

NEWS FROM AIBA

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION OPENS FOR WOMEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Preliminary registration for the 6th edition of the AIBA Women World Boxing Championships has opened for all member federations. This is the first time this event will take place since the International Olympic Committee's decision last year to include women's boxing in the Olympic Games.

The competition will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from September 6th to the 19th and will consist of 10 weight categories: 45-48kg, 51kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg and +81kg.

The deadline for preliminary registration is June 30th, 2010. All three forms must be sent to womensc.box.barbados@gmail.com.

For more details on the event, read the [invitation letter here](#).

Click here to access [the preliminary registration form](#).

Follow the news about the Women World Championships on our [dedicated event page](#).



AIBA PRESIDENT HAILS "HISTORIC" OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, President of AIBA, hailed as historic the approved Olympic Qualification Guidelines for boxing for the London 2012 Olympic Games on the 19th of May.

"The guidelines contain not one, but two historic elements," Dr Wu said. "For the first time ever in the history of the Olympic Games, there will be women's boxing in the competition. Furthermore, each individual champion in the new World Series of Boxing, which starts in November this year, will also obtain a quota place for the London 2012 Olympic Games."

The World Series of Boxing (WSB) has five weight categories. The individual champion in each category will be determined when the top two boxers in each category at the end of the regular season face each other in the individual championship final. Due to the difference in weight categories between the Olympic Games and WSB, the WSB boxers will have to inform AIBA which weight category they wish to compete in at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

In addition to the places available through the WSB, the Olympic Games places for the men's competition will be determined by the 2011 AIBA Men's World Championships and Continental Qualifying Events.

For more information, read the full article on the [AIBA Web site](#).

View the PDF of the [Olympic Qualification Guidelines](#) here.

INAUGURATION OF FIRST OLYMPIC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

AIBA President Ching-Kuo Wu joined IOC President Jacques Rogge and the President of the Republic of Zambia, Rupiah Banda for the inauguration of the Olympic Youth Development Center in Lusaka, Zambia on the 11th of May. Some 2,000 people attended the event, including 600 youngsters who used the state-of-the-art facilities for the first time.

The Olympic Youth Development Center in Lusaka is the first of its kind. Its main purpose is to help enhance sports development in Zambia by offering sports competitions and training facilities, but it will also provide a wide range of educational programs, health services and community activities to athletes and the general public in the region.

The center is set up as a multi-purpose complex, including outdoor and indoor facilities as well as a number of educational and cultural areas, such as classrooms, a library, an internet zone and offices.

For more information, read the full article on the [AIBA Web Site](#).



AIBA FIRST FEDERATION TO SET UP RIO2016 TRAINING CENTER

A full six years ahead of the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games, Brazil is already taking major steps to establish a sports legacy for the future.

International Boxing Association (AIBA) President C.K. Wu signed a landmark agreement with Carlos Arthur Nuzman, President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB) and Mauro da Silva, President of the Brazilian Confederation of Boxing (CBBBoxe) on May the 20th, that paves the way for a pioneering new training center for young boxers to prepare for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The training center will serve up to 100 young athletes from the age of 12 and up and will be based at the Maria Lenk Aquatic Park. As part of the training program, young boxers will receive tuition in English, Spanish and computer science in addition to their boxing training.

"We are delighted to create this project in South America, since our goal is to develop boxing worldwide," AIBA President Wu said.

He added that boxers who stand out in the project may be sent to the AIBA Boxing Academy in Canada.

Read more about the Rio 2016 Training Center on the [AIBA Web site](#).



