

# **AIBA**

# **TECHNICAL RULES**

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## COMPLIANCE TO THE RULES

These AIBA Technical Rules applying to AOB, APB and WSB are the only Technical Rules worldwide which AIBA National Member Federations, boxing members, clubs and boxing family must follow and respect in all their competitions in accordance to activities at all levels. No National Federation may develop its own Technical Rules that are contradictory to these AIBA Technical Rules.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**“AIBA Competitions”** means any Boxing Match, Competition, Event, League or Tournament which is authorized and approved in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules (AOB, APB and WSB);

**“AIBA Official Boxing Equipment Licensee”** means the contracted licensee of AIBA who is approved to produce the official equipment for use at all AIBA Competitions;

**“AIBA Scoring System”** means the electronic system recording the decision of a Judge approved by AIBA for use at AIBA Competitions;

**“AOB”** means AIBA Open Boxing;

**“APB”** means AIBA Pro Boxing;

**“BMA”** means the Boxing Marketing Arm, the exclusive marketing agency for all AIBA commercial properties, managing all properties of AOB, APB and WSB and owned by AIBA and third party investors;

**“Bout”** means the boxing contest between two Boxers taking place as part of a competition;

**“Boxer”** means any athlete registered by an AIBA National Member Federation and a member of AIBA;

**“Coach Certification”** means the permission to act as a Coach in AIBA Competitions granted by any National Federation, after the person passes examinations and obtains a certificate;

**“Competition Official”** means any person appointed or certified to act as a Referee, a Judge, a Supervisor, a Ringside Doctor, an International Technical Official or any assigned position in AIBA Competitions;

**“Confederation”** means each AIBA continental affiliated organization;

**“Continental Multi-Sport Games”** means All-Africa Games, Pan American Games, Asian Games and European Games;

**“Disciplinary Code”** means the code governing disciplinary matters applicable to AIBA, each Confederation, each National Federation and any Official, including Competition Official, or Boxer;

**“Field of Play (FOP)”** means the competition area which extends to 6 meters from all 4 sides of the ring for AOB and 2 meters from all 4 sides of the ring for APB and WSB where only Competition Officials can enter;

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

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

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

**“Judge”** means the person who allocates points during a Bout based on each Boxer's performance on the ring in respect of the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules (AOB, APB and WSB);

**“Medical Handbook”** means the rules published by AIBA in relation to the medical standards required to be observed by a Boxer and by any Official, including Competition Officials, prior to, during and after AIBA Competitions;

**“National Federation”** means a legal entity recognized by AIBA as the governing body for the sport of boxing in its respective country;

**“National Level Competitions”** means the boxing competitions organized and/or sanctioned by a particular National Federation and to which only Boxers registered from that National Federation participate;

**“Referee”** means the person who ensures that all Rules are followed by the Boxers during their Bouts in the ring;

**“Ringside Doctor”** has the meaning given to it in the Medical Handbook;

**“Rules”** means the AIBA Technical Rules, AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules (AOB, APB and WSB), AIBA Code of Ethics, AIBA Disciplinary Code, AIBA Procedural Rules, AIBA Anti-Doping Rules and AIBA Medical Handbook;

**“Seconds”** means the Coaches or Trainers who are certified by AIBA and who are allowed to act in the corner of the ring;

**“Supervisor”** means the person who is appointed to be responsible for all technical and competition related issues in AIBA Competitions; A Supervisor may be certified in all AIBA Competitions (AOB, APB and WSB) or only in AOB Competitions;

**“Team Officials”** means the Team Managers, Coaches and Doctors entered by a National Federation in any AIBA Competition but does not include the Boxers;

**“WSB”** means the World Series of Boxing as organized and administered by the World Series of Boxing SA which was created and is owned by AIBA.

# RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

## RULE 1. CLASSIFICATION

### 1.1. Age Classification

- 1.1.1. Men and Women Boxers between the ages of 19 to 40 are categorized as Elite Boxers.
- 1.1.2. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 17 to 18 are categorized as Youth Boxers.
- 1.1.3. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 15 to 16 are categorized as Junior Boxers.
- 1.1.4. The age of a Boxer is determined using his/her year of birth.
- 1.1.5. In all competitions related to school age boys and girls as well as all other younger ages, Boxers are managed only at National Federation and at Confederation levels. The age of the Boxers must not be over 14 years old. The range of the ages of the Boxers participating in these competitions must not be more than 2 years.
- 1.1.6. As of January 1, 2017, the age of a Boxer will be determined using his/her date of birth and the age classification of Boxers will be as follows:
  - 1.1.6.1. Men and Women Boxers between the ages of 18 to 40 will be categorized as Elite Boxers.
  - 1.1.6.2. Boys and Girls Boxers between the ages of 16 to 17 will be categorized as Youth Boxers.
  - 1.1.6.3. The age of the Boxers will be checked based on the date before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of competition, in all competitions.
- 1.1.7. Men Boxers aged 18 following their year of birth are allowed to participate in all Elite Men Competitions (AOB, APB and/or WSB). This grace period will end on December 31, 2016.

### 1.2. Weight Classification

- 1.2.1. The terminology for each Weight Category can be found in Appendix A.
- 1.2.2. For Elite Men and Youth Boxers (Boys), ten (10) Weight Categories as follow:  
46 kg - 49 kg, 52 kg, 56 kg, 60 kg, 64 kg, 69 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg, 91 kg, 91+ kg
- 1.2.3. For Elite Women and Youth Boxers (Girls), ten (10) Weight Categories as follow:  
45 kg - 48 kg, 51 kg, 54 kg, 57 kg, 60 kg, 64 kg, 69 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg, 81+ kg
- 1.2.4. For Elite Women Boxers, three (3) Weight Categories for the Olympic Games as follow:  
48 kg - 51 kg, 57 kg - 60 kg, 69 kg - 75 kg
- 1.2.5. For Junior Boxers (Boys and Girls), thirteen (13) Weight Categories as follow:  
44 kg - 46 kg, 48 kg, 50 kg, 52 kg, 54 kg, 57 kg, 60 kg, 63 kg, 66 kg, 70 kg, 75 kg, 80 kg and 80+ kg

## RULE 2. MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1. Membership

- 2.1.1. All Boxers, Coaches, Officials, National Federation Office Holders must be members of or licensed and/or authorized by their National Federation, Confederation and AIBA to participate in national and international AIBA Competitions, unless AIBA otherwise consents.

### 2.2. Eligibility

#### 2.2.1. Eligibility on Nationality related Issues

2.2.1.1. Prior to any AOB Competition and APB Cycle or during WSB Registration Period, AIBA must confirm the nationality and eligibility of all Boxers. However, if a complaint on the eligibility of a Boxer is received during any AIBA Competition, the Supervisor must immediately report to the AIBA Headquarters. If an ineligibility case is proved, the Supervisor must immediately disqualify the Boxer and inform all parties.

2.2.1.2. For all disputes on eligibility taking place outside an AIBA Competition, the final decision on determining the nationality lies with the AIBA Executive Committee. If it is believed that nationality rules have been violated, the matter will be submitted to the AIBA Disciplinary Commission for review and sanctions may be imposed on the Boxer and/or his/her National Federation.

