

INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION

AIBA DISCIPLINARY CODE

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AIBA Disciplinary Code

as based on the AIBA Statutes, in particular Articles 57 and 62.

Article 1 Scope of application

Subject to the other disciplinary provisions of the Statutes or other rules, the present Code is applicable to:

- Any and all competitions organized by AIBA, its Confederations or Members;
- It more generally applies to any breach of the Statutes, Bylaws, regulations, directives and decisions of AIBA, Confederations or Members.

Article 2 Scope of application: Personal

The present Code is applicable to all the persons subject to:

- The Statutes, Bylaws, regulations, directives, Code of Ethics, Technical & Competition Rules of AIBA as well as AIBA decisions, in particular Confederations, Members, any officials and boxers, as well as all persons and organizations associated with boxing or authorized to do so which includes spectators;
- The Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of Confederations;
- The Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of Members.

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS ON THE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

1 Principles of Conduct, Punishable Acts and Various Sanctions

Article 3 Principles of conduct

- 1 Every physical or legal person to whom this Code is applicable shall, in particular:
 - Respect the entirety of the Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of AIBA, Confederations and Members;
 - Submit to the final decisions of AIBA, its Confederations or Members as well as to the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA);
 - At all times behave with respect towards each other;
 - Respect the principles of honesty, integrity and sportsmanship;
 - Respect the prohibition on maintaining sports relationships with Members who have been expelled or suspended by AIBA; in addition, not to take part in competitions in which the expelled or suspended Members take part;
 - Take part in competitions organized by AIBA.
- 2 Members are responsible for the behavior of their boxers, trainers and seconds, officials, persons or organizations charged with a function during an official event or a competition, and can be sanctioned disciplinarily without prejudice to damages of the individual sanctions incurred by the latter.

- 3 The organizer of a competition is liable for the order and security within the competition venue.

Article 4 Punishable acts

- 1 The following offences can be sanctioned, in particular:
 - Violation of the principles of conduct as mentioned in the Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of AIBA, in the present Code and in the Technical & Competition Rules;
 - Infringements of the Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of AIBA, its Confederations and Members as well as the non implementation of their executive decisions;
 - Violations of the rules related to the publicity and the equipment;
 - Offensive behavior or behavior in violation of fair-play;
 - Misconduct against officials;
 - Violation of the Anti-Doping Code, notably the Code from AIBA;
 - Unjustified refusal to take part in a competition and unjustified abandonment;
 - Corruption and any other violations of the principles of loyalty, integrity and fair-play;
 - Any behavior which harms the image of boxing, AIBA, its Confederations or Members.
- 2 Confederations and Members can add other punishable behaviors.

Article 5 Disciplinary sanctions

- 1 The disciplinary sanctions are the following:
 - Warning;
 - Reprimand;
 - Fines from CHF 500.-- to CHF 100'000.--;
 - Cancellation of the result of a bout;
 - Deprivation of a title/Return of an award;
 - Disqualification of a boxer or expulsion of that boxer's seconds during a competition;
 - Suspension of a boxer from a current competition, future competition(s) or for a predetermined time period;
 - Exclusion of a Member from a competition;
 - Suspension or exclusion from the exercise of certain activities (referee, judge, official, second, etc.);
 - Ban from any boxing activity;
 - Ban from competition grounds;
 - Suspension of a competition location.
- 2 The sanctions may be cumulated.

Article 6 Warning

- 1 A warning is a reminder to order for a minor infringement of any rules. In principle, the sanction will be increased in the event of further infringements.
- 2 The referee may warn a boxer during a bout to sanction the boxer for unsporting behavior or for a minor violation of the Technical & Competition Rules.

If a bout is interrupted and has to be started again, any warning issued during that bout shall be canceled.

Article 7 Reprimand

A reprimand is the official disapproval of the behavior of a person.

Article 8 Fines

- 1 A fine is the pecuniary sanction issued in Swiss Francs (CHF). It must be paid in said currency within the time limit and according to the methods fixed by the disciplinary authority.
- 2 The Members are jointly liable for fines imposed on their representative boxers and officials; the same applies to Confederations and their officials. The fact that a person has left a Confederation or a Member does not cancel out joint responsibility.

Article 9 Cancellation of the result of a bout

The result of a bout is canceled when the outcome of a bout in the boxing ring is disregarded.

