



AIBA BYLAWS

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CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Interpretation

- 1.1 These Bylaws have been approved and accepted in accordance with the AIBA Statutes in particular Art. 1.1 “AIBA Bylaws”, Art. 27.3 “Congress Proceedings” and Art. 38 “Powers of the Executive Committee”.
- 1.2 In the event of any inconsistency or contradiction between these Bylaws and the AIBA Statutes, the AIBA Statutes shall prevail.
- 1.3 All defined terms shall have the meaning given to them in the AIBA Statutes unless otherwise defined herein.
- 1.4 Unless specified, the Congress refers both to the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.
- 1.5 The term “AIBA Technical Rules & AIBA Programs Competition Rules” is as defined in the AIBA Statutes and refers to the technical rules and the competition rules that apply to AIBA Open Boxing (AOB), and World Series of Boxing (WSB).
- 1.6 The term “AIBA Competition” shall have the meaning given to such term in the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules.

CHAPTER 2 CONGRESS

Article 2 Location

- 2.1 The Ordinary Congress shall be held each time in a different country at the invitation of a National Federation.
- 2.2 If an Extraordinary Congress is called, it may be held in conjunction with the AIBA World Boxing Championships.
- 2.3 The National Federation hosting the Congress must use its best endeavors to ensure that all delegates are able to obtain the visa necessary for entry into the country and ensure that there is suitable accommodation made available for all delegates, including those whose costs are not covered by AIBA.

Article 3 Duration

- 3.1 The Ordinary Congress shall be held over a maximum period of five (5) days.
- 3.2 The Extraordinary Congress shall be held over the necessary period.

Article 4 Expenses

- 4.1 For the Extraordinary Congress, AIBA shall not pay any cost for delegates.

Article 5 Delegates

- 5.1 Prior to the commencement of the Congress, AIBA reserves the right to request delegates to provide proof that they hold office as president, vice president, executive

- director, secretary general, executive committee member, elected member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation having appointed them and proof that they legally represent that National Federation at the Congress. In cases where the delegates eligibility is questioned, a final determination will be made by the Election Committee
- 5.2 For Ordinary Congress the delegates registration shall be opened a minimum of 3 months in advance. Registration will remain open a minimum of 1 month.
- 5.3 After the close of the registration period, any change in the voting delegate can only take place in extraordinary circumstances. Such extraordinary circumstances must be submitted to the Election Committee for determination. Any cost associated with the change will be borne by a National Federation.
- 5.4 In the event the Extraordinary Congress is held in conjunction with the AIBA World Boxing Championships, a National Federation is permitted to designate either the Team Leader and/or the Head Coach as its delegate(s).

Article 6 Chair

- 6.1 The President shall ensure that the Congress is conducted in compliance with the AIBA Statutes and these Bylaws. He shall open, conduct and close all the debates. He shall grant delegates permission to speak and allot the time within which they may do so.
- 6.2 The President may propose to prolong the debates; the debates shall be prolonged if such a proposal is accepted by a majority of the votes.
- 6.3 The President may call to order any delegate who:
- (a) deviates from the subject, exceeds the speaking time allotted to him/her or contravenes in any other way the AIBA Statutes, these Bylaws, the Code of Ethics the Disciplinary Code and the Procedural Rules; or
 - (b) disturbs the debates with his/her behavior.
- 6.4 If the call to order is not effective, the President may, depending on the gravity of the delegate's behavior, decide to:
- (a) withdraw him/her speaking time;
 - (b) reprimand him/her;
 - (c) exclude him/her from one or several debates; and/or
 - (d) remove him/her from the Congress.
- 6.5 If the delegate does not comply with the President's decision as per Art. 6.5 and 6.6 above, then the President may initiate disciplinary or other legal action against the relevant delegate.

Article 7 Interpreters

- 7.1 The Executive Director shall appoint qualified interpreters to translate the debates from the AIBA official languages into other AIBA official languages.