AIBA & CONFEDERATION EVENTS

JUNE

- 1-6** **Córdoba Cardin**
(Elite Men)
Guantánamo, Cuba
- 15-20** **Elite Continental Championships**
(Elite Men)
Ecuador
- 4-13** **European Elite Men Championships**
(Elite Men)
Moscow, Russia
- 28-4 July** **Vladimir Klichko Tournament**
(Youth Men)
Berdichev, Ukraine
- 4 July** **"Republic of Kazakhstan President's Cup"**
(Elite Men)
Astana, Kazakhstan

JULY

- 17-1 Aug** **Central American and Caribbean Games**
(Elite Men)
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
- 5-10** **Makar Mazai Memorial**
(Elite Men)
Mariupol, Ukraine
- 6-12** **Popenchenko Memorial**
(Elite Men)
Moscow, Russia
- 19-25** **Ahmet Comert Junior Tournament**
(Juniors Men)
Istanbul, Turkey
- 21-26** **Ahmet Comert Junior Tournament**
(Juniors)
Istanbul, Turkey
- 21-25** **11th International Boxing Youth Tournament in commemoration of the Republic of Aitenov brothers**
(Youth)
Kostanay city, Kazakhstan

Qualifying events for Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4
(see tables on Africa Boxing Confederation calendar)
Various countries

● AMERICAS ● EUROPE ● ASIA ● AFRICA ● OCEANIA ● AIBA

To see what events are taking place in the upcoming months, go to the [AIBA Web site](#).

NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATIONS

KAZAKHSTAN CLAIMS THRONE IN ASIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight Kazak women boxers earned medals in their home country, including four golds at the Asian Women's Championships in Astana, which were held from the May 23rd to the 31st. Kazakhstan was followed by China who won the most medals in total - 10, and North Korea and India amassing eight medals each.

With a total of 84 boxers from 16 countries, and 15 referees and judges from 13 nations, the Championships were a success. The strong Chinese team brought with it a squad of 10 whereas Tajikistan and Turkmenistan each competed with just one boxer - the former even going on to earn itself first place in the 60kg category.

For more information read the full article on the [AIBA Web site](#).

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 48KG

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|---|-------------------|------|--|
| 1 | KIM MYONG SIM | DPRK | |
| 2 | BORANBAEVA NAZGUL | KAZ | |
| 3 | LUO YUJIE | CHN | |
| 4 | ALICEKATE APARRI | PHI | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 51KG

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|---|--------------------|-----|--|
| 1 | LAISHRAM SARITA DE | IND | |
| 2 | MIAGMARDULAN N. | MGL | |
| 3 | ASKAROVA AYGERIM | KAZ | |
| 4 | SHIMMOTO AYA | JPN | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 54KG

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|---|-----------------|------|--|
| 1 | SHEKERBEKOVA J. | KAZ | |
| 2 | KIM HYE SONG | DPRK | |
| 3 | PRIYANKA C. | IND | |
| 4 | ZHANG QIN | CHN | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 57KG

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|---|---------------|------|--|
| 1 | YUN KUM JU | DPRK | |
| 2 | YANG YANGZI | CHN | |
| 3 | PAVITRA | IND | |
| 4 | LUU THI DUYEN | VIE | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 60KG

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|---|------------------|------|--|
| 1 | CHORIEVA MOVZUNA | TJK | |
| 2 | RYU YONG SIM | DPRK | |
| 3 | DOHG CHENG | CHN | |
| 4 | SU, WEN HSIEN | TPE | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 64KG

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|---|----------------|------|--|
| 1 | HASENOVA SAIDA | KAZ | |
| 2 | YANG QINQIN | CHN | |
| 3 | le THI HIEN | VIE | |
| 4 | PAK KYONG OK | DPRK | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 69KG

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|---|---------------|------|--|
| 1 | YANG TINGTING | CHN | |
| 2 | RI SUK YONG | DPRK | |
| 3 | KAVITA | IND | |
| 4 | KOLCOVA ELENA | KAZ | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 75KG

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|---|------------------|------|--|
| 1 | SHAKIMOVA DARIGA | KAZ | |
| 2 | TANG JIELI | CHN | |
| 3 | SONAM YADAV | IND | |
| 4 | JANG UN HUI | DPRK | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: 81KG

