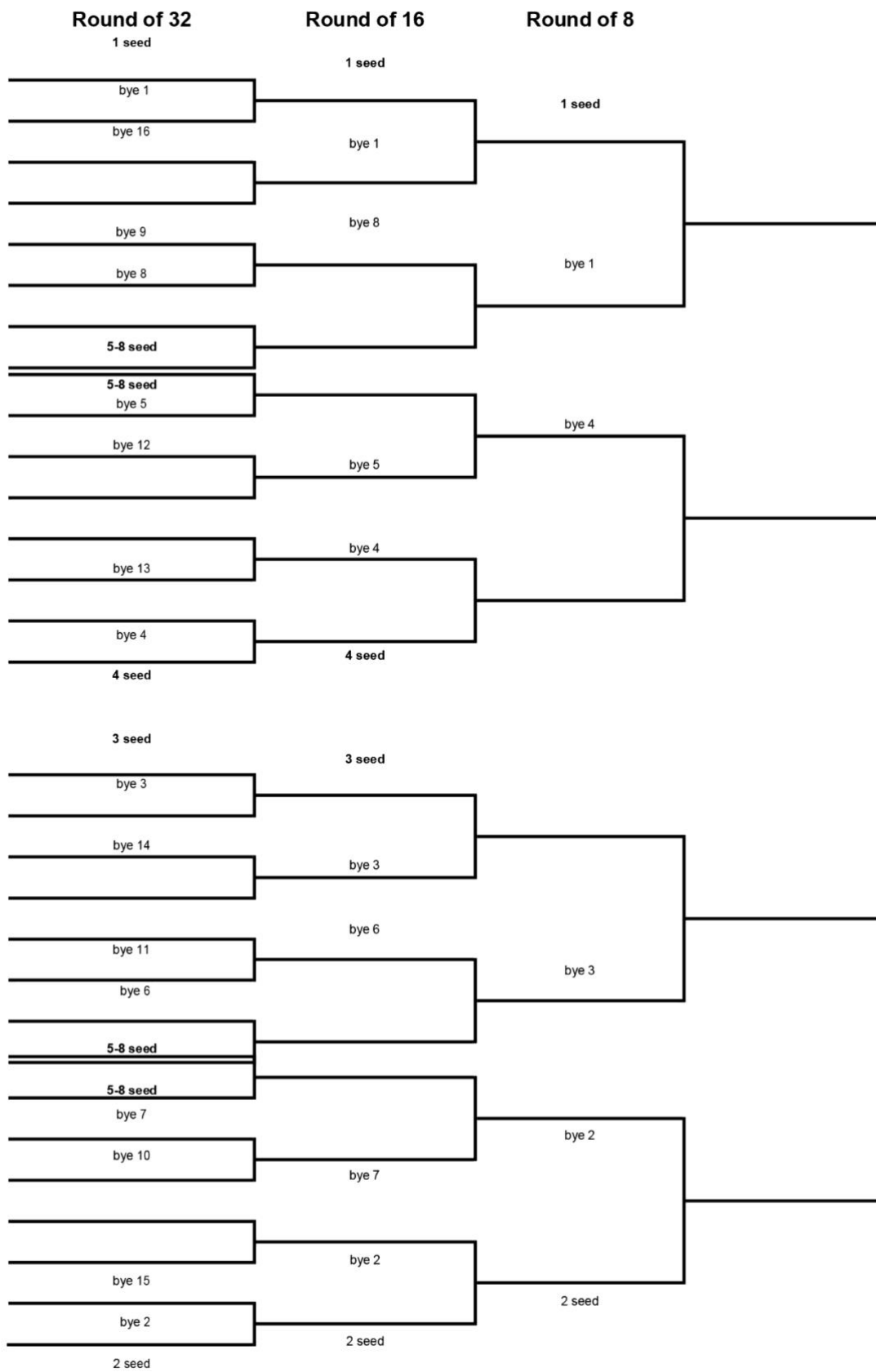




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