Article 8 Debates

- 8.1 No delegate shall speak unless the President has granted permission to him/her to do so.
- 8.2 A delegate may only speak a maximum of twice on the same subject. If the President deems it necessary, he may authorize the delegate to speak again.

Article 9 Votes on a Decision

- 9.1 Voting shall be carried out either by electronic count or by raising hands. Voting with hands can include raising color panels (green, red and white). The manner in which the voting will be carried out shall be decided by the President prior to the vote. The Executive Director shall conduct and manage the voting process. Counting of votes will be carried out by people designated by the Executive Director.
- 9.2 Before each vote, the Executive Director shall read the text of the proposal aloud and explain the voting procedure to the Congress.
- 9.3 No one is permitted to address the Congress during the votes and until after the final results have been announced.
- 9.4 The President shall announce the results.
- 9.5 The Congress may then decide whether to carry out an examination of the subject, as a whole or in stages (i.e. article by article).

Article 10 Votes on Elections

- 10.1 Before each vote, the Executive Director shall explain the voting procedure to the Congress. The Executive Director shall conduct and manage the voting process.
- 10.2 No one is permitted to address the Congress during the votes and until after all final results have been announced.
- 10.3 The President shall announce the result of each ballot and state the number of valid votes cast for each candidate.
- 10.4 The Executive Director shall preserve the voting ballots (paper or electronic voting system results) at the AIBA Headquarters for four (4) years from the date of the vote or until the next Congress, whichever is the later.
- 10.5 The positions will be elected in the following order:
Congress Election: AIBA President, AIBA Vice-Presidents, EC Members by continents, and then additional EC Members
- 10.6 For elections, no succeeding vote should take place until the result of the previous vote is known and announced
- 10.7 The following should not be counted as valid votes: abstentions; blank votes; votes for more or fewer candidates than the number required; votes declared void by the scrutineers. Challenges to scrutineers' decisions will be heard and the decision made by the Election Committee.

- 10.8 Each candidate for President should be provided with an equal opportunity to make a presentation to the members at the congress. The presentation should focus on the credentials of the candidate and the vision and objectives for their term if elected. The presentation should last no more than 5 minutes and may include video presentations and multi-media.

Article 11 Election Committee

11.1 Duties and Responsibilities of the Election Committee:

- Make a determination of the eligibility of delegates as per article 5.2
- Review the credentials of all candidates running for the elections and determine their eligibility to run
- Ensure that the election process takes place in accordance with AIBA Statutes and Bylaws
- Certify the voting results for all positions
- Provide information and clarification on the nomination and election process and dealing with unforeseen circumstances
- decide on any issue that arises regarding the election, candidates' eligibility and the election procedure to ensure the integrity of the election process
- ensure there should be provision to revert to a paper-based system in the case of a technical failure.

Article 12 Candidate eligibility to run for office

- 12.1 Applications form should include the biography of the candidate and explain how they meet the requirements for the post for which they are a candidate, plus the experience, skills and qualities they would bring to the position if elected.

Article 13 Campaign Rules for Candidates

- Candidates must abide by the AIBA code of ethics and constitution or equivalent.
- Candidates must refrain from carrying out any electoral campaigning prior to the start of the electoral period.
- Candidates must conduct their campaigns with honesty, dignity, moderation and respect for their opponents, limiting expenditure to a proportionate level.
- Candidates must not directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, or any concealed benefit or service of any nature, connected with any AIBA activity or election or appointment to office.
- Candidates must in no case and under no pretext give presents or offer donations or gifts or grant advantages or benefits of whatever nature to or at the request of any party who will vote in, or who may otherwise influence, an election.
- Candidates must not enter into any inappropriate undertaking to personally act (whether as a candidate or following election), for the direct or indirect benefit of an AIBA body, a member federation or individuals within the AIBA.
- Candidates must not accept paid travel, expenses, air tickets or accommodation from other candidates, their representatives, members or other associated organisations to attend meetings and activities directly related to a candidate's elections.
- Candidates must not enter into any form of undertaking with any individual or organisation that is likely to affect the candidate's freedom of decision or action if elected.