Article 10 Deprivation of a title/Return of an award

- 1 A person is deprived of his or her title when he or she is deposed of it.
- 2 A person called to return an award must not only return the crown or the medal received but also any benefits arising from said award (money, cars, etc.)

Article 11 Disqualification of a boxer or expulsion of seconds

- 1 The disqualification of a boxer is the order given by a referee during a bout upon which the boxer is prohibited from continuing the bout. A disqualification is regarded as a sanction for unsporting behavior or for a serious violation of the Technical & Competition Rules.
- 2 The expulsion of a second is the order given by the referee during a bout to the second to leave the boxing ring and its immediate surroundings and public seating. The Disciplinary Commission may determine a suspension at a later time, if necessary.

Article 12 Suspension of a boxer

- 1 The suspension of a boxer is a ban of the boxer from participating in future competitions for the duration of certain time, and may include a ban from attending competitions, as well as be present in the immediate surroundings of the ring.
- 2 The suspension shall not be more than 24 months, subject to exceptional cases.
- 3 If a suspension is combined with a fine, the suspension may be extended until the fine has been paid in full.

Article 13 Exclusion of a Member from a competition

Exclusion is the deprivation of the right of a Member to participate in a current and/or future competition.

Article 14 Expulsion or suspension from the exercise of certain activities

A person may be prohibited temporarily (suspension) or definitely (exclusion) from the exercise of a certain activity (referee, judge, official, second, etc.) related to boxing.

Article 15 Ban on taking part in any boxing activity

A person may be temporarily or definitely banned from taking part in any boxing related activity.

Article 16 Ban from competition grounds

- 1 A person may be prohibited from entering one or several competition grounds.
- 2 The disciplinary authority shall communicate such a ban to the Member organizing the competition which is under the obligation to take all necessary measures to enforce the sanction, or shall personally be penalized.

Article 17 Suspension of a tournament in a particular competition venue

The suspension of a tournament in a particular competition venue deprives the Member organizing the competition the right to organize competitions and to let its boxers compete in this respective competition venue.

II Culpability and Degree of Participation

Article 18 Intention and negligence

- 1 Unless otherwise specified, infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed deliberately or negligently.
- 2 In the case of an infringement of Art. 3.2 and Art. 3.3, no fault is required to inflict liability.

Article 19 Attempt

Acts amounting to attempt are also punishable.

Article 20 Involvement

Anyone who prompts another to act in a manner which can be described as punishable behavior (instigator) or anyone who assists another to commit such a behavior (accomplice) is also punishable.

III Determination of the Sanction

Article 21 General rule

- 1 The body pronouncing the sanction shall fix the type and duration of the sanction based on the gravity of the infringement and the degree of the offender's guilt.
- 2 The body shall take into account possible extenuating circumstances such as the young age of the offender as well as any aggravating circumstances such as recurrence.
- 3 If the nature of the sanction implies certain duration, it is in principle limited in time, unless indicated otherwise. Sanctions may also be limited to a geographical area or to one or more specific category of competitions.

Article 22 Concurrent infringements

If several sanctions of the same nature can be pronounced against someone as a result of one or more infringements (several fines, several suspensions of competitions, etc.), the relevant body bases the sanction on the most serious offence committed and, depending on the circumstances, may increase the sanction or fine by up to fifty per cent of the maximum sanction specified for that offence.

IV Prescription Period

Article 23 Prescription period for prosecution

- 1 Infringements committed may no longer be prosecuted after
 - 3 years as a general rule;
 - 8 years for doping offences;
 - 12 years in the case of corruption.
- 2 The prescription period starts on the day
 - a) on which the infringement was committed;
 - b) or if the infringement lasted a certain period, from the day on which it ended.
- 3 The limitation period is interrupted if the disciplinary authority commences proceedings before it has expired.

Article 24 Prescription period for the enforcement of sanctions

The prescription period for sanctions is 3 years.
The prescription period begins on the day on which the final decision comes into force.

CHAPTER 2 DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITIES

Article 25 Referee

- 1 During bouts, disciplinary decisions are taken by the referee.
- 2 The Disciplinary Commission or its Chairman can impose additional sanctions.

I AIBA and Confederations

Article 26 Judicial authorities

- 1 Judicial authorities of AIBA and Confederation are:
 - The Disciplinary Commission
 - The Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission ruling alone
 - The Appeal Authority
- 2 Referees, judges, the jury as well as other persons or authorities also have disciplinary powers if provided for in the Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of AIBA or of Confederations, if applicable.