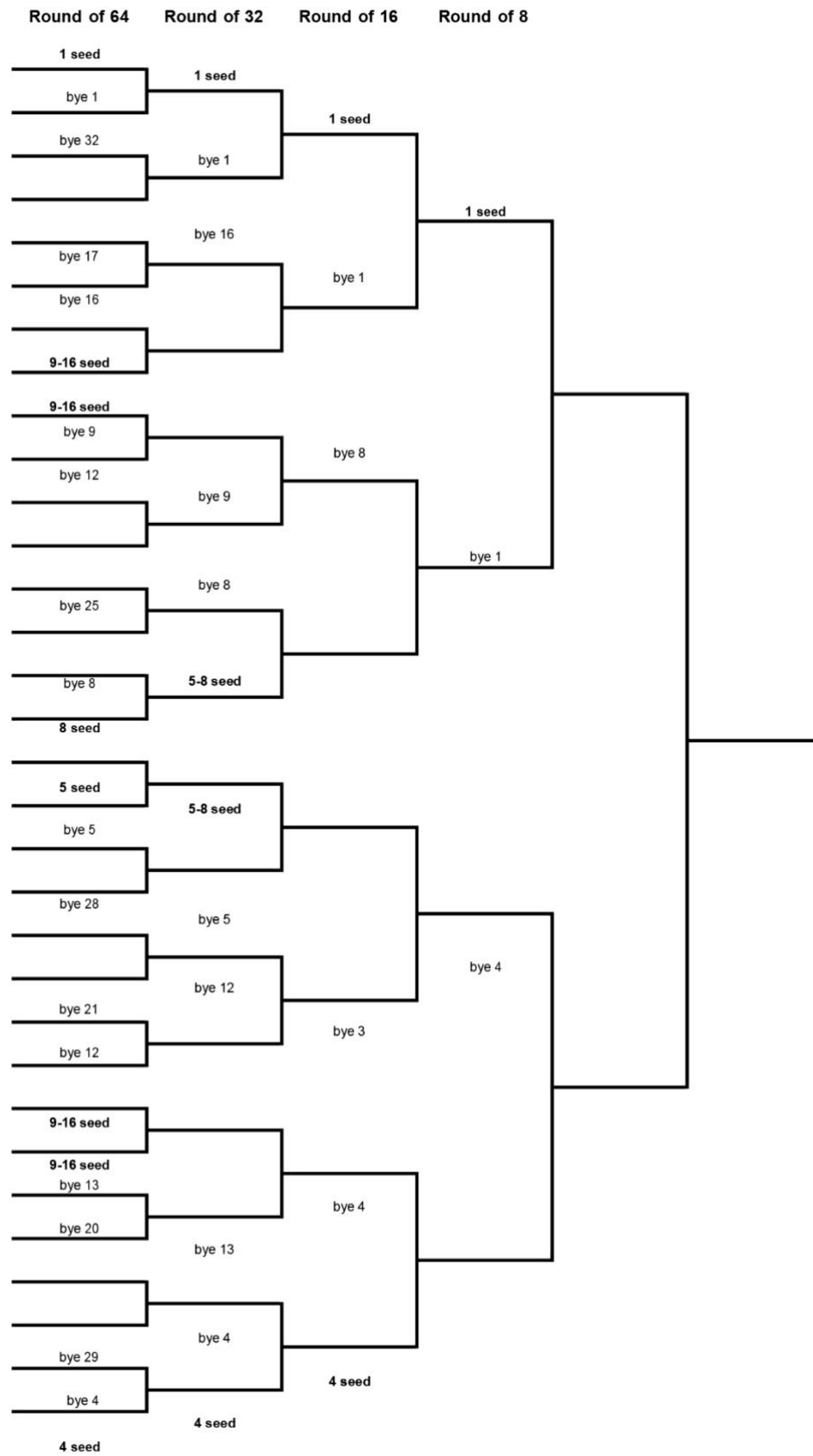
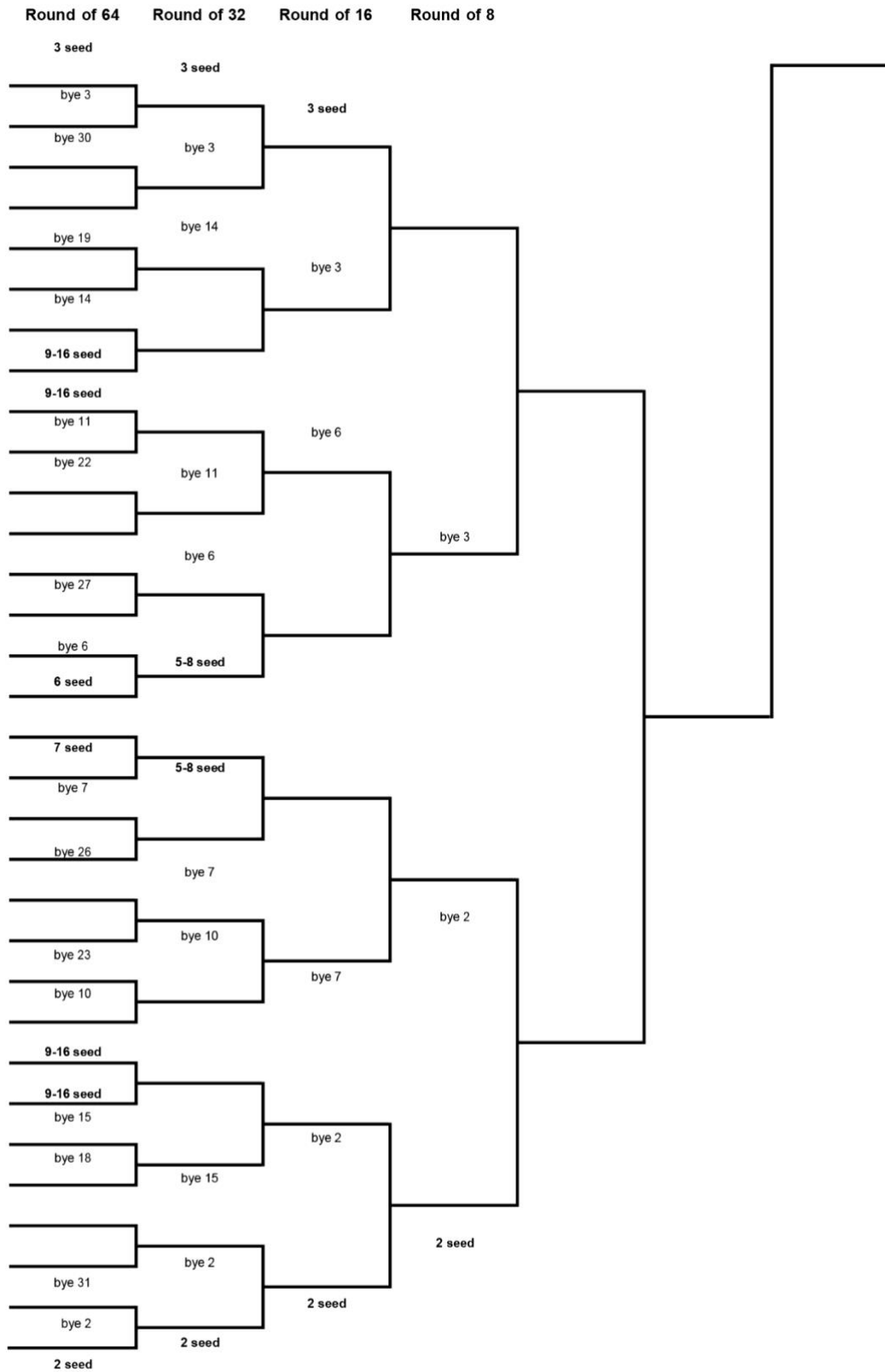