- Except with the permission of the election committee, no debate or public meeting of any kind should be organised to promote a candidature.
- Candidates may make declarations or give interviews provided, in doing so, that they comply with the rules.
- Candidates must not make payments, directly or indirectly, to journalists or other persons affiliated to the media in order to promote their candidacies.
- Candidates must not produce (or cause third parties to produce) any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image or reputation of another candidate.
- Candidates must not engage in any act, collaboration or collusion by or between candidates with the intent to defraud or manipulate the result of the vote.
- Candidates must not request support or service from the AIBA or from external advisors who are working with the AIBA in connection with their candidacies.
- AIBA resources must not be used to fund travel and campaign activities by candidates who currently occupy elected or appointed positions.
- The AIBA administration must maintain neutrality at all times. The members of AIBA HQs should limit their relations with the candidates strictly to the content of their role as staff.

CHAPTER 3 MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Article 14 Membership

- 14.1 A National Federation can only be responsible for governing the sport of boxing. It is prohibited for a National Federation and/or its President to be responsible for governing any other sporting activity, including mixed martial arts (MMA), UFC, Kickboxing, K-1 and other similar combat sports as may be determined by AIBA.
- 14.2 A National Federation President and Executive Committee members must be national passport holders of the National Federation country. In the event the President or Executive Committee member holds dual-nationality, he or she must decide upon one country they wish to represent and provide proof that it is his or her country of residence if requested to do so.

Article 15 Membership Fees

- 15.1 Each National Federation shall pay an Annual Affiliation Fee of US\$ 250.00 to AIBA, which may be amended by Congress in accordance with the Statutes.
- 15.2 This fee is due on January 1 of each year.
- 15.3 For the period this Annual Affiliation Fee remains unpaid, the National Federation will not benefit from any of AIBA's development program and will not be allowed to participate in any bidding process for hosting an AIBA Competition.

15.4 If a National Federation does not pay all annual fees due six (6) months before the Ordinary Congress, it will automatically lose its rights in accordance with Art. 17.4 of the AIBA Statutes.

15.5 If a National Federation does not pay all annual fees due two (2) months before the Extraordinary Congress, it will automatically lose its right to participate and vote at the Extraordinary Congress.

Article 16 Leadership within the National Federation

16.1 No National Federation shall remain without an elected president for a period exceeding six (6) months.

16.2 If the president of the National Federation is absent due to any cause, is incapable of carrying out his/her function as president, or has been suspended by AIBA or any other body, AIBA may call upon the National Federation to organize a new presidential election.

16.3 The new presidential election must be held within 3 months of notification by AIBA.

CHAPTER 4 EXCLUSION AND SUSPENSION OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Article 17

Exclusion

17.1 If a National Federation is excluded by the EC in accordance with Art. 18.2 of the AIBA Statutes, AIBA will no longer recognize that National Federation as responsible for governing the sport of boxing in that country.

17.2 In such circumstances the EC may decide to admit and recognize a new Provisional Member to replace the excluded National Federation until the next Congress.

17.3 If the EC decision to exclude the National Federation is ratified by Congress, the new Provisional Member shall be eligible to have its membership ratified in accordance with Art. 9.2 of the AIBA Statutes.

Suspension

17.4 Except in cases of a provisional suspension, if a National Federation is suspended in accordance with Art. 17.1 of the AIBA Statutes, the Executive Committee and/or the EC Bureau or the Disciplinary Commission must specify the length of the suspension.

Participation in AIBA Competitions

17.5 If the suspension is for a period of one year or more, then Boxers and Coaches from the suspended National Federation shall not be permitted to participate in any AIBA Competition. Officials from the suspended National Federation shall not be permitted to participate in any AIBA Competition for the duration of the period of suspension. The provisions of this Art. 14.5 shall apply to all provisional suspensions also.

