

# **INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION**

## **BYLAWS**

(English version)

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## **CHAPTER 1 BYLAWS OF AIBA**

These Bylaws have been approved and accepted in accordance with the Statutes in particular Art. 22 al. a) and Art. 65.

## **CHAPTER 2 CONGRESS**

### **Article 1 Congress Location**

The Ordinary Congress shall be held, generally in a different country each time, on the invitation of a Member. The Member must guarantee a satisfactory welcome, in particular with regards to visas and accommodation for the delegates of the AIBA Congress.

### **Article 2 Duration**

The Congress shall be held over a maximum period of one week.

### **Article 3 Delegates**

- 1 Each Member may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three delegates, all of whom may take part in the debates. Only one of them has the right to vote.
- 2 The names of the delegates, especially the one with the right to vote, shall be notified to the AIBA HQs Office at least two weeks before the opening of the Congress. No changes may be made to the identity of the nominated delegate in the final two weeks before Congress, except in extraordinary circumstances.
- 3 AIBA shall bear the cost of travel and accommodation for one delegate of each Member taking part in the Congress. The Executive Committee shall issue appropriate directives in this connection.
- 4 Congress delegates must be members of the National Federation whom they represent and must provide a proof of such membership to the AIBA HQs Office on notification of their appointment.

### **Article 4 Chair**

- 1 The President of AIBA shall chair the Congress. If the President is unable to attend, the Executive Vice President shall act as the President, and if he in turn is absent, then the longest serving Vice President.
- 2 The President shall ensure that the Congress is conducted in compliance with the Statutes and Bylaws. He shall open, conduct and close the debates. He shall grant permission to speak and the amount of time allotted.
- 3 The Congress may decide to prolong the debates if such a request is accepted by a simple majority of the voters.

- 4 The President shall take action against Congress participants who:
  - deviate from the subject, exceed the time allotted to speaking or who contravene in any other way the regulations;
  - disturb by their behavior the Congress debates.

If the call to order is not effective, the President shall, depending on the gravity of the Congress participant's behavior:

- a) withdraw his/her speaking time;
- b) reprimand him/her;
- c) exclude him/her from one or several debates.

If the Congress participant appeals such an action, the Congress shall decide immediately.

## **Article 5            Interpreters**

Official interpreters shall be appointed by the Executive Director to translate into the official languages of the Congress.

## **Article 6            (Intentionally Deleted)**

## **Article 7            Proposals**

- 1 Proposals for amending the Statutes or the Bylaws that will be voted on must be submitted in writing to the AIBA HQs Office at least 30 days before the start of the Congress, so that the Executive Committee can examine them and take a stand.
- 2 The President shall examine the proposals and will put aside those that are too late or that are not relevant to the subject of the debate.
- 3 If an objection is raised, the author of the proposal may request a vote from the Congress.

## **Article 8            Debates**

- 1 No one shall speak unless the President has granted permission to do so.
- 2 The delegate who wishes to speak must formulate a written request explaining the topic he/she wants to address to the President.
- 3 Generally, a speaker may not speak more than twice on the same item. If the President thinks it necessary, he may authorize the speaker to speak again.
- 4 Speakers that do not speak one of the official languages of the Congress must express themselves with the assistance of a qualified interpreter.
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## **Article 9            Votes on a Decision**

- a) Methods of voting
  - 1 Before each vote, the President, or the person designated by him, shall read the text of the proposal aloud and explain the voting procedure to the Congress (Art. 27 and 29 of the Statutes).
  - 2 No one is permitted to speak during the vote and until after the result of the vote.
  - 3 The Executive Director shall announce the results.
- b) Opening of the topic and debates by article
  - 1 In theory, the Congress votes on the topic presented for debate. The Congress may decide not to vote on the topic if no other proposal excluding the subject has been registered.
  - 2 The Congress may then decide to carry out the examination of the subject, article by article, bit by bit or in block.
  - 3 If a procedural motion is made, the Congress examines it immediately.
- c) Proposals
  - 1 Proposals which would modify a project of the Executive Committee must be voted on.
- d) Vote
  - 1 Neither the President nor the members of the Executive Committee may take part in the vote.
  - 2 The Executive Director, assisted by the scrutineers, shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers on the spot.

## **Article 10           Eligibility for the Presidency and the Executive Committee**

- 1 Candidates for the Presidency, Vice Presidency and the Executive Committee cannot have a criminal record and must not have been sanctioned for severe violations of AIBA regulations.
- 2 Candidates for the Vice Presidency (who will be the President of each Confederation in accordance with the Bylaws of such Confederations) must have a record of serving a full four year term as a member of the immediate past Executive Committee of either the former AIBA Continental Bureau or Continental Confederation.
- 3 The Election Committee, which will consist of the Chairs of the Disciplinary Commission and the Ethics Commission as well as of one member of the Advisory Council, will examine if the candidates to the Presidency, the Vice Presidency and the Executive Committee fulfill the eligibility conditions. This examination will be conducted as soon as the applications are received. The Executive Director will forward his appraisal to the Executive Committee which will submit its proposals to the Congress.