2.2.1.3. Nationality shall be confirmed by the Boxer's passport. When the nationality is in question, AIBA has the right to request the following documents as a proof:

2.2.1.3.1. Birth Certificate;

2.2.1.3.2. Citizenship Identity Papers;

2.2.1.3.3. Nationality Identity Document;

2.2.1.3.4. Confirmation Letter from the NOC.

#### 2.2.1.4. Change of Nationality

2.2.1.4.1. If a Boxer wishes to change nationality, this Boxer can enter any AIBA Competition as a participant of the changed National Federation after two (2) years from this Boxer's change of nationality.

2.2.1.4.2. If a Boxer having represented one National Federation in any AIBA Competition is also a national of two or more countries simultaneously, this Boxer must select only one National Federation to enter AIBA Competitions. In this case, once the Boxer selects one National Federation, this Boxer must not enter any AIBA Competition as a participant of the changed National Federation for two (2) years.

## 2.2.2. Eligibility on Sport related Issues

### 2.2.2.1. Participation in Professional Boxing or Individual Physical Contact Sport

- 2.2.2.1.1. Any Boxer who enters into a contract, memorandum of understanding, pre-agreement or any other form of agreement, with an entity or individual other than AIBA (or any entity that is an affiliate or subsidiary of AIBA), related to such Boxer's future participation in professional boxing or any other professional Individual Physical Contact Sport than boxing, will not be eligible to participate in any AIBA Competition at any level including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Olympic Games.
- 2.2.2.1.2. If a Boxer who has previously competed in AOB, APB or WSB competes in any Bout or Event organized or promoted by any non-AIBA professional boxing organization, then such Boxer will not be eligible to compete in any AIBA Competition at any level ever again.
- 2.2.2.1.3. Any Boxer who has competed professionally in any Individual Physical Contact Sport will not be eligible to compete in any AIBA Competition at any level.
- 2.2.2.1.4. A Boxer who has competed at an amateur level in any Individual Physical Contact Sport is eligible to compete in an AIBA Competition, at any level, under the following conditions:
- 2.2.2.1.5. When a National Federation wishes to register an amateur athlete from any Individual Physical Contact Sport as a Boxer, this National Federation shall complete the Application Form in Appendix B and submit the same to AIBA for acceptance and registration. The registration will be approved by AIBA in consultation with the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission. The National Federation may specify a longer period depending on the history of the athlete and circumstances of registration. If there is any issue in this regard, the case will be reviewed by the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission for a final decision.
- 2.2.2.1.6. If the amateur athlete applying for registration has competed in another Individual Physical Contact Sport for:
  - 2.2.2.1.6.1. less than a cumulative period of three (3) years, then this amateur athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any AIBA Sanctioned National Level Competition, including National Championships, until at least one (1) year after the date of the acceptance of the athlete's registration
  - 2.2.2.1.6.2. more than a cumulative period of three (3) years, then this amateur athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any AIBA Sanctioned National Level Competition, including National Championships, until at least two (2) years after the date of the acceptance of the athlete's registration.
- 2.2.2.1.7. In addition, the Boxer may not participate in any other Individual Physical Contact Sport during this time.
- 2.2.2.1.8. The Boxer must have competed in at least one (1) National Championships organized by the National Federation the Boxer is representing before being eligible to participate in any AIBA Competition.

## 2.2.3. Eligibility on Medical related Issues

### 2.2.3.1. Medical Certification

2.2.3.1.1. A Boxer will not be allowed to compete in any AIBA competition unless such Boxer possesses a valid up-to-date Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book in which such Boxer must be certified as fit to box by a qualified Doctor as approved by the presiding Ringside Doctor.

2.2.3.1.1.1. A Doctor will not be considered to be qualified as such unless a clear and legible copy of his/her current passport (no other proof of identity will be accepted) and medical credentials are provided.

2.2.3.1.1.2. In order for a Medical Examination to be valid, the examination must have been completed (i) by a qualified Doctor, (ii) no later than the period defined for submission of medical certificate, (iii) the record of the examination must contain clear and legible results for all test areas as well as (iv) must be uploaded to any online or offline registration for international competitions.

2.2.3.1.2. The Boxer must be considered as fit to compete upon examination by a Ringside Doctor before being weighed-In. In order to ensure smooth running of the Weigh-In, the Supervisor may decide to begin the Medical Examination earlier. The Supervisor will inform all Boxers' representatives of this change.

2.2.3.1.3. At the Medical Examination, the Boxer or representative must provide the Supervisor all required documents in accordance with these rules.

2.2.3.2. Boxers with Allowed Handicaps - Please refer to current AIBA Medical Handbook for allowed handicaps.

2.2.3.3. Prohibited Conditions - Boxers with the following prohibited conditions will not be allowed to enter any AIBA Competition:

2.2.3.3.1. Boxers wearing a dressing on a cut, wound abrasion, laceration or blood swelling on the scalp or face including the nose and ears. For the case of a Boxer with abrasion or laceration, no dressing other than Vaseline, Collodion, Thrombin Solution, Micro Fibrillar Collagen, Gelfoam, Surgical and Adrenaline 1/1000 or Steri-Strip may be used. The decision will be made by the Ringside Doctor examining the Boxer on the day the Boxer is competing.

2.2.3.3.2. Boxers must be clean-shaved before all Medical Examinations and each Bout. Beards and moustaches will not be allowed. No type of body piercing and no body accessories will be permitted to be worn during a Bout.

2.2.3.3.3. No Boxer with an implanted device which uses electricity or any substance which may alter bodily function will be permitted to box.

2.2.3.3.4. Boxer is only allowed to wear soft contact lenses. All other contact lenses are prohibited.

2.2.3.3.4.1. If the concerned Boxer loses contact lenses, the following rules apply:

2.2.3.3.4.1.1. The Boxer accepts to continue to box and the Bout continues;

2.2.3.3.4.1.2. 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 TKO.

2.2.3.3.5. Please refer to current AIBA Medical Handbook for other prohibited conditions.

2.2.3.4. Medical Certification following Probation Periods - Before resuming boxing after any period of rest as prescribed in Rule 2.2.3.6 below, a Boxer must be certified as fit to box by a Doctor to be able to take part in competitive boxing.

2.2.3.5. Knockout (KO) and Technical Knockout (TKO)

2.2.3.5.1. When the result of the Bout is Knockout or Technical Knockout, the Ringside Doctor must fill out and sign a Medical Bout Report which data will be updated in the AIBA Database and sent automatically to the National Federation concerned. The Medical Bout Report must recommend how many rest days should be prescribed or the protective sanitary measures and be delivered to the Supervisor by the Ringside Doctor.

2.2.3.6. Protective Sanitary Measures

2.2.3.6.1. One Knockout - A Boxer who has been knocked out as a result of head blows during a contest or wherein the Referee has stopped the contest due to the Boxer having received hard blows to the head, making this Boxer defenseless or incapable of continuing, will not be permitted to take part in competitive boxing or sparring for a period of at least thirty (30) days after the Boxer has been knocked out.

2.2.3.6.2. Two Knockouts - A Boxer who has been knocked out as a result of head blows during a contest or wherein the Referee has stopped the contest due to a Boxer having received hard blows to the head, making this Boxer defenseless or incapable of continuing twice in a period of ninety (90) days, will not be permitted to take part in competitive boxing or sparring during a period of ninety (90) days from the second Knockout.