- 3 In the cases not foreseen or not regulated by this Code, the disciplinary authorities are called upon to decide a case according to customary law and failing that, according to the rules the authority would establish if it was a legislator.

Article 27 The Disciplinary Commission

- 1 The Disciplinary Commission is authorized to sanction any breach which does not fall under the jurisdiction of another body.
- 2 The Disciplinary Commission is also responsible to sanction serious infringements which have escaped the referee's or judges' attention.

Article 28 The Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission ruling alone

The Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission may rule as a sole judge in the following cases:

- Warning
- Reprimand
- Fines, and
- Suspensions of up to 3 months.

II Members

Article 29 The Appeal Authority

- 1 The Executive Committee of AIBA will act as the Appeal Authority in all appeals against any decision of the Disciplinary Commission.
- 2 However, an appeal is not admissible if the fine is less than CHF 1'000.--.

Article 30 Disciplinary authorities

- 1 Members' regulations shall make provisions for their own disciplinary authorities in order to apply the Disciplinary Code to infringements occurring in their respective jurisdictions.
- 2 Members shall envisage procedural rules in their regulations which shall:
 - Be compatible with AIBA Procedural Rules;
 - Guarantee to all parties the fundamental rights of procedure, notably rights to equality without discrimination and the right to be heard (in particular the right to present one's case, the right to access the case file, the right to provide and present evidence, to obtain a reasoned decision, and the right to legal representation) before a decision is made which affects its rights and obligations.

CHAPTER 3 GENERAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article 31 General rules

Subject to the specific provisions of the present Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules regarding the judicial authorities are applicable.

Article 32 Commencement of proceedings

- 1 The Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission or the Disciplinary Commission may commence a proceeding ex-officio or upon a complaint of an infringement brought to their attention by any person subject to this Disciplinary Code.
- 2 They shall not commence proceedings based on anonymous complaints.
- 3 The AIBA Executive Committee may, on making a complaint to the Disciplinary Commission in relation to an alleged infringement of this Code, impose a provisional suspension on any person or body who is alleged to have infringed this Code in furtherance of article 37(c) of the AIBA Statutes, such suspension to remain in force until a decision is rendered by the Disciplinary Commission.

Article 33 Status of the person who filed the complaint and of the plaintiff

- 1 The person to bring the complaint is not party to the proceedings. That person may be heard as a witness.
- 2 The plaintiff may file an official complaint within 15 days from when the plaintiff has or could have had knowledge of the infringement. The plaintiff is party to the proceedings.

CHAPTER 4 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1 Infringement during or at a Competition

Article 34 Misconduct of a boxer during a bout

When a boxer, or that boxer's seconds, displays behavior inconsistent with fair-play, or violates the Technical & Competition Rules which govern the bout or does not respect the decisions taken by a referee, the boxer, or that boxer's seconds, will be sanctioned by the referee, subject to later disciplinary measures by the Disciplinary Commission or its Chairman.

Depending on the severity of the case, the additional sanction could be a fine of CHF 500.-- to 10'000.-- and a suspension of up to 6 months for the cases which are not anticipated in the present Code.

Article 35 **Misconduct towards a referee and/or a judge**

Anyone who acts in a misconduct manner against a referee and/or a judge will be:

- a) Fined CHF 500.-- to 1'000.-- for unsporting behavior;
- b) Fined CHF 3'000.-- to 6'000.-- and suspended for 6 months to 1 year for spitting;
- c) Fined CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.-- and suspended for 6 months to 2 years for assault (punching, kicking, etc.).

Article 36 **Provoking the general public**

Anyone who provokes the general public during a competition will be fined CHF 3'000.-- to 6'000.-- and may be suspended or excluded from the competition or future competitions.

Article 37 **Inciting hatred or violence**

The boxer or official who publicly incites others to violence or hatred will be fined CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.-- and be suspended for 12 months to 48 months.

Article 38 **Participation of an ineligible boxer in a competition**

If an ineligible boxer takes part in a competition, the boxer's Federation shall be fined CHF 4'000.-- to 6'000.-- and the boxer shall be suspended from 1 to 3 years.