- 17.6 If the suspension is for a period of less than one year, then Boxers and Coaches from the suspended National Federation shall be permitted to participate in AIBA Competitions provided such Boxers and Coaches are registered by the National Olympic Committee to which such suspended National Federation is affiliated. The Boxers shall participate under the AIBA flag, the AIBA anthem shall be used instead of the anthem of the suspended National Federation and the Boxers' and Coaches' uniform/clothing shall not bear any symbol or color of the suspended National Federation. Officials from the suspended National Federation shall not be permitted to participate in any AIBA Competition for the duration of the period of suspension.

Communication with AIBA

- 17.7 If the suspension is for a period of less than one year, the suspended National Federation shall be permitted to communicate with the AIBA Headquarters. If the suspension is for a period of one year or more, the suspended National Federation shall only be entitled to communicate with the AIBA Headquarters via one designated official from the suspended National Federation (such representative to be approved by AIBA).

For the avoidance of doubt, no communication is permitted between a suspended National Federation and other National Federations regardless of the period of suspension.

CHAPTER 5 PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

Article 18 Role of AIBA Commissions

- 18.1 AIBA Commission Members may be proposed by National Federations and appointed by the President. Pursuant to Art. 39.2 of the AIBA Statutes, the President may appoint a Commission Member based on his/her expertise even if such person is not proposed by his/her respective National Federation.
- 18.2 All Commissions are advisory by nature. Recommendations made by a Commission shall be implemented only if they have been approved by the President or Executive Committee or EC Bureau. All approved recommendations are implemented by the AIBA Headquarters with the assistance of the relevant Commission.
- 18.3. The total number of the members in each Commission will be decided by the President and members from the same country may be appointed.
- 18.4 All Commission Members serve at the discretion of the President and the President has the full discretion to remove and/or replace any Commission Member as he sees fit.

Article 19 Athletes & Youth Commission

- 19.1 This Commission ensures representation, protection and promotion of the interests of the Boxers. Its main objective is to help Boxers making the difficult transition from elite sport to a new career.
- 19.2 This Commission also deals with issues related to the practice, development and promotion of boxing amongst the youth.

Article 20 Coaches Commission

- 20.1 This Commission ensures representation, protection and promotion of the interests of the Coaches. It is also responsible for the development and implementation of the AIBA Coaching Management System.
- 20.2 This Commission also aims to improve access to new training information technologies and produce tools to comprehensively educate and train Coaches over the world (universal integrated teaching system for Coaches).

Article 21 Ethics Commission

- 21.1 This Commission ensures compliance with the AIBA Code of Ethics. This Commission also investigates complaints, alleged breaches of Code of Ethics or other related issues and, if necessary, recommends sanctions or other actions.

Article 22 Finance Commission

- 22.1 This Commission shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters, asset management and all financial statements prepared by the AIBA Headquarters.

Article 23 Marketing Commission

- 23.1 This Commission deals with all issues related to the general marketing and communication strategy of AIBA and advise the Executive Committee accordingly. It also provides the AIBA Headquarters with expertise and knowledge in the field of marketing and communication.

Article 24 Medical Commission

- 24.1 This Commission deals with all medical issues relating to boxing and in particular issues relating to the health and safety of Boxers. It also coordinates anti-doping matters.
- 24.2 It also provides a high level of expertise and knowledge about the care and follow-up treatment of Boxers in different environments, at the ringside and out-of-competition, including fitness to box, performance and improvement issues.

- 24.3 This Commission aims to provide the AIBA Headquarters with a sufficient number of Ringside Doctors for all AIBA Competitions including WSB; to this end, it shall arrange various training programs and provide educational materials leading to a sustainable high quality of Ringside Doctors. It also contributes to all AIBA projects medical dimension in order to promote the safety of boxing.

Article 25 Scientific Commission

- 25.1 This Commission organizes scientific research linked to the practice and development of boxing, and advise the Executive Committee accordingly.