2.2.3.6.3. Three Knockouts - A Boxer who has been knocked out as a result of head blows during a contest or wherein the Referee has stopped the contest due to the Boxer having received hard blows to the head, making this Boxer defenseless or incapable of continuing three times in a period of twelve (12) months, will not be permitted to take part in competitive boxing or sparring for one (1) year from the third Knockout.

2.2.3.6.4. If a Boxer has been knocked out or received a severe head blow which results in a Bout being terminated, the Ringside Doctor will classify the seriousness of the concussion and prescribe the medical restriction period as follows:

2.2.3.6.4.1. In the case of no Loss of Consciousness (LOC), a minimum restriction of thirty (30) days;

- 2.2.3.6.4.2. In the case of LOC for less than one (1) minute, a minimum restriction of ninety (90) days;
- 2.2.3.6.4.3. In the case of LOC more than one (1) minute, a minimum restriction of one hundred and eighty (180) days;
- 2.2.3.6.4.4. Any Boxer who suffers a second LOC within three (3) months of resuming boxing after a first LOC will have the highest medical restriction doubled;
- 2.2.3.6.4.5. Any Boxer who suffers three (3) LOCs within twelve (12) months will be suspended for a minimum of eighteen (18) months from the date of the third LOC;
- 2.2.3.6.4.6. Any Boxer who has a medical restriction must not train or spar during the restricted period.
- 2.2.3.6.5. All protective measures must also apply if a Knockout and/or concussion occur during training or anywhere else. The Coach will be responsible to report to the National Federation.
- 2.2.3.6.6. 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 will not permit this Boxer to continue boxing in the competition.
- 2.2.3.6.7. Boxers returning from protective sanitary measures must receive written clearance from their national medical commission and inform the AIBA Headquarters before returning to box.
  - 2.2.3.6.7.1. If the National Federation does not have any national medical commission, a neurologist or sports medicine specialist must provide the clearance.
- 2.2.3.6.8. In the case of body blows, the rest period or the protective sanitary measures will be at the discretion of the Ringside Doctor, following the Post-Bout Medical Examination.

## **RULE 3. SCORING SYSTEM**

- 3.1. The AIBA Scoring System must be used in all Bouts. The Scoring System will be based on a “Ten Point Must-System”.
- 3.2. Following the selection of the five (5) Judges, when they arrive in the FOP, each will randomly select a position around the ring.
- 3.3. Just before starting each Bout, the Scoring System will randomly select three (3) Judges out of the five (5) Judges, and only the scores of these three (3) Judges will be counted.
- 3.4. At the end of each round, each Judge must determine the winning Boxer of that round by awarding a score of ten (10) points and by awarding nine (9) or less points - down to six (6) - 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.

- 3.5. The Judges will have to push the scoring pad within fifteen (15) seconds. These scores will be transmitted directly to a computer system managed by the Supervisor, and no alterations or additions will be made to these scores after the initial transmission. The announcement of the scores on the live TV broadcast will be made immediately prior to the start of the next round (excluding the announcement of the scores awarded for the final round, in which case the Official Announcer's rule will apply to the display and announcement of the scores).
- 3.5.1. This announcement must be approved by the Supervisor who will then submit the scores to the broadcaster for transmission on the live TV broadcast. At the end of the Bout, the precise scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score will be identified on a public display. This public display will also indicate the total score by each selected Judge for each Boxer for the entire Bout (including any deduction due to warnings).
- 3.6. In the case the total scores awarded by each Judge, including any deduction, are equal at the end of the Bout, Judges must record in the Scoring System who in their opinion is the winner of the Bout. They will only be requested to do so if:
- 3.6.1. One (1) of the 2 (two) other Judges also awarded equal scores;
- 3.6.2. The two (2) other Judges appointed different winners;
- 3.6.3. The two (2) other Judges awarded equal scores.
- 3.7. The three (3) Judges' scores of the final round must not be disclosed or displayed until the winner of the Bout is announced. Under no circumstance should the uncounted and unselected two (2) other Judges' scores be disclosed.
- 3.8. The Supervisor will inform the Official Announcer of the official results.
- 3.9. All results recorded in the Scoring System must be printed at the conclusion of the Bout and must be included in the official report forwarded to the AIBA Headquarters by the Supervisor.
- 3.10. If the Scoring System becomes defective during a Bout, the Referee will in that case collect all 5 Judges' score cards with the names of the Judges to give to the Supervisor. At the end of the Bout, a random draw of three (3) out of five (5) Judges' scores will be made to determine the Bout result;
- 3.11. In the case of unavailability of a Judge due to unexpected circumstances, the Scoring System will randomly select a third Judge out of the two (2) Judges who have not been selected initially.
- 3.12. The Scoring System will appoint the winner by an unanimous or split decision as follows:
- 3.12.1. Unanimous decision by points: the three (3) Judges appoint the same winner, or
- 3.12.2. Split decision by points:
- 3.12.2.1. Two (2) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the other Judge appoint the other Boxer as the winner;
- 3.12.2.2. Two (2) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the result of the other Judge is a draw.

- 3.13. Each Judge will independently judge the merits of the two (2) Boxers using the Scoring System based on the following criteria:
  - 3.13.1. Number of quality blows on target area;
  - 3.13.2. Domination of the Bout by technical and tactical superiority;
  - 3.13.3. Competitiveness;
  - 3.13.4. Infringement of the rules.
- 3.14. The Judges must apply the following criteria to score round:
  - 3.14.1. 10 vs. 9 – Close round;
  - 3.14.2. 10 vs. 8 – Clear winner;
  - 3.14.3. 10 vs. 7 – Total dominance;
  - 3.14.4. 10 vs. 6 – Overmatched.

## **RULE 4. DECISIONS**

- 4.1. Win on points – WP
  - 4.1.1. At the end of a Bout, each Judge will determine a winner based on the Boxer's total scores of the Bout. The winner will be determined by either unanimous or split decision.
  - 4.1.2. The Judges will score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance to the Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
    - 4.1.2.1. **AOB** – Rule 4.1.2. applies if an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs during any round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;
    - 4.1.2.2. **APB** – Rule 4.1.2. applies if an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs after the start of the third round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;
    - 4.1.2.3. **WSB** – Rule 4.1.2. applies if an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs after the start of the second round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee.
  - 4.1.3. The Judges will score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance to the Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
    - 4.1.3.1. **AOB** – Rule 4.1.3. applies in the case both Boxers are injured at the same time and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;
    - 4.1.3.2. **APB** – Rule 4.1.3. applies in the case both Boxers are injured at the same time, if it occurs after the start of the third round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee;
    - 4.1.3.3. **WSB** – Rule 4.1.3. applies in the case both Boxers are injured at the same time, if it occurs after the start of the second round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee.

