

AIBA OPEN BOXING (AOB) COMPETITION RULES

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COMPLIANCE TO THE RULES

These AOB Competition Rules apply to AIBA Open Boxing and are the only AOB Competition Rules worldwide that AIBA National Member Federations, boxing members, clubs and boxing family must follow and respect in all their boxing competitions in accordance to activities at all levels. No National Federation may develop its own Competition Rules that are contradictory to these AOB Competition Rules. The AIBA Technical Rules also apply to AOB Competitions. [Zynga poker chips @ JOJOChips.com](https://www.jojochips.com)

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 Cutman” means the person who is appointed by AIBA as one of the ITOs and who is responsible for treating Boxers' cuts only in AOB Competitions.

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

“AOB” means AIBA Open Boxing;

“AOB Competitions” means competitions regulated by these AOB Competition Rules including AIBA owned and controlled Confederation Competitions and National Competitions;

“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;

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

“Delegation” means participating Team Members including Boxers, Coaches, Doctors and Team Managers in AIBA Competitions;

“Deputy Supervisors” means the persons who are assigned by the Supervisor in any AOB Competition and who manage all issues related to each Bout;

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

“Draw Commission” means the group of minimum two persons who will draw Referees & Judges for each Bout in any AOB Competition;

“Dual Match” means the competition featuring Boxers from two countries only;

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

“General Weigh-In” means the required process before the Official Draw in order to conduct document checks, medical-examination and weigh-in of all registered Boxers;

“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;

“ITOs” means the International Technical Officials who are appointed by AIBA, excluding the Referees & Judges and the Supervisor, such as the Deputy Supervisors, the Draw Commission Members, the Ringside Doctors, the Cutman, the R&J Coordinators and the Equipment Managers;

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

“Medical Handbook” means the rules published by AIBA in relation to the medical standards required to be observed by a Boxer and by any other Official 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;

“Official Draw” means the ceremony to draw the Boxers to decide the Bout schedules in each Weight Category;

“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;

“Seeding” means the system to ensure that the competition’s Official Draw may have a better balanced competition schedule in order to maintain attractiveness of the competition;

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

“Team Officials” means the Team Managers, Coaches and Doctors entered by a National Federation in AOB Competitions 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. REGISTRATION OF BOXERS

- 1.1. Boxers must comply with Rules 1 and 2 of the AIBA Technical Rules (Classification, Membership and Eligibility) to register for an AOB Competition.
- 1.2. When registering for any AOB Competition, all Boxers and Team Officials must provide a copy of their current passport. No other proof of identity will be accepted.
- 1.3. One Entry per Weight Category
 - 1.3.1. In AOB Competitions such as but not limited to the World Championships, Olympic Games, Continental Championships, Olympic Qualifying Competitions and Confederation Competitions, only one Boxer per Weight Category per country will be allowed to compete.
- 1.4. Submission of the Medical Certificate
 - 1.4.1. For all AOB Competitions (AIBA Controlled) and/or Confederation Continental Championships, a Medical Certificate issued within the previous three (3) months must be submitted to the AIBA Headquarters during the registration period or else the Boxer will not be eligible to participate in the competition.
 - 1.4.2. For all other AOB International Level Competitions, other than AOB (AIBA Controlled) and/or Confederation Continental Championships, the National Federation must submit a copy of a Medical Certificate valid within one year when submitting the entry form.
- 1.5. Rest Period
 - 1.5.1. Boxers must respect a minimum rest period of twelve (12 hours) between two (2) Bouts.

RULE 2. MEDICAL EXAMINATION

- 2.1. At the time fixed for the Weigh-In, Boxers must be considered as fit to compete and examined by a Doctor before being weighed-in. With a view to ensure a smooth running of the Weigh-In, the Supervisor may decide to begin the Medical Examination at an earlier time. The Chairperson of the Ringside Doctors may select Local or Team Doctors to assist with the duties of the Ringside Doctors only for the Medical Examination.
- 2.2. At the Medical Examination and Weigh-In, an up-to-date Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book along with an annual Medical Certificate, signed and stamped by a Doctor, with correct information must be presented by the Boxer. This Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book, in which the requisite entries must be written by the Competition Officials in charge, must be signed and/or stamped by the Secretary General or Executive Director of the Boxer's National Federation. If a Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book is not presented by the Boxer at the Medical Examination and Weigh-In, this Boxer must not be allowed to compete.
- 2.3. Gender Test may be done for AOB Competitions.
- 2.4. At the document check point before the Medical Examination:
 - 2.4.1. Every Woman Boxer aged 18 (eighteen) or older must sign a Declaration of Non-Pregnancy (see Appendix F) certifying that she is not pregnant at that time.

- 2.4.2. Every Girl Boxer aged under 18 (eighteen) at the start of the relevant competition must provide a Declaration of Non-Pregnancy (see Appendix F) signed by herself and at least one of her parents/legal guardians certifying that she is not pregnant at that time.
- 2.4.3. It will be the responsibility of each National Federation's Team Officials to ensure that Girls Boxers under 18 (eighteen) bring such declaration to the relevant competition.
- 2.4.4. Girls and Women Boxers who fail to sign/provide a Declaration of Non-Pregnancy will not be allowed to participate in the relevant competition.