Article 26 Refereeing & Judging Commission

- 26.1 This Commission deals with all issues related to Referees & Judges. It is responsible for the development and implementation of the AIBA R&J Management System that caters for the development, education, certification and maintenance of R&Js.
- 26.2 It also ensures that R&Js appointed to AIBA Competitions are suitably qualified and secures sufficient numbers of appropriately accredited R&Js for international, regional and national competitions by creating teaching tools, tutorial and career paths that will sustain the quality of R&Js.
- 26.3 This Commission also identifies and recommends R&Js to support WSB programs.

Article 27 Technical & Rules Commission

- 27.1 This Commission is responsible for the development of AIBA Technical & Competition Rules applicable to boxing and proposes new rules and/or amendments to existing rules. One of its main tasks is to implement the AIBA Scoring System.
- 27.2 It also deals with issues concerning boxing equipment and competition uniforms and helps implement the R&J and Coaching Management Systems.

Article 28 Women's Commission

- 28.1 This Commission deals with specific issues related to the practice, development and promotion of boxing amongst women.
- 28.2 It also encourages the grassroots development of women's boxing, as well as of women R&Js, Coaches, ITOs and Officials. This Commission aims to add women's boxing as well as weight categories to the women's competition in any international multisport event including the Olympic Games.

Article 29 WSB Commission

- 29.1 This Commission is responsible for the continuing development of WSB.

Article 30 Removal of an AIBA Commission Member

- 30.1 The President has the power to remove any AIBA Commission member from a Commission should he or she be absent (without any valid reason) from two (2) Commission meetings and appoint a replacement.

CHAPTER 6 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Article 31 Definition

31.1 A competition is classified as an international competition if it comprises Boxers from at least three (3) different National Federations.

Article 32 Authorization

32.1 In the event authorization for an international competition is sought in between two AIBA EC meetings, such authorization may be granted by the Confederation on whose territory the competition is intended to take place.

32.2 If a National Federation fails to request the authorization set out in this article, stipulated in the AIBA Competition Guidelines (set out in AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules) and in Art. 58.2 of the AIBA Statutes or within the specified time, the AIBA Disciplinary Commission will review the case and issue sanctions. It may, amongst other things, prohibit all National Federations, boxers, coaches, referees and judges from participating in such competition.

Article 33 Report to AIBA

33.1 Within 14 days after the end of an international competition, the Confederation and/or National Federation of the territory on which the competition took place must send to the AIBA Headquarters all result sheets indicating the results, the names of the Referees & Judges, Timekeeper & Gong Operator, Competition Jury, Draw Jury and Medical Jury Members.

CHAPTER 7 WORLD SERIES OF BOXING

Article 34 WSB

34.1 It is prohibited for an AIBA official (referees, judges and ITOs) to enter into a World Series of Boxing franchise agreement (either personally or through the use of a company with which the Official, or an affiliate of the Official, is associated).

Article 35 Professional Boxing

35.1 Where the term “professional boxing organization” is used in the AIBA Statutes, Rules, Regulations or these Bylaws, such term shall be interpreted as referring to any organization or entity, including any regulatory, licensing or sanctioning bodies, involved in a professional sports activity where boxing is a component part of such activity and shall include such sports activities as mixed martial arts (MMA), UFC, kickboxing, K-1 and other similar combat sports as may be determined by AIBA.

35.2 Where the term “professional boxing match” is used in the AIBA Statutes, Rules, Regulations or these Bylaws, such term shall be interpreted as referring to any professional sports activity where boxing is a component part of such activity and shall include such sports activities as mixed martial arts (MMA), UFC, kickboxing, K-1 and other similar combat sports as may be determined by AIBA.