- 4.1.4. The Bout may be 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. In such circumstances, the Judges will score the round for each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance to the Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 4.1.5. **AOB** – Rule 4.1.4 applies only if the event mentioned above occurs after the end of the first round.
- 4.1.6. **APB & WSB** – Rule 4.1.4 applies only if the event mentioned above occurs after the start of the third round.
- 4.2. Technical Draw – TD
- 4.2.1. **AOB**
- 4.2.1.1. There is no technical draw.
- 4.2.2. **APB**
- 4.2.2.1. If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs before the start of the third round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD;
- 4.2.2.2. In the case both Boxers are injured at the same time before the start of the third round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD;
- 4.2.2.3. In the case of a Double KO occurs in a Title Bout, the decision will be a TD.
- 4.2.3. **WSB**
- 4.2.3.1. If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs before the start of the second round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD;
- 4.2.3.2. In the case both Boxers are injured at the same time before the start of the second round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD.
- 4.3. Win by Technical Knockout – TKO
- 4.3.1. If a Boxer retires voluntarily due to injury or if the Coach throws the towel into the ring or appears on the apron, however not while the Referee is counting, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 4.3.2. If a Boxer fails to resume boxing immediately after the rest period between rounds, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 4.3.3. If a Boxer, in the Referee's opinion, is being outclassed or is receiving excessive punishment or hard blows, the Bout will be stopped and the opponent declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 4.3.4. If a Boxer is unfit to continue and fails to resume boxing after a Knockdown, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 4.3.5. If a Boxer does not recover after ninety (90) seconds, in accordance with Rule 7 concerning the low blow, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.

- 4.3.6. In the case of a Boxer being punched out of the ring by a legal blow, the Boxer must be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring, after the eight (8) count, without the help of anyone. In the case the Boxer is not able to come back within the above mentioned timeframe, such Boxer will be deemed to have lost the Bout by TKO.
- 4.3.7. When the Bout is stopped by the Referee at the discretion of the Supervisor following the advice of a Ringside Doctor, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 4.4. Win by Technical Knockout Injury – TKO-I
  - 4.4.1. 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 will be stopped and the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO-I.
  - 4.4.2. If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, becomes incapable of continuing to compete because of an injury sustained not from punches, the Bout will be stopped and the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO-I.
- 4.5. Win by Disqualification – DSQ
  - 4.5.1. If a Boxer is disqualified for a foul or for any other reason, the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ. 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 that other reason, then Rule 4.7.2. will apply.
  - 4.5.2. 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 will be disqualified and the injured Boxer will be declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.
  - 4.5.3. The third warning in the whole Bout will automatically disqualify the Boxer and the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by DSQ.
  - 4.5.4. A disqualified Boxer will not be entitled or awarded points relating to the Bout. If the Boxer has been disqualified due to misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior, it has to be brought to the attention of the AIBA Disciplinary Commission by the Supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the respective Bout.
  - 4.5.5. In the case a Double Disqualification (BDSQ) occurs, including in case of Walkovers, both Boxers will lose the Bout by BDSQ.
  - 4.5.6. If a Boxer is disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behavior (such as hurting a Referee, Judge, Supervisors, Team Official, or other), the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by Disqualification for Unsportsmanlike Behavior (DQB). The Boxer will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Code.
- 4.6. Win by Knockout – KO
  - 4.6.1. 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.
  - 4.6.2. 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.

4.6.3. In the case a Double KO (DKO) occurs, both Boxers will lose the Bout by DKO.

4.6.3.1. In the case of the AOB Finals, if a DKO occurs, then Rule 4.1.3 applies.

4.6.3.2. In the case of the WSB Second Leg Play-Off Matches, if a DKO occurs, then Rule 4.1.3 applies.

**4.6.4. APB**

4.6.4.1. In the case of a Double KO, the higher ranked Boxer will move up to the winner position. The lower ranked Boxer will move down to the loser position.

4.6.4.2. During the Bout, all the above mentioned rules apply if the Boxer is knocked out inside or outside the ring.

**4.7. Win by Walkover – WO**

4.7.1. 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 minute has elapsed after the bell has been sounded, the Referee will declare the present Boxer to be the winner by WO.

4.7.2. If a Boxer fails the Medical Examination or Daily Weigh-In in AOB or Weigh-In in APB and WSB, his/her opponent will win by Walkover.

4.7.3. In the case the Supervisor knows in advance that a Boxer will not be present, he/she must cancel the procedure mentioned in Rule 4.7.1 and the result must be officially announced.

4.7.4. **AOB** – No medal will be awarded to a Boxer who has not boxed at least once within the entire competition period.

**4.8. No Contest – NC**

**4.8.1. For both APB & WSB**

4.8.1.1. The Bout may be 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. In such circumstances, if it occurs before the start of the third round, the Bout will be terminated and the decision will be declared as NC;

4.8.1.2. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit at the official Weigh-In by more than 500 grams, then the Bout will be declared as NC. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Code for violating the APB Competition Rules or WSB Competition Rules.

**4.8.2. Only for APB**

4.8.2.1. For the Title Bout only, if both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit at the official Weigh-In by more than 1000 grams, then the Bout will be declared as NC and the Title will be vacant. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Code for violating the APB Competition Rules.

#### 4.9. Extraordinary Rescheduling

- 4.9.1. **AOB** - The Bout may be terminated by the Referee due to an event that is out of the Boxer's or the Referee's control, such as the destruction of the ring, failure of the lighting supply, forces of nature and other similar unforeseen conditions. In such circumstances, if it occurs before the end of the first round, the Bout will be terminated and will then have to be rescheduled by the Supervisor, preferably within the same day.

## RULE 5. PROTEST

- 5.1. No protest in AOB, APB and WSB Competitions is permitted and the decisions of the Referee in a Bout are final.
- 5.2. **AOB** - If the Supervisor believes that the decision of the Referee has been taken in contravention of these Technical Rules and/or of the AOB Competition Rules, the Supervisor must fill in the Bout Review Request Form (as per Appendix D) and call for a meeting with all ITOs and R&Js participating in the event to review the Bout at the end of the Session. The Supervisor must, through the Bout Review Request Form, inform both concerned Team Delegations immediately of the decision.

## RULE 6. FOULS

- 6.1. Types of Fouls
  - 6.1.1. Hitting below the belt, holding, tripping, kicking, and butting with foot or knee;
  - 6.1.2. Hits or blows with head, shoulder, forearm, elbow, throttling of the opponent, and pressing with arm or elbow in opponent's face, pressing the head of the opponent back over the ropes;
  - 6.1.3. Hitting with open glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand;
  - 6.1.4. Hits landing on the back of the opponent, and especially any blow on the back of the neck or head and kidney punch;
  - 6.1.5. Pivot blows;
  - 6.1.6. Attack whilst holding the ropes or making any unfair use of the ropes;
  - 6.1.7. Lying on, wrestling and throwing in the clinch;
  - 6.1.8. An attack on an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising;
  - 6.1.9. Holding and hitting or pulling and hitting;
  - 6.1.10. Holding or locking, on the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent;
  - 6.1.11. Ducking below the belt of the opponent;
  - 6.1.12. Completely passive defense by means of double cover and intentionally falling, running, or turning the back to avoid a blow;
  - 6.1.13. Speaking;
  - 6.1.14. Not stepping back when ordered to break;
  - 6.1.15. Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the Referee has ordered "break" and before taking a step back;
  - 6.1.16. Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a Referee at any time;
  - 6.1.17. Spitting out the gumshield (teeth protector) intentionally without receiving a correct punch will cause the Boxer to receive a mandatory warning;

- 6.1.18. 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;
- 6.1.19. Keeping the advanced hand straight in order to obstruct the opponent's vision;
- 6.1.20. Biting an opponent;
- 6.1.21. Faking / simulating.