Diagram 3 (bottom part)





APPENDIX 4: IBA CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct

In keeping with our continuous improvement and governance protocols, IBA hereby requests your fullest agreement in your capacity as a Boxing Competition Official, Team Official, Boxing Athlete or Delegate, to the following Code of Conduct, which will apply for the duration of this championship event, directly under the governing authority of IBA.

Integrity

- 1.0** I shall ensure that my conduct may not in any manner tarnish the reputation of the sport of boxing or IBA.
 - 1.1** I shall in all instances, respect all event regulations set by both IBA and the LOC for this championship event.
 - 1.2** I shall not collude or collaborate with any party by violating any technical or hereby other rules of the sport or the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
 - 1.3** I shall always conduct myself in a professional manner, respecting the organisation, the appointed Technical Delegate, all officials, and competitors to the event. This includes those supporting the LOC.
 - 1.4** I shall not in any circumstances, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept, or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit, service or gift of any nature that could be considered as a bribe or undue influence.
 - 1.5** I shall not bet on any part of the boxing competition, bouts, or anything that would conclude a decision of a contest; nor shall I share inside information at any time and in any circumstance.
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Reporting Obligations

- 2.0** I must immediately upon receipt, report any approaches or offers, such as those described under paragraphs 1.4/1.5, directly to the Technical Delegate or to the IBA appointed staff. Direct communication can also be made to the following email address integrity@iba.sport or by using the dedicated form on IBA official website.

Harassment

- 3.0** I shall not enter into any form of harassment or abuse, be it physical, professional, or sexual, and cause or instigate any physical or mental injuries outside of the competition. In this respect, I am aware of the IBA Anti-Harassment Policy.
 - 3.1** I shall not discriminate against anyone based on race, colour, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.
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Responsibilities of Boxing Competition Officials

- 4.0** Any information deemed confidential I may receive from IBA or may learn in the course of my duties as a Boxing Competition Official, must remain totally confidential and must not be disclosed.
- 4.1** I shall not become intimate or enter into any relationship with officials, boxers and/or coaches and seconds and/or other team delegation members. I shall not behave in any way which shall cast doubt on my impartiality as a Boxing Competition Official.
- 4.2** In the event that I have any type of relationship with officials, boxers and/or coaches and seconds and/or other team delegation members, I must immediately disclose this



relationship(s) to IBA in writing at integrity@iba.sport. I accept in advance that due to this relationship(s), I may not be allowed to further participate within the competition.

- 4.3** I shall fulfil my duties at the highest level. I shall never take biased decisions impacting the course of the outcome of the competition.
 - 4.4** I shall not communicate with anyone about any event-related issue within the competition venue and/or any other location of the full duration of the Championships and post event, especially to persons from my own country such as National Federation members, Board members, the media, the public. I shall not comment about any competition related issue on social media during or post event, nor shall I display any photographs during the Championships that may cause any kind of conflict or undue comment.
 - 4.5** I shall be on time for all appointed competition duties assigned to me.
 - 4.6** I shall be available to attend any Boxing Competition officials' meetings on or before the respective competition days.
 - 4.7** I shall fulfil all duties assigned to me by the Technical Delegate with absolute due diligence.
 - 4.8** I shall not use nor carry any electronic communication device, including but not limited to a mobile phone, a laptop, and a tablet computer, inside the competition venue. Exceptionally, the R&J Evaluators and Observers may use laptops to perform their official duties. Ringside Doctors are the exception based on their role requirements.
 - 4.9** I shall always maintain a professional appearance when performing my duties as a Boxing Competition Official.
 - 5.0** I shall not criticise or attempt to explain calls or decisions made by any Boxing Competition Official, including myself, unless requested to do so by the Technical Delegate.
 - 5.1** I shall not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which will alter my judgement, while officiating or participating in any IBA competitions, including all related meetings, seminars, refresher training and weigh-in duties.
 - 5.2** I shall not smoke in the competition venue, or any area not designated as such for smoking.
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Interpretation and Sanctions