CHAPTER 8 NATIONAL FEDERATION STATUTES, BYLAWS, CONSTITUTIONS, ELECTIONS

Article 36 National Federation Statutes and Bylaws

36.1 Pursuant to Art. 6.1 and 13 (D) of the AIBA Statutes, following any amendment of the AIBA Statutes or these Bylaws, each National Federation must update their own statutes, constitution and bylaws and ensure that such statutes, constitution and bylaws comply fully with the AIBA Statutes and these Bylaws. Each National Federation shall submit their amended statutes, constitution and bylaws to AIBA for approval no later than 6 (six) months after the date on which the AIBA Statutes or these Bylaws were amended.

Article 37 Election and Appointment of National Federation Officers

37.1 In deciding whether or not to approve and recognize any election or appointment of officers of a National Federation and the organizational structure of a National Federation pursuant to Art. 13(E) and Art. 14 of the AIBA Statutes, AIBA shall consider the following, non-exhaustive list of factors:

- (a) the integrity of the election and appointment process;
- (b) the level of external interference in the election and appointment process;
- (c) the affiliation to a professional boxing organization of any elected or appointed officer of a National Federation, it being understood that where any such elected or appointed officer has held any position within, or has been affiliated to, any professional boxing entity (other than World Series of Boxing and/or APB), including as a Boxer, Coach or Trainer, such officer shall be ineligible to be elected or appointed as an officer of a National Federation. This Art. 34.1(c) shall not apply to Officials of National Federations to which Art. 8.3 of the AIBA Statutes applies;
- (d) whether the election has taken place in accordance with local laws, AIBA, Confederation and National Federation Statutes and Bylaws; and
- (e) observance by the National Federation of the AIBA Code of Ethics in conducting the election.

37.2 No National Federation's election (or appointments) shall be recognized by AIBA unless the following information is sent to the AIBA Headquarters at least one (1) month before the proposed date of the election:

- (a) Date and place of General Assembly or Congress;
- (b) List of nominations for Presidency and Executive Committee (together with proof of their eligibility);
- (c) Agenda
- (d) List of delegates; and
- (e) Copy of most recent National Federation statutes, articles, constitution or bylaws in English and Word format; such documentation must be reviewed and approved by AIBA before any election may take place.

Upon receipt of the above documentation, AIBA will review it and make a decision whether or not an election at a General Assembly/Congress may be carried out.

- 37.3 As soon as possible (and no later than 1 (one) week) after a National Federation has held elections, it shall send the results of such elections to AIBA. The National Federation shall notify AIBA of the identity of all persons who were elected or appointed to positions at the elections.
- 37.4 Failure by any National Federation to comply with this Art. 34 may result in the non-acceptance of the election results and suspension of all the National Federation's membership rights until such time as a new election has been carried out in accordance with the AIBA Statutes and Bylaws.

CHAPTER 9 HONORARY POSITIONS AND AWARDS

Article 38 AIBA Order of Merit

- 38.1 An Order of Merit may be awarded to individuals who have made a distinguished contribution to boxing or have otherwise achieved remarkable merit in the sport.
- 38.2 When the occasion is necessary, the AIBA President will send requests for recommendations for suitable candidates for the AIBA Order of Merit.
- 38.3 When all applications have been received, the President will decide to whom he will award the Order of Merit.
- 38.4 An honorary position may be bestowed upon an individual together with the AIBA Order of Merit.

CHAPTER 10 AIBA OLYMPIC COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Article 39 Olympic Compliance Committee

- 39.1 Prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games, the AIBA President may establish an ad hoc committee in order to evaluate and make any recommendation to the AIBA President for his decision during the Olympic Games on the following issues:
- (a) Disciplinary matters or violations;
 - (b) Betting, manipulation or corruption matters or violations;
 - (c) Ethical matters or violations;
 - (d) Crisis management relating to issues raised outside of the Field of Play;
 - (d) The media; and
 - (e) Any other matter deemed appropriate by the AIBA President.
- 39.2 The President shall appoint 3 members to the ad hoc committee.

CHAPTER 11 ADOPTION AND COMING INTO FORCE

These Bylaws were adopted by the AIBA Executive Committee on November 4, 2017, who fixed the date for the Bylaws coming into force as November 4, 2017.