## **Article 11      Elections**

- 1 The President or someone assigned by him will remind the voting procedures (Art. 31 of the Statutes).
- 2 The Executive Director, assisted by the scrutineers, shall conduct the distribution and the counting of the ballot papers on the spot.
- 3 No one is permitted to speak during the vote and until the final result has been announced.
- 4 The Executive Director shall announce the result of each ballot.
- 5 The Executive Director shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into an envelope intended for this purpose and seal it immediately. The envelope will be kept safely and destroyed one month after the appeal date.

## **Article 12      Minutes**

- 1 The minutes of the debates must at least indicate the following items:
  - a) the subjects discussed or removed from the agenda;
  - b) the name of the speakers;
  - c) the proposals registered;
  - d) the results of the votes and elections;
  - e) the President's announcements.
- 2 The minutes are submitted to the President for approval.

## **CHAPTER 3      MEMBERS**

### **Article 13      Application for Membership**

- 1 The written request for admission must be addressed to the AIBA HQs Office and be accompanied by the following items:
  - a) a copy of the Statutes and Bylaws;
  - b) an official document of the competent authorities of the country and / or National Olympic Committee of the country attesting that it supervises boxing in the country in question and also that gives some information on the members of its Executive Committee;
  - c) a statement by which the Federation shall always comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives, Code of Ethics, Technical & Competition Rules, decisions and contracts of AIBA, as well as a statement by which the Federation shall make sure that its own members, clubs, officials, athletes, and generally speaking any person or organization connected to the sport of boxing, will comply with these different rules;
  - d) a summary of past and present activities.
- 2 All the documents must be written in English or in French.

## **Article 14 Processing of the Application**

- 1 AIBA shall verify that each application for admission is complete and shall forward it to the appropriate Confederation.
- 2 The Confederation shall compile a detailed report for the Executive Committee describing the Federation's supervision of boxing in its country and how the Federation is organized.
- 3 The Executive Committee may decide to further investigate on whether the candidate fulfils the conditions for admission. The Executive Committee may ask in particular that the candidate produces other documents than those mentioned in Art. 13 par. 1. The Executive Committee may give a provisional admission status to the applying Member which should be ratified by the Congress.

## **CHAPTER 4 MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

### **Article 15 Membership Fees**

- 1 Each Member shall pay an annual fee of US\$ 250.00 to AIBA.
- 2 This fee is due by January 1 of each year. This amount is payable no later than the end of March of the same year.
- 3 If a Member is late in paying the fee, the AIBA HQs Office will send the Member a reminder, explaining that if the Member does not pay within the additional time allotted, the Member will be suspended by the Executive Committee Bureau following Art. 16 of the Statutes.  
A suspended Member does not lose its membership, but loses automatically its membership rights, including voting rights at the Congress (Ordinary and Extraordinary).
- 4 If a Member is not up to date in paying its dues six months before the Ordinary Congress or one month before the Extraordinary Congress, it loses its rights to vote at the Congress, even if dues have been paid in the meantime.

### **Article 16 Participating in AIBA Competitions**

- 1 If a Member has not participated at least in one of below defined AIBA Approved Events for the period between 2 Ordinary Congresses, it will be suspended by the Executive Committee Bureau following Art. 16 of the Statutes and denounce to the Disciplinary Commission.
- 2 A suspended Member does not lose its membership, but loses automatically its membership rights, including the voting rights at the Ordinary Congress.
- 3 AIBA Approved Events are defined as follow:
  - a) AIBA controlled events – All World Championships, President's Cup, World Cup, Olympic Qualifying Events
  - b) Confederation Championships
  - c) Future AIBA Approved Star Events

## CHAPTER 5 PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

### **Article 17 Role of AIBA Commissions**

All Commissions are advisory in nature. Recommendations of Commissions must be approved by the Executive Committee or Executive Committee Bureau. Approved recommendations will be implemented by the AIBA HQs Office.

Commissions will participate in the implementation under the guidance of the AIBA HQs Office.

### **Article 18 Finance Commission**

- 1 The Finance Commission gives advices for the financial management of AIBA.
- 2 The Finance Commission analyzes the budget, the financial accounts and the balance sheet prepared by the Executive Director and proposes their approval to the Executive Committee.
- 3 The Finance Commission advises the Executive Committee on all financial issues.
- 4 The Finance Commission studies the budget of the Executive Committee, the Commissions and the Confederations, and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on those matters.
- 5 The Finance Commission shall prepare a financial report to be submitted by the Executive Committee to the Ordinary Congress.

### **Article 19 Technical & Rules Commission**

This Commission analyzes the applicability and the development of the technical rules which relates to boxing and proposes, if need be the modification of these rules or the introduction of new rules.