- 6.0** I agree to be bound by this Code of Conduct and the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code and the IBA Anti-Harassment Policy; I acknowledge that any infringement of this code may be referred to the BIIU Tribunal and may lead to disciplinary measures and sanctions taken against me.
 - 6.1** I also understand that at any point during an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct and/or breach of the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code during the competition, that my accreditation may be suspended or removed without prejudice whilst an investigation is initiated or ongoing.
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APPENDIX 5: MEDICAL CERTIFICATE TEMPLATE

Athlete

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Doctor

NAME: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

STAMP: _____

COMMENTS: _____

Fit to Box

Not Fit to Box





QUESTION FOR ATHLETE: IF YES, EXPLAIN
1. Is a Doctor currently treating you for anything?
2. Have you ever been unconscious or had a concussion?
3. Have you been hit hard in the head in the last 6 weeks?
4. Have you had any headache in the last 2 weeks?
5. Do you have any problem with bleeding?
6. Do you have a history of hepatitis B or hepatitis C or HIV infection?
7. Does any disease run in your family? Sudden unexpected deaths?
8. Have you had any surgery?
9. Have you ever had to stay in a hospital?
10 Do you have any medical condition?





MEDICAL CERTIFICATE		ABNORMALITIES		
If Athlete had a Concussion in the past year, please certify that:	Medical Examination following rest period after Concussion was normal Athlete Fit To Box	Normal	Abnormal	
General Medical Exam	List abnormalities not covered in specific system exams below:			
Mental Status/ Psychological	Brief survey	Normal	Abnormal	
Head	Cranial nerves, eyes, pupil size and reactivity, Fundi, vision by chart (record)	Normal	Abnormal	
	Mouth, teeth, throat	Normal	Abnormal	
	Ears	Normal	Abnormal	
	Temporomandibular joint	Normal	Abnormal	
Neck	Cervical spine, lymph nodes	Normal	Abnormal	
Chest	Breath sounds, rib tenderness on compression	Normal	Abnormal	
Cardiovascular System	Pulse/blood pressure (record)	Normal	Abnormal	
	Heart examination: sounds, murmurs, heaves, size, rhythm	Normal	Abnormal	
Orthopaedic System	Upper limb: shoulder, wrist, hand, fingers	Normal	Abnormal	
	Lower limb: foot, ankle, knee, hip	Normal	Abnormal	
Neurological System	Reflexes	Normal	Abnormal	
	Verbal Responses	Normal	Abnormal	
	Motor responses and balance	Normal	Abnormal	
Allergies	(record)	Yes	No	
	Type of reaction (record)			
Medications used	Name and dosage (record)	Yes	No	

Any TUE Submitted?

No

Yes (If yes, please explain)





APPENDIX 6: ANTI-DOPING CONSENT FORM

CONSENT FORM

As a member of [National Federation] and/or a participant in an event authorised or recognised by [National Federation or International Federation], I hereby declare as follows:

I acknowledge that I am bound by, and confirm that I shall comply with, all of the provisions of IBA Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time) and the *International Standards* issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency and published on its website.

I acknowledge the authority of IBA [and its member National Federations and/or National Anti-Doping Organisations] under the IBA Anti-Doping Rules to enforce, to manage results under, and to impose sanctions in accordance with, the IBA Anti-Doping Rules.

I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the IBA Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the IBA Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 13 of the IBA Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of International-Level Athletes is the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.

I have read and understand the present declaration.

Date

Print Name (Last Name, First Name)

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)

Signature (If minor, signature legal guardian)





APPENDIX 7: DECLARATION OF FIT TO BOX FORM

Last Name:	First Name:	Country:
DoB:	Age:	Mobile no:

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Have you ever been admitted to Hospital? Yes No
 Have you had medical treatment for anything in the last 3 months? Yes No

Have you suffered from any of the following?

Any eye disorders or operations (including laser eye surgery)? Yes No
 Any broken bones or cuts needing treatment in the previous 6 months? Yes No
 Epilepsy or any other type of fit, faint, convulsion or black-out? Yes No

How are you today?

Are you taking any medication now? Yes No
 Do you presently have a cough, cold or runny nose? Yes No
 Have you been unwell in the last month? Yes No
 When did you last box?
 Were you injured at that time? Yes No
 After your last bout, were you medically suspended for any reason? Yes No
 Do you understand the sport-specific medical risks of boxing? No Yes
 Do you wish to box today? Yes
 No
 WOMEN ONLY – can you confirm you are not pregnant? No Yes

Boxer's Signature:	Dated:
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DOCTOR'S EXAMINATION NOTES	General:
Hands:	
ENT (incl. gum shield fit etc):	Eyes:
CONFIRMED FIT TO BOX: YES / NO	Date/Time of Medical
Doctor's Signature:	Name:
Country:	IBA certified date:

Keep this form ringside for making contemporaneous notes of pre-, intra- and post-bout medical aspects, to be transposed as and when appropriate.