Article 39 **Participation of a suspended boxer, an official prohibited from any activity, or an excluded Member**

- 1 The Member which allows:
 - a) One of its boxers, suspended by AIBA, to participate in an international competition; the Member will be fined CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.--;
 - b) An official, excluded from the exercise of an official activity by AIBA, to exercise any official duties at an international competition during the interdiction; the Member will be fined CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.--.
- 2 The Confederation shall be subject to the same fines if the above infringements are committed by it.
- 3 If a Member, excluded from a competition by AIBA, participates in an international competition:
 - a) The time of exclusion shall be doubled and the Member will be fined CHF 10'000.-;
 - b) The organizer of the competition will be fined CHF 5'000.-- and may be suspended or prohibited from organizing any competition for 2 years;
 - c) Federations which compete with the excluded Member will be suspended for 1 year.

- 4 The boxer or the official excluded or suspended shall face an additional suspension from 1 year to 3 years.

Article 40 Refusal or late participation of a Member in an international competition

- 1 If, without any justified reasons, a Member refuses to participate in an international competition in which that Member is obliged to take part in or refuses to continue taking part or is late in participating, that Member will be fined CHF 5'000.- to 15'000.-, including the obligation to reimburse the expenses incurred by the organizer ...(accommodation, transport, meal costs, etc.), as well as be suspended from all international competitions for 6 months to 2 years.
- 2 The person responsible for the refusal or renunciation of the participation will be suspended or excluded from any boxing activity for 6 months to 2 years. The person responsible for a late arrival will be fined CHF 2'000.-- to 5'000.-- and may be prohibited from any boxing activity for 6 months to 2 years.

Article 41 Inciting a boycott of a competition

Any official who incites a boycott of a competition or pulls out of the competition for any reasons will be suspended for 3 to 10 years from AIBA activities.

Article 42 Cancellation of an international competition attributed to a Confederation or a Member

A Confederation or a Member cancelling a competition - which it was obliged to organize - without AIBA's authorization, will be fined CHF 10'000.-- to 50'000.-- and prohibited from organizing any international competition for 2 years.

Article 43 Unsatisfactory organization of a competition

- 1 An organizing Member that does not respect the commitments undertaken or fails to fulfill its obligations (rules, contracts, etc.) will be fined CHF 5'000.-- to 50'000.-- according to the seriousness of the non-fulfillment.
- 2 In the case of a serious violation, the Member will also be sanctioned with the prohibition to organize international competitions for 6 months to 2 years and must reimburse the damage sustained by the participants (for example damage due to the absence of TV coverage).

Article 44 Liability for spectator conduct

An organizing Member is, even without fault, strictly liable for the misconduct of spectators, such as violence against persons or things, throwing of objects, banners with insulting texts.

It will be fined CHF 1'000.-- to 5'000.-- and in serious and recurrent cases be banned from organizing any international competition for 1 year.

II Infringement of Other Rules of Conduct

Article 45 Serious violation of the Statutes, Bylaws or regulations

Subject to the specific provisions of this Code or of the Statutes, the person and/or Member who seriously violates or acts in subordination of the Statutes, Bylaws or regulations of AIBA, its Confederations or Members shall be, according to the severity of the infringement, fined CHF 1'000.-- to 20'000.--, and may also be suspended for 6 months to 1 year.

Article 46 Failure to respect decisions

Anyone who fails to respect enforceable decisions of a body or Commission of AIBA, its Confederations or Members, will be fined CHF 3'000.--, after having been given a warning to respect the decision in a last delay, and may also be suspended, excluded from a competition or banned from any boxing activity for 3 months to 6 months.

Article 47 Disparagement of AIBA's reputation and interests

Subject to specific provisions of this Code or of the Statutes, any action affecting the reputation or interests of AIBA, its Confederations or Members will be sanctioned with:

- a) If the action is committed by a Confederation or a Member
 - o a fine of CHF 1'000.-- to 10'000.--, or a suspension of 6 months to 2 years;
- b) If the action is committed by a person
 - o a fine of CHF 500.-- to 10'000.--;
 - o or a suspension of 6 months to 2 years;
 - o or a temporary or definitive ban from any boxing activity.

Article 48 Relationship with a suspended or excluded Member

Any AIBA Confederation or Member who maintains sport relationships with suspended or excluded Members shall be fined CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.--.

Article 49 Attempts to undermine the honor

- 1 Anyone who attacks on the honor of a person, notably through insulting gestures or inappropriate discourse, will be fined CHF 1'000.-- to 2'000.--. If the perpetrator is a boxer, the fine may be increased to CHF 3'000.-- and if the perpetrator is an official, up to CHF 5'000.--.
- 2 According to the seriousness of the misconduct, a suspension or ban from all sporting activity may also be imposed.