## **RULE 7.      LOW BLOW**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. After a low blow, if the offended Boxer complains about the severity of the low blow, the Referee will have two (2) options:
  - 7.2.1. The offending Boxer will be immediately disqualified if it is an intentional and hard blow.
  - 7.2.2. Start an eight (8) count.
- 7.3. After the eight (8) count, the Referee will have (2) options:
  - 7.3.1. The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee will give a warning to the offender, if the Referee considers it as necessary, and the Bout will continue.
  - 7.3.2. 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.
- 7.4. After above mentioned timeframe, the Referee will have two (2) options:
  - 7.4.1. The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee will give a warning to the offender and the Bout will continue.
  - 7.4.2. The Boxer is unfit to continue: the opponent will be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.

## **RULE 8.      CAUTION, WARNING, DISQUALIFICATION**

- 8.1. A Boxer who does not obey the instructions of the Referee, acts against the rules of boxing, boxes in any unsportsmanlike manner, or 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 Supervisor.
- 8.2. If a Boxer receives a Referee's warning, the Supervisor will record the warning in the Scoring System and 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.
- 8.3. If the Referee stops a Bout following the advice of the Ringside Doctor because a Boxer has an injury or cut caused by head butting or illegal blows, the Referee must disqualify the offending Boxer.
- 8.4. If a Boxer receives head butting or illegal blows which do not cause an injury or cut, the Referee will give a Warning to the offending Boxer, deducting one (1) point per Judge.

- 8.5. If a Boxer receives head butting or illegal blows which cause an injury or cut and the Ringside Doctor allows the Bout to continue, the Referee will give a Warning to the offending Boxer, deducting two (2) points per Judge.
- 8.6. 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.
- 8.7. In the case any irregularity is found in the bandages after the Bout that in the Referee's opinion gave an advantage to the Boxer, this Boxer must be immediately disqualified.
- 8.8. The Supervisor has the right to caution, to remove and to disqualify a Second who has infringed these rules.

## **RULE 9. KNOCKDOWN**

- 9.1. A Boxer will be considered to be knocked down due to a legal blow if:
- 9.1.1. 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.
  - 9.1.2. The Boxer hangs helplessly on the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.
  - 9.1.3. The Boxer is outside or partly outside the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.
  - 9.1.4. 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 the opinion of the Referee, continue the Bout.

9.2. Counts following a Knockdown

In the case of a Knockdown, the Referee must say "stop" and then begin to 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. The Referee will count with intervals of a second between the numbers, and will indicate each second with the hand so that the Boxer who has been knocked down may be aware of the count.

Before the number "one" is counted, an interval of one second must have elapsed from the time when the Boxer is knocked down, and the time of announcing "one".

9.3. Responsibilities of the Opponent

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.

9.4. Mandatory Eight Count

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.

9.5. Both Boxers Knocked Down

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

## 9.6. Compulsory Count Limits

9.6.1. A maximum of three (3) eight counts will be given in one (1) round;

9.6.2. No limit of the amount of eight (8) counts will apply in one Bout;

9.6.3. In AOB Women, Youth and Junior Competitions, a maximum of four (4) eight counts will apply in one Bout.

## 9.7. Boxer Knocked Out of the Ring

9.7.1. In the case of a Boxer being punched out of the ring by a legal blow, the Boxer must be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring, after the eight (8) count, without the help of anyone. In the case the Boxer is not able to come back within the above mentioned timeframe, such Boxer will be deemed to have lost the Bout by TKO.

## 9.8. Knockout

9.8.1. 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.

## 9.9. Boxer Knocked Down at the End of a Round

9.9.1. 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.

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

## 9.10. Second Knockdown without a Further Punch

9.10.1. If a Boxer is knocked down as the result of a punch and the Bout is continued after the count of eight (8) 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

## RULE 10. REFEREES

- 10.1. In all AIBA Competitions, each Bout must be controlled by a Referee, nominated by the Draw Commission in AOB Competitions, by the Supervisor in APB Competitions and in WSB Competitions, who will officiate in the ring but will not score the Bout.
- 10.2. The Duties of the Referee are as follows:
  - 10.2.1. To care for both Boxers and to make of the health of both Boxers a primary concern throughout the Bout.
  - 10.2.2. To see that all rules and fair play are strictly observed.
  - 10.2.3. To maintain control of the contest at all its stages.
  - 10.2.4. To prevent a weak Boxer from receiving undue and unnecessary punishment.
  - 10.2.5. To use four (4) words of command:
    - 10.2.5.1. "Stop" when ordering the Boxers to stop boxing;
    - 10.2.5.2. "Box" when ordering the Boxers to continue boxing;
    - 10.2.5.3. "Break" when breaking a clinch;
    - 10.2.5.4. "Time" when ordering the Timekeeper & Gong Operator to stop the time.
  - 10.2.6. To indicate to a Boxer by suitable explanatory signs, verbal commands or gestures any infringement of these rules.
  - 10.2.7. The Referee may use a touch by hand to stop and to break the Bout, or to separate the Boxers.
  - 10.2.8. 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.
  - 10.2.9. When a Referee stops a Bout for any reason, this Referee must first inform the Supervisor of the decision and why the Bout was stopped. The Supervisor should advise the Referee in case this decision is clearly against the AIBA Rules.
  - 10.2.10. The Referee may consult the Ringside Doctor in respect of any injury to a Boxer.
  - 10.2.11. When the Referee calls the Ringside Doctor to the ring to examine a Boxer, only the Referee and the Ringside Doctor must be present in the ring or on the apron; however, the Ringside Doctor may request someone to help him/her.
  - 10.2.12. If an injury occurs, and if the Referee does not clearly understand the cause of the injury, the Referee must follow the steps set out below:
    - 10.2.12.1. Ask the non-injured Boxer to go to the neutral corner;

10.2.12.2. 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;

10.2.12.3. If the Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that the Boxer is not fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to stop the Bout if the Referee did not see the foul. In this case, the Referee must 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:

10.2.12.3.1. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen a correct blow – Rule 4.4.1 applies;

10.2.12.3.2. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an intentional foul – Rule 4.5.2 applies;

10.2.12.3.3. **AOB**

10.2.12.3.3.1. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul – Rule 4.1.2.1. applies;

10.2.12.3.4. **APB**

10.2.12.3.4.1. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul before the start of the third round – Rule 4.2.2.1. applies;

10.2.12.3.4.2. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul after the start of the third round – Rule 4.1.2.2. applies;

10.2.12.3.5. **WSB**

10.2.12.3.5.1. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul before the start of the second round – Rule 4.2.3.1. applies;

10.2.12.3.5.2. Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul after the start of the second round – Rule 4.1.2.3. applies.

10.3. The Responsibilities of the Referee are as follows:

10.3.1. To terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers it to be one-sided.

10.3.2. To terminate a contest at any stage if one of the Boxers has received an injury on account of which the Referee decides the Boxer should not continue.