Space for making contemporaneous ringside notes during the bout and of the post-bout examination findings can be found below:





In-Bout Notes:		
Signed:	Dated:	Name:
Post Bout Medical Notes:		
Signed:	Dated:	Name:





APPENDIX 8: DECLARATION OF NON-PREGNANCY

1. Declaration of Non-Pregnancy for Women Boxers aged eighteen (18) and older

Date: _____

Place: _____

National Federation: _____

Passport details of the Boxer: _____

Passport issued by: _____

Date of birth of the Boxer: _____

I, _____, (insert name of the Boxer) declare that I am not pregnant.

I understand the seriousness of this statement and accept full responsibility for it. In the case that this declaration is subsequently shown to be inaccurate or untrue and I suffer any related injury or damage during the Competition, I on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages I may have against IBA (including its officials and employees), the organisers of the Competition (including the Local Organising Committee and/or the Host Federation) and the Competition Venue owners for such injury or damage.

Signature of the Boxer _____





2. Declaration of Non-Pregnancy for Girls Boxers aged Under eighteen (18)

Date: _____

Place: _____

National Federation: _____

Passport details of the Boxer: _____

Passport Issued by: _____

Date of birth of the Boxer: _____

Passport details of the parent/legal guardian: _____

Passport issued by: _____

I, _____, one of the parent / legal guardian of,
(insert name of the Boxer) declare, on her behalf, that she is not pregnant.

I understand the seriousness of this statement and accept full responsibility for it. In the case that this declaration is subsequently shown to be inaccurate or untrue and,

(insert name of the Boxer) suffers any related injury or damage during the Competition, I on behalf of _____

(insert name of the Boxer),

her heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages she may have against IBA (including its officials and employees), the organisers of the Competition (including the Local Organising Committee and the Host Federation) and the Competition Venue owners for such injury or damage.