RULE 3. WEIGH-IN

- 3.1. All entered Boxers must attend the General Weigh-In in the morning of the first competition day, except as described in Rule 3.2.
- 3.2. In AOB Competitions, when the number of entered Boxers exceeds 300 after the final entry deadline is closed, and for the Olympic Games, the General Weigh-In may be organized no more than 24 hours prior to the Medical Examination of the first competition day based on the Supervisor's decision.
- 3.3. In any case, the time from the end of the General Weigh-In to the start of the first Bout must not be less than six (6) hours. The time from the end of the Daily Weigh-In to the start of the first Bout of the remaining competition days must not be less than 3 hours.

The Supervisor reserves the right to relax this condition if unavoidable circumstances occur and after consultation with the Chairperson of the Ringside Doctors.

- 3.4. The Weigh-In must be conducted by Competition Officials authorized by the Supervisor. A Team Official of the National Federation of the Boxer may be present at the Weigh-In; however, and in any circumstance, the Team Official is not allowed to interfere in the process of Weigh-In.
- 3.5. For the General Weigh-In, the registered Boxer's weight must not exceed the maximum of the Boxer's Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the Boxer's Weight Category. The weight registered at the General Weigh-In on the first day decides the Boxer's Weight Category for the entire competition.
- 3.6. At the Daily Weigh-In, only the maximum weight limit will be controlled, not the minimum weight limit. If a Boxer exceeds the maximum weight limit at the Daily Weigh-In, that Boxer will not be allowed to continue the competition according to the AIBA Technical Rules 4.7.2. (Walkover).
- 3.7. A Boxer will be allowed to be present at the official scales only once. There will be a zero tolerance on any overweight than the chosen Weight Category.
- 3.8. Scale - The weight is the one shown on the scale, the body being naked except for a swimming suit or underwear. When necessary, the Boxer may take off the underwear. Electronic scales must be used.
- 3.9. Test scales must be prepared. Test scales used at any competition and official Weigh-In scales have to be of the same manufacture and of the same calibration.
- 3.10. The Weigh-In must be conducted by Competition Officials of the same gender.

RULE 4. SUBSTITUTION OF BOXERS AT GENERAL WEIGH-IN

- 4.1. It is permissible to substitute a Boxer who fails to meet his/her Weight Category at the General Weigh-In. In that case, the Boxer may participate in a lower or higher Weight Category, as long as there is no other Boxer from that National Federation who has already passed the official Weigh-In in that Weight Category.
- 4.2. It is also permissible for a National Federation to substitute one Boxer for another at any time up to the close of the Medical Examination and General Weigh-In if the substitute Boxer has been entered as reserve for that Weight Category or any other Weight Category.
- 4.3. This rule is only applicable for competitions where reserved Boxers are permitted.
- 4.4. All other cases of substitution must be finalized the day before the General Weigh-In.

RULE 5. OFFICIAL DRAW

- 5.1. The Official Draw must take place as soon as possible after the completion of the Medical Examination and General Weigh-In. It must be completed no less than three (3) hours prior to the first Bout on the first competition day.
- 5.2. In the case of Rule 3.1.2., the Official Draw must be held one day before the competition.
- 5.3. If the General Weigh-In is organized the morning prior to the first competition day, at least one Team Official of each participating Delegation must attend the Official Draw.
- 5.4. A Computerized Draw System is to be used in all AOB Competitions, except for the Olympic Games where a manual draw may be conducted. In case the Computerized Draw System is not working, a manual system may be used.
- 5.5. Possible Re-Draw - In any case, until the last Weight Category draw is completed, if there is any mistake or unavoidable circumstance taking place, the Supervisor has the right to order that Weight Category draw to be done again.
- 5.6. Byes - In the case there are more than two Boxers in the series, a sufficient number of byes must be drawn in the first series in order to reduce the number of Boxers in the second series to 2, 4, 8, 16 or 32. Boxers drawing a bye in the first series will box in the second series, but in the order in which they were drawn.
- 5.7. The Supervisor must ensure, where applicable, that no Boxer will box twice in the competition before all other Boxers of the same Weight Category have boxed at least once. In special situations, the Supervisor has the right to relax this rule.
- 5.8. Bout Schedule - At the World Championships, Olympic Games and Continental Championships, the Bout schedule must be arranged in the order of weights so that in each series, the lightest weights will be run off first and thereafter in order of weights up to the heaviest weights in that series followed by the lightest weights in the next series, and so on. In arranging the schedule of the Semi-Finals and Finals of these competitions, the wishes of the Organizing Committee may be accommodated by the Supervisor, as long as the results of the Official Draw are not called into question.
- 5.9. Seeding Procedure – It must respect the Seeding Procedure for the Official Draw (see Appendix C) and be in accordance with the World Ranking Guidelines (see Appendix B).