### **Article 20 Refereeing & Judging Commission**

- 1 The Refereeing & Judging Commission advises on all the issues related to the referees and judges.
- 2 In particular:
  - defines the conditions for the appointment and the dismissal of the referees and judges;
  - keeps an updated international list of referees and judges;
  - drafts and submits for approval to the President the official list of AIBA international referees, judges and timekeepers, jury and medical members which can officiate at World Championships, Olympic Games and international competitions organized by AIBA and gives to its members the required training and necessary instructions before these competitions take place.

## **Article 21 Medical Commission**

- 1 The Medical Commission deals with all the medical issues related to boxing and in particular the issues related to the security and the health of the athletes and coordinates all the issues related to anti-doping.
- 2 The Doping Control Sub-Commission (DCSC) is appointed by the AIBA Medical Commission as a Sub-Commission of the Medical Commission. The duties and tasks of the DCSC are detailed in the AIBA/WADA Anti-Doping policy. The Medical Commission shall arrange its own meetings (working group) as necessary to accomplish its workload but at least once a year.

## **Article 22 Competition & Equipment Commission**

- 1 The Competition & Equipment Commission proposes to the Executive Committee the conditions for qualification and admission of the boxers for all competitions organized by AIBA, by its Confederations and Members.
- 2 The Competition & Equipment Commission defines the directives and the standards applicable to the equipment and material used for boxing and proposes to the Executive Committee the approval of the equipment such as rings, boxing gloves and headguards.
- 3 The Competition & Equipment Commission can also propose to the Executive Committee new competitions and new equipment.

## **Article 23 Youth Commission**

The Youth Commission deals with the issues related to the practice, promotion and development of boxing amongst the youth.

## **Article 24 Women's Commission**

The Women's Commission deals with the specific issues related to the practice, development and promotion of boxing amongst women. The Women's Commission gives advices to the Executive Committee on matters related to Women Boxing.

## **Article 25 Athletes Commission**

The Athletes Commission insures the protection and the promotion of the interests of the athletes and proposes to the Executive Committee, if need be recommendations to this effect.

## **Article 26 Public Relations, Media & Marketing Commission**

The Public Relations, Media & Marketing Commission deals in particular with:

- the development of the visibility and the brand image of AIBA;
- the collaboration with the media and its development (written press, radio, TV, Internet, etc.);
- the working conditions of the media during the competitions organized by AIBA;
- AIBA publications;
- the management of the public relations activities;
- the contacts with the authorities, the other sport federations, the IOC, the sponsors and the sport industry;
- the development and the exploitation of all the rights pertaining to the competitions and events organized by AIBA as well as any other rights belonging to AIBA.

## **Article 27 Development Commission**

The Development Commission looks at ways to develop boxing on all continents and in particular in the least favoured nations.

## **Article 28 League Commission**

The League Commission will envisage ways to improve the management of boxing and to explore the development of boxing in other directions. The League Commission will advise in the development and supervision of new boxing programs outside the previous scope of AIBA and aid to incorporate them into the AIBA family.

## **CHAPTER 6 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **Article 29 Definition**

International competitions are defined once boxers from at least 2 different Members are competing.

### **Article 30 Allocation of Competition Rights**

AIBA has a right to the 15% of the global takings generated by the competitions organized by the Confederations and Members of AIBA (which are derived in particular from the sale of the tickets, publicity, the transmission rights from television and radio, etc.)

### **Article 31 Authorization**

- 1 Each international bout or competition that is not part of the competence of AIBA must be authorized by AIBA.
- 2 Each international competition must be authorized by the Confederation, the regional organ or by the Member on whose territory the competition will take place at least 3 months before the start of the competition.
- 3 If the Member requests the authorization after this specified time, the Disciplinary Commission of the Confederation, or AIBA or national Federation if concerned, gives a fine of US\$ 500.00; if the Member does not request an authorization, the Disciplinary Commission gives a fine of US\$ 1'000.00. If repeated, the amounts are doubled. The fine must be paid 10 days after receiving the decision.

### **Article 32 Report to AIBA**

- 1 Within 14 days following the international competition, the Member of the territory on which the competition took place must send to the AIBA HQs Office the official form specifically drawn up and signed on this occasion, indicating the result, the name of the referees, judges, timekeepers, members of the jury and of the medical jury.
- 2 If the Member sends the official form after this specified time, the Disciplinary Commission of AIBA gives a fine of US\$ 500.00; if the Member does not send the official form, the Disciplinary Commission gives a fine of US\$ 1'000.00. If repeated, the amounts are doubled. The fine must be paid 10 days after receiving the decision.

## **CHAPTER 7 TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 33 Adoption and Coming into Force**

- These Bylaws were adopted by the AIBA Executive Committee on February 18, 2009 in Milan, Italy. They became effective on that date.
- These Bylaws were amended by the AIBA Executive Committee on January 30, 2010 in Xiamen, China. They became effective on that date.
- These Bylaws were amended by the AIBA Executive Committee on July 9, 2010 in Marrakech, Morocco. They became effective on that date.