Signature of the Parent / Legal Guardian: _____

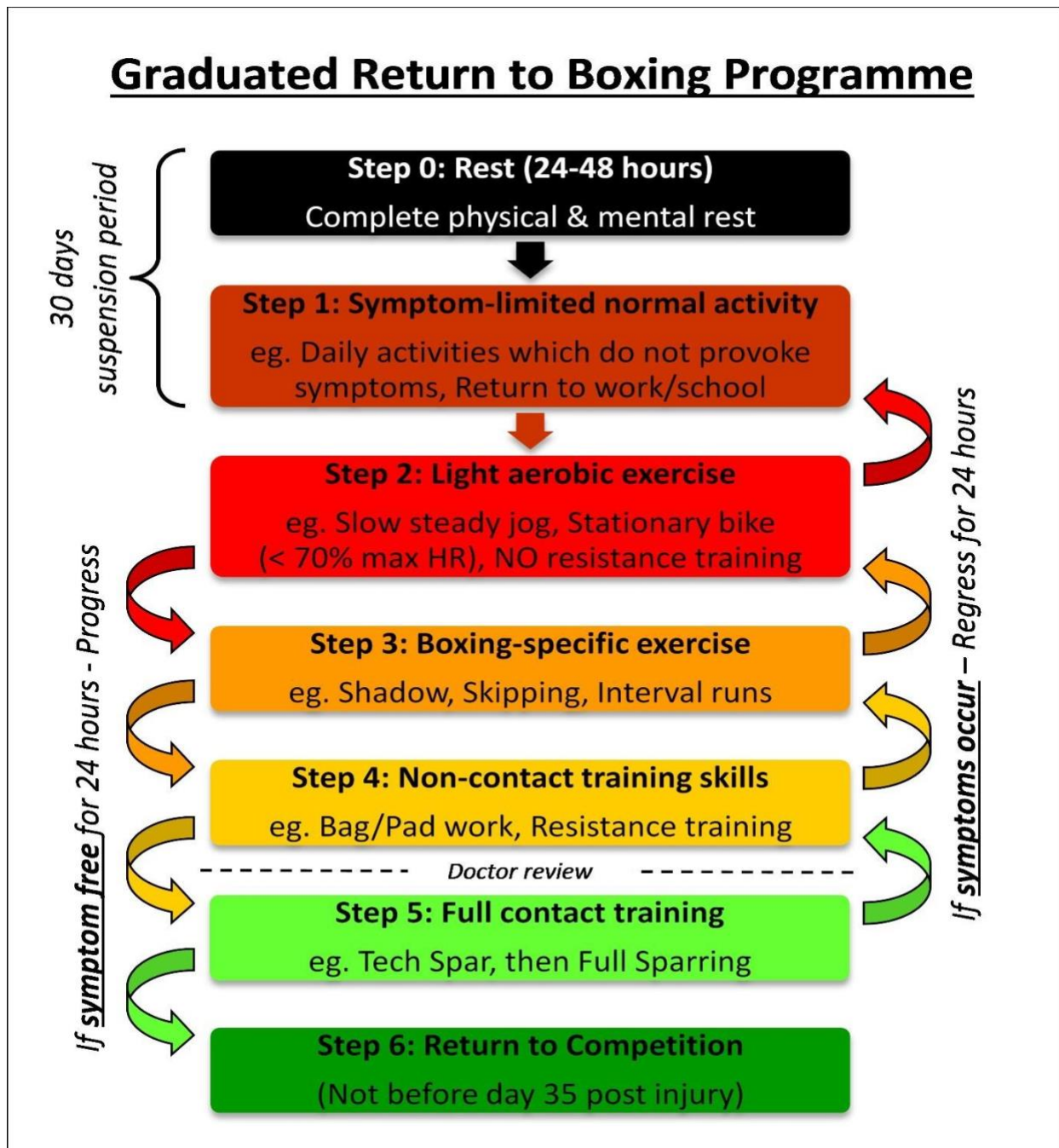
Acknowledged by

Signature of the Boxer _____



APPENDIX 9: GRADUATED RETURN TO BOXING

G RTP for a 30-day suspension period:



* Same steps are followed for longer suspension periods, except for Step 0 – 1, which would be extended to the medical restriction prescribed by the Ringside Doctor.





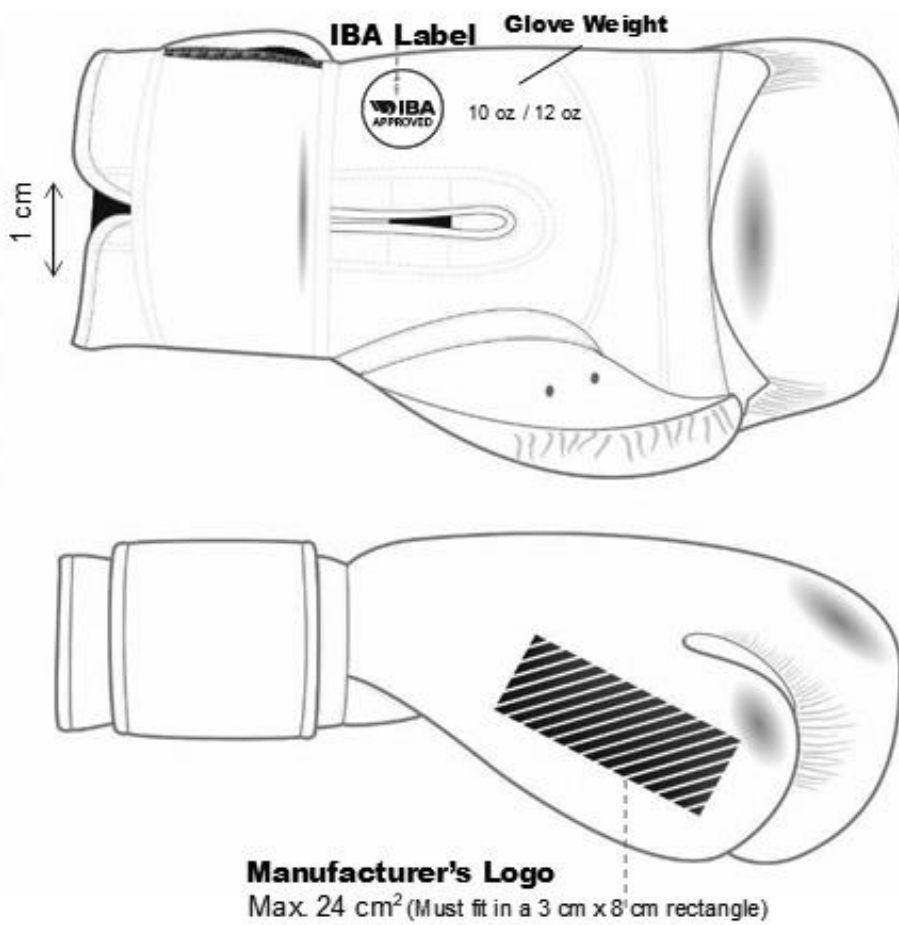
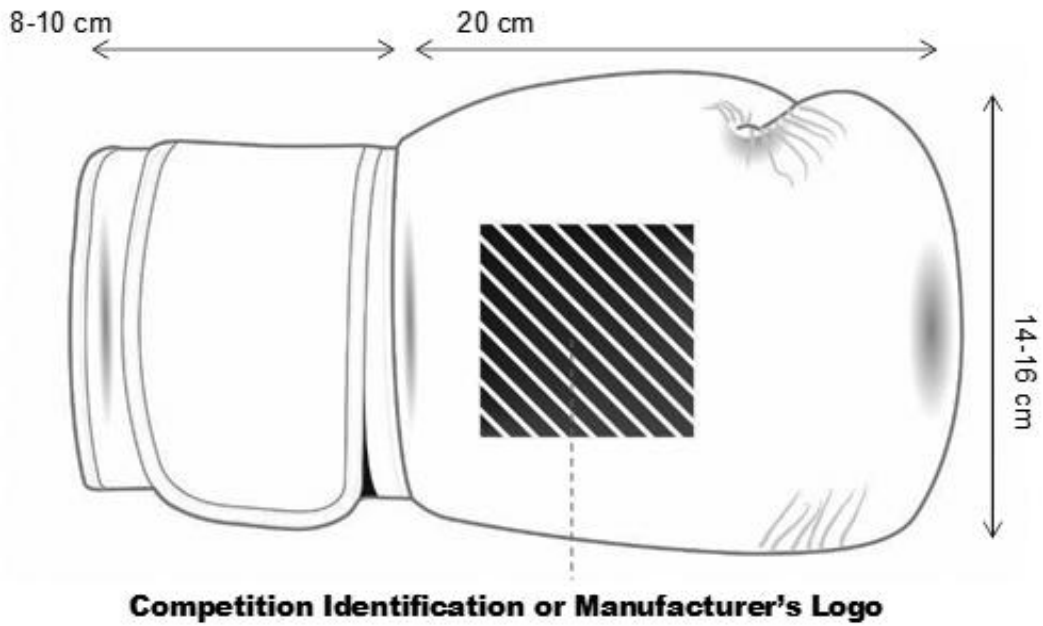
APPENDIX 10: COMPETITION VENUE REQUIREMENTS