Article 50 Discrimination and racism

- 1 A Member that discriminates against a country, group or person on account of religion, politics, ethnicity or gender, will be subject to a suspension or a ban from any boxing or boxing related activity for 6 months to 1 year.
- 2 The person who publicly displays racist behavior will be subject to a suspension, exclusion, ban on all boxing or boxing related activity or banned from entering any competition grounds for 6 months to 1 year.
- 3 If the supporters of a team display racist behavior during a competition, the Member, which the perpetrators can be identified to, will be subject to a fine of CHF 10'000.-- to 20'000.--. If the supporters cannot be identified to a Member, the organizing Member will be fined.

Article 51 Threats and coercion

Anyone who intimidates a referee or judge with serious threats in order to hinder them from acting freely or using violence and threats to pressure a referee or judge to act or to hinder them from officiating will be subject to a fine of CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.-- as well as a suspension, exclusion or ban from any activity in boxing or a ban from all competition grounds for 12 months to 2 years.

Article 52 Forgery and falsification

- 1 If a Member, in boxing related activities, in order to deceive or procure an advantage for itself:
 - By forging an official document or falsifying an authentic document or uses such a document;
 - By forging or falsifying certificates, identification papers or any other documents of this nature such as those that testify to the age of the boxer;
 - By introducing an error by misleading or bribing a third party to give false testimony in an official document, official identification papers, certificates or other documents of this nature which have a legal implication

this Member will be subject to a fine of CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.-- and/or an immediate exclusion from all competitions for 6 months to 12 months.

- 2 If the perpetrator is a boxer, that boxer will be subject to a fine of CHF 2'000.-- to 5'000.-- and a suspension of 1 year to 2 years.
- 3 If the perpetrator is an official, that official will be subject to a fine of CHF 5'000.-- to 10'000.-- and a ban from any boxing related activity for 2 years to 10 years.

Article 53 Corruption

- 1 Anyone who offers, promises, accepts or grants an unjustified advantage to a body or Commission of AIBA, its Confederations or Members, an official, a referee, a judge, an official medical doctor, a boxer or any other party related to the competition and/or to an AIBA election procedure in an attempt to incite a violation of the Statutes, Bylaws and regulations of AIBA, its Confederations or Members with the aim to procure an advantage for him or herself, will be sanctioned:
 - with a fine of CHF 10'000.-- to 20'000.--, and
 - If that person is a boxer with a suspension of 2 years to 5 years, or if that person is an official with a ban on taking part in any boxing-related activity for 3 years to 6 years, and
 - with a ban from entering any stadium for the same amount of time.

In the case of a serious case of corruption or recurrent corruption, the sanction may be imposed for life.

- 2 Anyone who solicits, who is promised or accepts an unjustified advantage (passive corruption), will be sanctioned in the same manner.

III Administrative Infringements

Article 54 Availability of referees

A Member that does not make referees available to the organizer of an international competition as stipulated in accordance with the Technical & Competition Rules shall be subject to a fine of CHF 1000.-- per missing referee.

Article 55 Authorization from AIBA to organize an event or failure to submit a competition report

A Member that submits a late competition report, fails to request or files a late request to AIBA for an authorization to organize an international competition, shall be subject to a fine of CHF1'000.-- in case of omission and CHF 500.-- in case of a late request.

IV Doping

Article 56 Anti-Doping Code

The violations and sanction in doping cases shall be handled according to the specific anti-doping rules, specially the WADA Code and the AIBA Anti-Doping Code.

CHAPTER 5 TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 57 Divergent texts

This Code is written in English and French. In case of divergences between the two versions, the English text shall prevail (Art. 5.3 of the Statutes).

Article 58 Transitory provisions

The Disciplinary Code is applicable to all facts occurring after its coming into force. If a case has not been decided by any disciplinary authority, the Code shall be applicable to the facts of that case before its coming into force if the Code is more favorable than the law in force.

Article 59 Enforcement

The AIBA Executive Committee shall take all necessary steps to enforce the application of this Code.

Article 60 Adoption and Coming into force

The present Code was adopted by the Executive Committee on January 29, 2010 in Xiamen, China, who fixed the date for its coming into force on January 29, 2010.