10.3.3. 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.

10.3.4. 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.

10.3.5. 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

10.3.6. With or without previous warning, to disqualify a Boxer for committing a serious foul;

10.3.7. 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.

10.4. Right to Check the Boxer

10.4.1. Once a Boxer has entered the ring, the Referee must ensure that the Boxer is wearing the appropriate equipment according to and outlined in the AOB Competitions Rules, APB Competition Rules and WSB Competition Rules.

10.4.2. The Boxer must be wearing no other objects except the boxing apparel specified in the AOB Competitions Rules, APB Competition Rules and WSB Competition Rules.

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

10.4.4. The Referee must check the bandages of each Boxer.

10.5. The Referee must check the right positions of Judges and of the Ringside Doctor before the start of the Bout.

10.5.1. The Referee must start the Bout only after the authorization of the Supervisor.

## **RULE 11. JUDGES**

11.1. Designation and Participation

11.1.1. In all AIBA Competitions, each Bout will be judged by three (3) Judges out of five (5) Judges.

11.1.2. Each of the five (5) Judges will be seated on the three (3) sides of the ring, as shown in the AOB Competitions Rules, APB Competition Rules and WSB Competition Rules.

11.2. No Judge must speak or give any sign to a Boxer or to another Judge or to anyone else before, during and after the Bout.

11.3. No Judge must leave his/her seat until the results have been announced to the public.

## **RULE 12. AIBA REFEREES & JUDGES' MANAGEMENT**

12.1. AIBA is responsible for the certification of all Star Level R&Js and of National Level R&Js.

12.2. All elected and/or appointed persons who are Executives of National Federations such as Presidents, Executive Committee members, Secretaries General, etc. cannot be active R&Js at any level; however, they are allowed to officiate at National Level only if they do not hold office as President, Chairman/Chairwoman or Secretary General.

12.3. The standard criteria to meet AIBA Referees & Judges Fundamental Qualification as well as the entire AIBA Referees & Judges Management System are described in the AIBA Referee & Judges' Management Guidelines.

12.4. All R&Js in all AIBA Competitions must sign the Code of Conduct attached in Appendix E.

## **RULE 13. RINGSIDE DOCTORS**

- 13.1. The Ringside Doctors have the authority and responsibilities given to them under the Medical Handbook.
- 13.2. The entire management system for AIBA Ringside Doctors is described in the AIBA Ringside Doctors Management Guidelines.

## **RULE 14. TIMEKEEPER & GONG OPERATOR**

- 14.1. The duties of the Timekeeper & Gong Operator are as follows:
  - 14.1.1. The main duty of the Timekeeper & Gong Operator is to 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.
  - 14.1.2. The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must start and end each round by striking the gong.
  - 14.1.3. Ten (10) seconds before the end of each round, the Timekeeper & Gong Operator must signal the approaching end of the round.
  - 14.1.4. The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must regulate all periods of time and counts by a watch or clock, but must only stop the clock when instructed by the Referee with the command “time” resuming after the Referee gives the command “box”.
  - 14.1.5. Following a Knockdown, the Timekeeper & Gong Operator must give the sound signal to the Referee indicating the elapsing seconds while the Referee is counting.
  - 14.1.6. 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 must not be sounded. The gong must be sounded only when the Referee gives the command “box” indicating the continuation of the Bout.
  - 14.1.7. The Timekeeper & Gong Operator must regulate the time when a low blow or LOC occurs and if a Boxer falls out of the ring.

## **RULE 15. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCER**

- 15.1. The duties of the Official Announcer are as follows:
  - 15.1.1. Before the Bout, the Official Announcer must announce the kind of Bout, Weight Category, duration of the Bout, names, countries, weights and sporting record of each Boxer, as well as names and countries of the Referee & of the Judges.
  - 15.1.2. The Official Announcer must announce the number of each round right after the start of each round.
  - 15.1.3. The Official Announcer must reveal the final results and the winner of the respective Bout in the ring after having received the final results from the Supervisor.
  - 15.1.4. Ten (10) seconds before the start of each round, the Official Announcer must clear the ring by ordering “Seconds out”, except in the first round.

- 15.2. For all international competitions, the Official Announcer must have the following qualifications:
- 15.2.1. Be fluent in multiple languages, including at least English.
  - 15.2.2. An excellent understanding of these rules.
  - 15.2.3. Possess a good experience in the field of announcement in sports competitions.
  - 15.2.4. The Official Announcer will be seated directly at the side of the ring on the left side of the Supervisor.

## **RULE 16. COACHES / SECONDS**

### **16.1. Eligibility**

- 16.1.1. Only AIBA certified Coaches can work as Seconds in all AIBA Competitions. All Seconds employed by Boxers, National Federations or AIBA Academies must have been certified by AIBA; however, exceptions may be granted by AIBA.
- 16.1.2. Any Coach active in professional boxing will not be allowed to be a Coach and/or Second in AIBA Competitions at any level unless this Coach has resigned from any involvement in professional boxing for a period of at least six (6) months and is certified by AIBA as a registered Coach.
- 16.1.3. Each Boxer will be entitled to be accompanied to the ring by up to three (3) Seconds. However, only two (2) Seconds may mount the apron of the ring and only one (1) may enter the ring.

### **16.2. The duties of the Coaches / Seconds are as follows:**

- 16.2.1. 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.
- 16.2.2. Seconds must be in possession of 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.
- 16.2.3. Seconds can only use the transparent bottled water provided by the Organizing Committee. In the case of a cut, the Seconds can use Vaseline, Collodion, Thrombin Solution, Micro Fibrillar Collagen, Gelfoam, Surgicel and Adrenaline 1/1000. Ice bags, Enswell and Swabs are permissible.
- 16.2.4. Seconds may use a bag with maximum dimensions of 30cm x 20cm x 20cm.

### **16.3. Prohibited Activities**

- 16.3.1. Seconds will not be permitted to stand up and/or to encourage or incite spectators by words or signs during the progress of a round. Seconds will not be allowed to touch the ring during the Bout, yell, cause a scandal or disturb the competition.
- 16.3.2. Seconds' seating area must be 50cm to 1 meter away from the ring corner within 2- 2.50m squared. Seconds will not be permitted to walk off Second's designated area with disagreed actions against the Referee.
- 16.3.3. Seconds will not be 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 behavior.

16.3.4. The use of any communication device will not be permitted in the FOP such as but not limited to mobile telephones, walkie-talkies, smart phones, headsets, shortwave radios, etc.

16.3.5. Under no circumstance will Seconds be allowed to administrate supplemental oxygen or any type of inhaler to a Boxer during a Bout.

16.3.6. Seconds are not permitted to yell at/argue with any Official on the FOP during or after the Bout.

#### 16.4. Sanctions

16.4.1. For a 1st violation on any of above prohibited activities, Seconds will receive a caution.

16.4.2. For a 2nd violation on any of above prohibited activities, Seconds will receive a warning and be placed just outside of the FOP area but be allowed to remain the Competition Venue.

16.4.3. For a 3rd violation on any of the above prohibited activities, Seconds will be removed by the Supervisor for the rest of the day.