10.1. Required Venue Facilities:

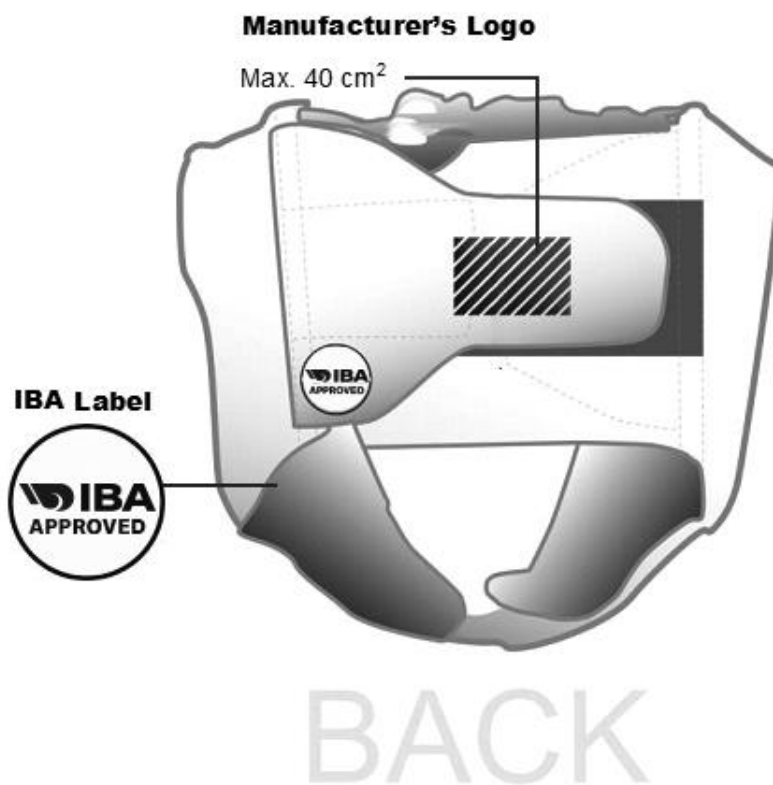
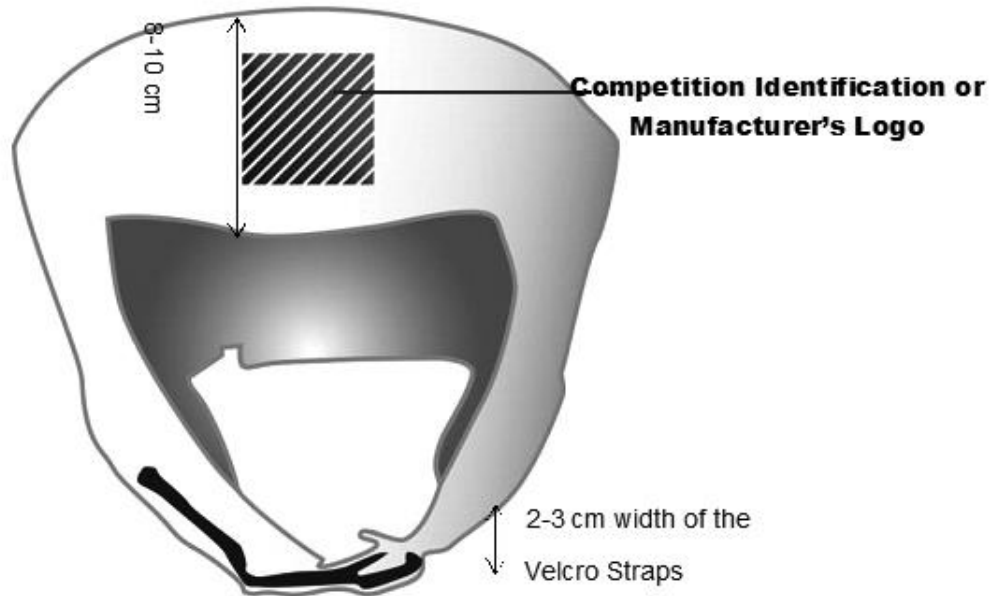
- 10.1.1. Lounge for Referees and Judges
- 10.1.2. Lounge for International Technical Officials
- 10.1.3. Meeting Room for ITOs and Referees and Judges
- 10.1.4. Boxers' Locker Rooms
- 10.1.5. Anti-Doping Rooms
- 10.1.6. Medical Room (Doctor's Room)
- 10.1.7. Boxers' Warm-Up Areas
- 10.1.8. Storage for Boxing Equipment
- 10.1.9. Offices for IBA, Local Organising Committee, Technical Delegate
- 10.1.10. Media/Press Room, Interview/Press Conference Room, Mixed Zone in accordance with the IBA Media/Press Guidelines
- 10.1.11. VIP Lounge