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|---|----------------|-----|--|
| 1 | WANG YANRUI | CHN | |
| 2 | ASWATHIMOL | IND | |
| 3 | MAMATKULOVA Y. | KAZ | |
| 4 | ODMAA B. | MGL | |

WEIGHT CATEGORY: +81KG

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|---|-------------------|-----|--|
| 1 | VOLNOVA MARINA | KAZ | |
| 2 | LI YUNFEI | CHN | |
| 3 | RANDA ABDELKHALEG | JOR | |
| 4 | KAVITA | IND | |

SERGEY SOBILYNSKIY WINS GREAT VICTORY IN BAKU

Russia's fastest rising star, 16-year-old Sergey Sobilynskiy demonstrated his talent May 10th to 16th by clinching the gold at the 8th Heydar Aliyev Junior Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan. The 2009 AIBA Best Junior World Boxer defeated talented 15-year-old Anvar Turovov of Uzbekistan in the semifinal before beating experienced Tolip Osman of Turkey, continuing his victorious series.

Competing in this year's first major international junior competition were boxers born between 1994 and 1995. Heydar Aliyev was the third President of independent Azerbaijan from 1993 until 2003 and when he died that year, his son Ilham Aliyev succeeded him.

Altogether eight nations entered the competition: powerful host country Azerbaijan, world number one Russia, strong Turkey, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Georgia and Ireland. Azerbaijan finished in first place in the team tournament with six gold medals, Turkey and Russia both claimed two gold medals, while Uzbekistan, the Ukraine and Georgia each won one final in Baku.

To read about some of the other winners, view the full article on the [AIBA Web site](#).



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN JUNE 4TH

The 38th European Men's Elite Championships will kick off with the general weigh-in, official draw and opening ceremony, June 4 in Moscow, Russia. This year's event marks the final time medals will be awarded to 11 weight classes for these Championships since AIBA's recent decision to reduce the number of weight categories to 10, starting in September 2010.

In total, 288 athletes from 43 nations will battle it out at the new Moscow Megasport Palace where ice hockey games, concerts and other sporting events are held throughout the year.

This year's European Championships will have representatives from every country except for Iceland, Malta and Belgium. Joining host Russia with full 11-member teams will be the Ukraine, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Georgia, France, Belarus and Hungary.

Five of the 11 titleholders will try to defend their crowns in Moscow. Armenian light flyweight boxer Hovhannes Danielyan and his teammate Eduard Hambartsumyan are two of the distinguished fighters.



Seven European boxers claimed the World Champion title in Milan last year and we will watch five of the seven gold medalists compete in Moscow.

With less than a week until he hits the ring, Russian rising star Sergey Vodopyanov looks to get his career off to a great start at the upcoming European Championships.

NAVE TAKES PRIME MINISTRY GOLD

France's Virginie Nave has been awarded the gold medal from the 2010 Prime Ministry Tournament in Ankara, Turkey after China's Zhang Xiyan was stripped of her title following the revelation that she had competed professionally prior to registering with the Chinese Boxing Federation.

This is a clear violation of AIBA's rules of eligibility (Rule 2.4.1 of the AIBA Technical and Competition Rules), which clearly state that any boxer who has turned professional will not be allowed to compete at any AIBA events at any level.

Zhang began her amateur boxing career in 1995 but turned professional in 2006 and competed in various professional women's competitions in 2007.

This news reverses Zhang's slender 1:0 victory in the final to hand the gold to Virginie Nave.

England's Lucy O'Connor takes the silver, while Turkey's Sumeyra Kaya-Yazici retains the bronze. The second bronze will now be awarded to German Elena Walendzik who lost to Xiyan in the quarter-finals.

LITHUANIAN FAVORITES COME OUT ON TOP IN KAUNAS

The best Lithuanian boxers took home gold medals at the Algirdas Socikas Memorial Tournament in Kaunas, Lithuania May 12th through the 16th staking their claim as the boxing powerhouse in Europe.