16.4.4. If Seconds are removed for a second time, Seconds will be completely suspended from the competition.

# RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

## RULE 17. RING

### 17.1. Approved Label

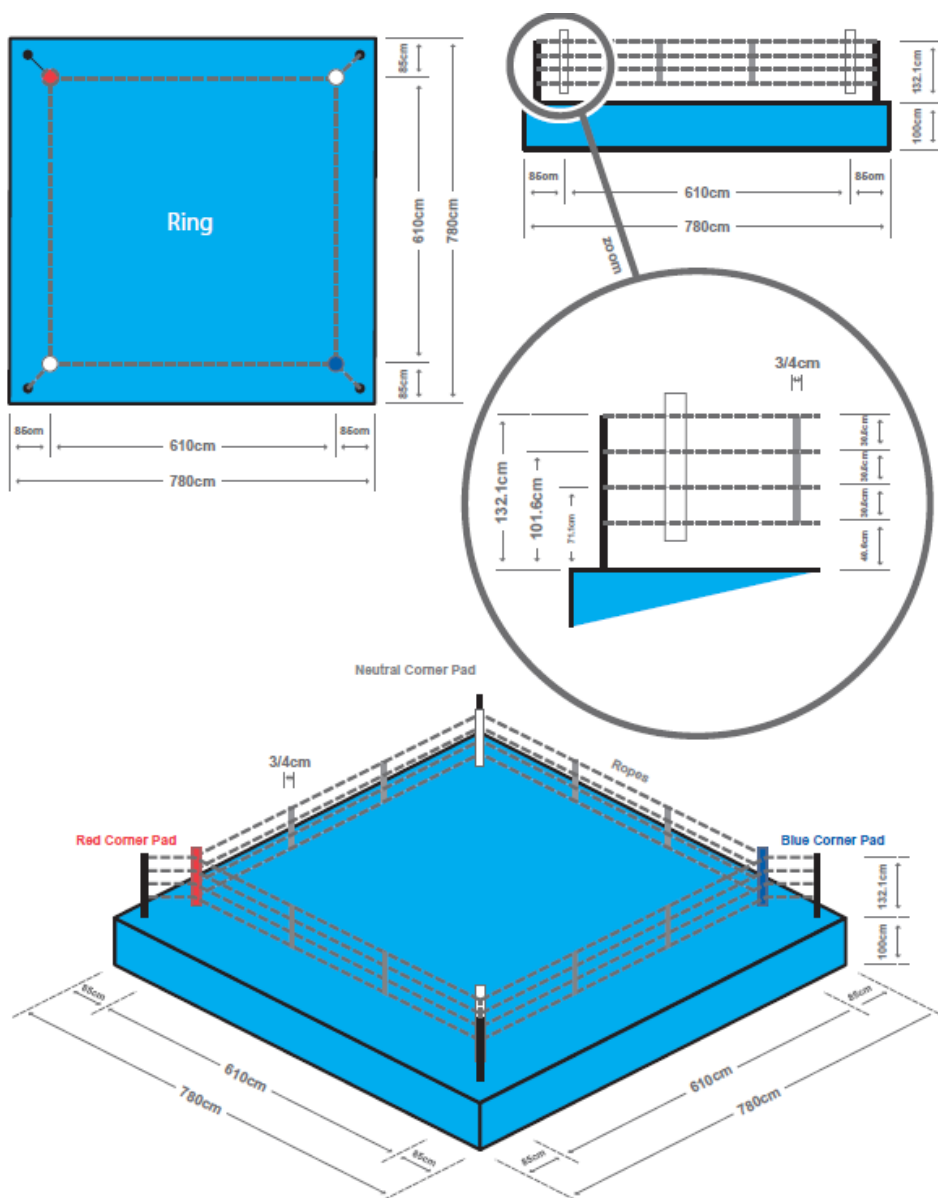
17.1.1. For all AIBA Competitions, National Federations and BMA must use the rings manufactured by one of the AIBA Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.

### 17.2. Ring and Canvas Size

17.2.1. For all AIBA Competitions, the ring must be 6.10m square inside the line of the ropes.

17.2.2. The size of the apron must extend for 85cm outside the line of the ropes on each side, including additional canvas necessary to tighten and secure it.

17.2.3. The ring must have the dimensions set out in the diagram below.



### 17.3. Height of Ring

17.3.1. The height of the ring must be 100cm from the ground.

### 17.4. Platform and Corner Pads

17.4.1. The platform must be safely constructed, leveled 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 Supervisor 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.

17.4.2. The platform must be 7.80m squared.

### 17.5. Surface of the Ring Floor

17.5.1. 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 1.5cm and no more than 2.0cm.

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

17.5.3. The canvas must be blue, pantone 299.

### 17.6. Ropes

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

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

17.6.3. The heights of the four (4) ropes must be 40cm, 70cm, 100cm, and 130cm from the canvas.

17.6.4. 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 4cm wide. The two (2) pieces must not slide along the rope.

17.6.5. The tension of each section of the top two ropes must be tight enough. The tension of bottom two must not be too tight. However, in any case, the Referee and/or the Supervisor have the right to adjust the tension if necessary.

### 17.7. Steps

17.7.1. The ring must be provided with three (3) sets of steps. Two (2) sets of steps at the opposite corners for the use of the Boxers and Seconds, and one (1) set of steps in the neutral corner for the use of the Referee and of the Ringside Doctor.

## **RULE 18. RING ACCESSORIES**

The following ring accessories are required for all Bouts and must be provided by the organizers no later than two (2) hours before the start time of the competition:

- 18.1. Gong.
- 18.2. Two (2) plastic receptacles which can be used for spitting.
- 18.3. Chairs and tables for the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisors (in AOB Competitions), Ringside Doctors, Timekeeper & Gong Operator, Official Announcer, TV Graphics Operator and Judges.
  - 18.3.1. The tables for the Judges must be standardized for all AIBA Competitions
    - Form: Square
    - Width: 80-100cm x 80-100cm
    - Height: 80cm
    - Drape Color: White
- 18.4. One (1) electronic stopwatch which complies with the requirements of the Scoring System and one manual stopwatch as a backup.
- 18.5. One (1) Scoring System.
- 18.6. One (1) microphone connected to the loudspeaker system.
- 18.7. First-aid supplies as required in accordance with the Medical Handbook.
- 18.8. A non-transparent small plastic bag must be placed in the two neutral corners outside of the ring.
- 18.9. Three (3) chairs for the Seconds in each corner.
- 18.10. One (1) stretcher.
- 18.11. One (1) set of ping pong balls and two (2) holders - one (1) transparent and one (1) nontransparent - for the draw of R&J positions.

## **RULE 19. GUMSHIELD**

- 19.1. Gumshields must be worn by Boxers during all Bouts.
- 19.2. No red or partially red colored gumshield may be worn.

## **RULE 20. CUP PROTECTOR**

- 20.1. For all Men's competitions, a cup protector must be worn by the Boxers during all Bouts and a jock-strap may additionally be worn. The cup protector must not cover any part of the target area.

## **RULE 21. GLOVES SPECIFICATION**

21.1. For AOB Elite Men Competitions, APB and WSB:

21.1.1. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used from the Light Flyweight (49 kg) category to the Light Welterweight (64 kg) category.