APPENDIX 11: GLOVE SPECIFICATIONS

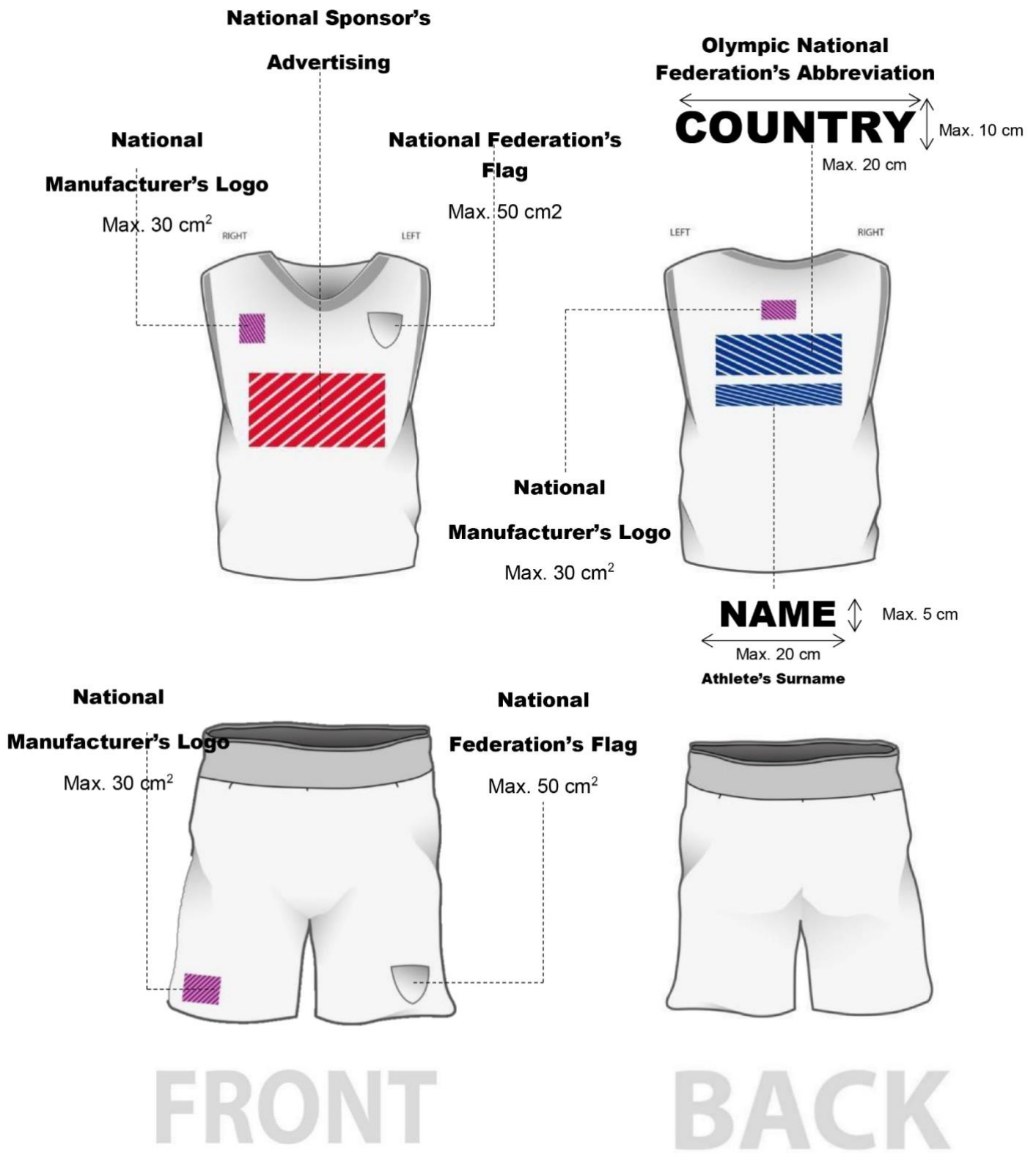


APPENDIX 12: HEADGUARD SPECIFICATIONS





APPENDIX 13: UNIFORM DIAGRAMME





**National
Manufacturer's
Logo**

Max. 30 cm²

**National
Federation's
Flag**

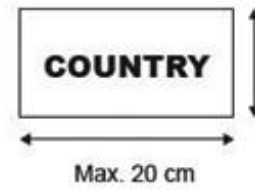
Max. 50 cm²



FRONT



**Olympic National
Federation's Abbreviation**



Max. 10 cm

Max. 20 cm

BACK