Altogether 54 boxers from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Russia, Germany, Ireland, Finland, Sweden and Norway competed in the event. Algirdas Socikas, for whom the tournament is named, was a legendary Lithuanian heavyweight boxer in the Soviet era who claimed two gold medals at the European Championships in 1953 and 1955. Socikas also won six times in the annual Soviet Union National Championships.

Beijing Olympian and top local boxer, Egidijus Kavaliauskas, went up from 64kg to the welterweight class and claimed the gold medal in his new category, defeating former Cadet European Champion Dmitriy Atrokhov of Belarus in the final of the Algirdas Socikas Memorial Tournament.

Former AIBA World Championships bronze medalist Daugirdas Semiotas of Lithuania knocked off Ainar Karlson of Estonia in the final to secure the gold medal. Semiotas will be representing his homeland in the upcoming European Championships for the fourth time in his illustrious career.

To see who else won medals, read the full article on the [AIBA Web site](#).

MOHAMMED VI TROPHY IN MARRAKECH

The Fédération Royale Marocaine de Boxe organized the 4th edition of the international amateur boxing tournament named "Mohammed VI Trophy" in Marrakech from May 16 to 22, 2010.

This biannual tournament, which is organized in a different city in Morocco each time, welcomed athletes from 19 countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Algeria, Egypt, France, Guinea, Jordan, Mauritius, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Seychelles and host country Morocco.

A total of 116 men and 22 women boxers competed in the tournament. To view the results, go to the [Amateur Boxing Results page](#).

NEWS FROM WSB

WSB LAUNCHES NEW ENHANCED WEB SITE

The World Series of Boxing launched its new consumer-focused Web site, worldseriesboxing.com, on May 25, 2010. The site emphasizes a cleaner, fresher and more professional look and feel and boasts several new multimedia features and improved navigation designed to help users find the latest news and developments of the WSB more easily.

With a section dedicated solely to the Franchises, the WSB Web site will give easy access to the 12 teams' personalized Web pages throughout the year, as they go live. The Boxers section has also been enhanced and now focuses on providing information to not just team executives and officials but boxing fans in particular.

For the upcoming International Draft, the World Series of Boxing Web site lists all available boxers and in the future will also provide a database of more in-depth information for each athlete as well as for competition schedules and results.

Take a look around at <http://www.worldseriesboxing.com>



WSB STAGES CONFERENCE FOR EUROPEAN FRANCHISE TEAMS

Representatives of three of the European World Series of Boxing (WSB) teams met in Geneva for a comprehensive overview of the preparations for the tournament last week.

The cities of Istanbul, Milan and Paris were represented in Geneva (the fourth city-based team, Moscow, attended the Asian conference late last week due to scheduling difficulties) by their senior management as they looked to concretize their planning for such things as national boxer recruitment, team development and venue operations.

Participants had a first look at some of the team logos, which will soon be unveiled on this Web site and enjoyed the first opportunity to share their experiences and seek ways to exploit synergies within the European conference.

Attention then moved to Delhi, where Videocon, the local franchise owner, kindly hosted a similar conference for the four Asian franchise teams of Astana, Baku, Beijing and Delhi.

ASTANA ARLANS FIRST WSB TEAM TO LAUNCH NAME AND LOGO

The city of Astana in Kazakhstan became the first of the 12 World Series of Boxing franchisees to launch its team name and team Logo on June 1st. The Astana Arlans will be competing out of the nation's capital in the WSB Asian conference against teams from Baku, Beijing and Delhi from November 2010.

The Astana Arlans' Commercial Manager, Mr Serik Kassymov, explained the thoughts behind the creation of the logo. "The Arlan is the alpha wolf and in our culture this is a very noble predator that is widely respected. We chose this as our logo to reflect both the aggressive nature of the sport but also the fact that boxing is known as the 'noble art'," he said. "We added the boxing gloves to clearly distinguish our sport and the framework in gold - also a typical colour of our country - with a view to making the logo work as a champion's belt as well."