21.1.2. Twelve (12) oz gloves must be used for the Welterweight (69 kg) category to Super Heavyweight (91+ kg) category.

## APPENDIX A

### Terminology for Weight Categories and Weight Range

Elite Men and Youth Boy Boxers 10 Weight Categories			
#	Weight Category	over kg	to Kg
1	Light Fly	46	49
2	Fly	49	52
3	Bantam	52	56
4	Light	56	60
5	Light Welter	60	64
6	Welter	64	69
7	Middle	69	75
8	Light Heavy	75	81
9	Heavy	81	91
10	Super Heavy	91	-

Elite Women and Youth Girls Boxers 10 Weight Categories			
#	Weight Category	over kg	to Kg
1	Light Fly	45	48
2	Fly	48	51
3	Bantam	51	54
4	Feather	54	57
5	Light	57	60
6	Light Welter	60	64
7	Welter	64	69
8	Middle	69	75
9	Light Heavy	75	81
10	Heavy	81	-

Junior Boys and Junior Girls Boxers 13 Weight Categories			
#	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	-

Olympic Games Elite Women and Youth Girls Boxers 3 Weight Categories			
#	Weight Category	over kg	to Kg
1	Fly	48	51
2	Light	57	60
3	Middle	69	75

## **APPENDIX B**

### **National Federation Acceptance Notice for Individual Physical Contact Sport Athletes**

**TO:** International Boxing Association (AIBA)

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of National Federation)

**DATE:**        /        /        /  
                  (Day)    (Month)                    (Year)

Dear Sirs,

We hereby inform AIBA that the following athlete from \_\_\_\_\_ (name of sport) wishes to participate in the sport of boxing and cease his/her involvement in this sport. Our National Federation has reviewed this athlete's specific situation and decided to accept him/her as one of our boxers with immediate effect.

**1.        (Full Name of Boxer)                    (Weight Category)                    (Classification)                    (Gender)**

We understand below AIBA Rules related to this issue and this athlete will be eligible to compete in our competitions from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) following a \_\_\_\_\_ year probation period. This has been notified to the athlete in writing and he/she has accepted these conditions.

1.9. A Boxer who has competed at an amateur level in any Individual Physical Contact Sport is eligible to compete in an AIBA Competition, at any level, under the following conditions:

1.9.1. When a National Federation wishes to register an amateur athlete from any Individual Physical Contact Sport as a Boxer, this National Federation shall complete the Application Form as in Appendix B and submit the same to AIBA for acceptance and registration. The registration will be approved by AIBA in consultation with the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission. The National Federation may specify a longer period depending on the history of the athlete and circumstances of registration. If there is any issue in this regard, the case will be reviewed by the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission for a final decision.

1.9.2. If the amateur athlete applying for registration has competed in another Individual Physical Contact Sport for:

1.9.2.1. less than a cumulative period three (3) years, then this amateur athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any AIBA Sanctioned National Level Competition, including National Championships, until at least one (1) year after the date of the acceptance of the athlete's registration.

1.9.2.2. more than a cumulative period three (3) years, then this amateur athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any AIBA Sanctioned National Level Competition, including National Championships, until at least two (2) years after the date of the acceptance of the athlete's registration.

1.9.3. In addition, the Boxer may not participate in any other Individual Physical Contact Sport during this time.

1.9.4. The Boxer must have competed in at least one (1) National Championships organized by the National Federation the Boxer is representing before being eligible to participate in any AIBA Competition.

Sincerely yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
President or Chairman of National Federation

## APPENDIX C

### Medical Certificate Template

#### Athlete

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Doctor

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE/POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fit to Box

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**Not** Fit to Box

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QUESTION FOR ATHLETE: IF YES, EXPLAIN

1. Is a Doctor currently treating you for anything?

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2. Have you ever been unconscious or had a concussion?

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3. Have you been hit hard in the head in the last 6 weeks?

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4. Have you had any headache in the last 2 weeks?

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5. Do you have any problem with bleeding?

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6. Do you have a history of hepatitis B or hepatitis C or HIV infection?

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7. Does any disease run in your family? Sudden unexpected deaths?

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8. Have you had any surgery?

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9. Have you ever had to stay in a hospital?

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10. Do you have any medical condition?

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

Any TUE Submitted ?

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No

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Yes (If YES, please explain)

## **APPENDIX D**

### **Bout Review Request Form**

Name of Competition / Championships: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bout Number (#): \_\_\_\_\_

Session Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Men / Women: \_\_\_\_\_

Boxer's Name RED Corner & Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Boxer's Name BLUE Corner & Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Previous Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

New and Final Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
AIBA Supervisor (Full Name in capital letters)

\_\_\_\_\_  
AIBA Supervisor (Signature)

cc: Both concerned Team Delegations  
AIBA Headquarters

## **APPENDIX E**

### **AIBA Code of Conduct**

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) hereby requests your agreement to the following “Code of Conduct”, which will apply for as long as you are officiating as a Competition Official in any AIBA Competition:

#### ***DIGNITY***

- Code 1: I must not be under the influence of alcohol during the entire period of the AIBA Competition in which I participate.
- Code 2: I must not smoke in the Competition Venue.
- Code 3: I must not use or carry any electronic communication device, including but not limited to a mobile phone, a laptop and a tablet computer inside the Competition Venue.
- Code 4: I must not conduct myself in any manner that is derogatory to AIBA.
- Code 5: I must not violate any norm of social behavior in my relation with members of the local and visiting countries' citizens.
- Code 6: I must at all times conduct myself in a professional and ethical manner, giving due regard to the Supervisor.

#### ***INTEGRITY***

- Code 7: I must not, 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, connected with anyone related to any Competition in which I participate.
- Code 8: Only official souvenirs from the AIBA Headquarters may be given or accepted, as a mark of respect or appreciation for my contribution.

#### ***CONFIDENTIALITY***

- Code 9: I must not collude or collaborate with any party by violating any Rule (as applicable).
- Code 10: When performing my duties as a Competition Official, I must not communicate with anybody about any competition related issue within the Competition Venue and/or any other location for the entire period of the competition, especially to persons from my own country such as National Federation members, Executive Committee members, media and the public.
- Code 11: I must not socialize with or become intimate with Boxers and/or Coaches and Seconds, or enter into any relationship or take any action that casts doubt on my impartiality as a Competition Official.
- Code 12: I must treat any information I may receive from AIBA in relation to my position as a Competition Official confidentially and, in particular, I must not disclose my AIBA Competition Schedule with members of the public.

#### ***AVAILABILITY***

- Code 13: I must be on time for all Competitions assigned to me.
- Code 14: I must be available to attend any Competition Official's meetings on or before the Competition day.
- Code 15: I must fulfil all duties assigned to me by the Supervisor.

#### ***RESPONSIBILITY***

- Code 16: I must maintain a good physical condition, personal hygiene and a professional appearance at all times when performing my duties as a Competition Official.
- Code 17: I must not criticize or attempt to explain calls or decisions made by other Competition Official, unless where requested by the Supervisor to do so.
- Code 18: I must respect all AIBA Rules.

I agree to be bound by this Code of Conduct and accept the fact that any infringement of this Code of Conduct will be referred to the AIBA Disciplinary Commission / AIBA Executive Committee and could lead to an immediate sanction against me.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_