



International Boxing Association

TO: AIBA National Member Federations / Associations
DATE: November 28, 2008
SUBJECT: AIBA Executive Committee Decisions on AIBA Ethics Cases

Dear Presidents and Secretary Generals,

I would like to inform you of the AIBA Executive Committee's decisions on all recent unethical cases within our family which have caused severe damages to the image of our sport and to AIBA as a whole organization.

The AIBA Executive Committee held its 2nd Extraordinary Meeting on November 17 in Geneva, Switzerland. The members evaluated 15 unethical cases and unanimously voted as below.

In taking these measures, the AIBA Executive Committee has made significant steps towards illustrating once again that AIBA and the sport of boxing is no place for manipulation or political and dishonest behavior.

1. **Boxing Federation of Tanzania**

Case

- The Tanzania Boxing Federation President was involved in drug smuggling to Mauritius before the African Championships and got arrested
- The Tanzania Boxing Federation sent a letter to resign from its AIBA membership

Decisions

- To accept the resignation of the Boxing Federation of Tanzania and not recognize it as an AIBA member anymore
- To send a letter to the Tanzania National Olympic Committee, Tanzania Sports Minister and African Boxing Confederation requesting to be informed if elections are taking place and if new Executive Committee is nominated

2. **Mr Jean-Marie Akono Zé – AIBA EC Member**

Case

- Mr Jean-Marie Akono Zé violently harassed some ITOs and R/Js during the 2nd African Olympic Boxing Qualifying Tournament held in Namibia

Decision

- Not to nominate Mr Akono Zé as an ITO or any other official function for a period of 1 (one) year as the AIBA EC Members are responsible to emphasize the good image of AIBA and should not damage it by having a wrong attitude

3. Mr Adi Narayan – Former Chairperson of the AIBA Finance Commission

Case

- Mr Adi Narayan resigned from his position as Chairman of the AIBA Finance Commission in July
- Mr Narayan sent a letter to the AIBA President to admit he took US\$ 19'000 from AIBA and OBA funds in October
- Mr Narayan did not want to commit as to when he will pay the money back

Decisions

- To open a criminal action against Mr Narayan in the Cook Islands
- AIBA will do the same in Switzerland (AIBA HQs Office location), this due to the fact that the funds are the property of AIBA
- AIBA will send a letter to the Cook Islands National Olympic Committee, Cook Islands Sports Minister, Oceania Boxing Confederation and Cook Islands Boxing Federation to inform them on the situation

4. Dr Ed van Wijk – Former Chairperson of the AIBA Medical Commission

Case

- AIBA HQs Office sent a request to Dr Ed van Wijk to return the AIBA Medical Commission funds, all accounting statements and a lap top computer by November 7
- AIBA HQs Office received an email following this request
- It took over 8 months to Dr van Wijk to react
- Then, AIBA received a letter blaming the AIBA President and Executive Director

Decisions

- To open a legal action against Dr van Wijk in Switzerland (AIBA HQs Office location), this due to the fact that unreturned funds and the lap top computer are the property of AIBA
- To ban Dr van Wijk from boxing for 4 (four) years which will not allow Dr van Wijk to be involved in any functions or activities of AIBA
- AIBA will send a letter to the Dutch National Olympic Committee, Dutch Sports Minister, European Boxing Confederation and Dutch Boxing Federation to inform them on the situation

5. Hellenic (Greek) Boxing Federation

Case

- After the Greek boxer Ilias Pavlidis, in the 91kg category, lost against a Cuban boxer in Beijing, the Secretary General of the Federation gave a TV interview and sent an email to all European Federations, with copy to IOC, to accuse AIBA as being a corrupted organization

- President Wu sent a letter to ask the Federation for its position as the above mentioned email gave the impression the Federation did not want to work with AIBA in the future
- The Federation replied that it wanted to remain an AIBA member, nothing else

Decisions

- To ask the Greek Federation to dissociate with the person who made the statements in the TV interview and email, Mr Periklis Trikaliotis, immediately
- To urge the Greek Federation to make a public apology on the wrong statements and allegations against AIBA made in both TV interview and email
- To suspend the Greek Federation for 2 years if the Federation does not take any of the above actions required by AIBA

6. Mr Marin Dimitrov – President of the Bulgarian Boxing Federation

Case

- Mr Marin Dimitrov wrote a letter addressed to IOC President
- Mr Dimitrov circulated this letter to all National Member Federations / Associations

Decisions

- To ban Mr Dimitrov from all AIBA approved events, AIBA congresses, AIBA meetings (in Europe as well) for a period of 8 (eight) years
- AIBA will send a letter to the Bulgarian National Olympic Committee, Bulgarian Ministry of Sports and European Boxing Confederation regarding this decision

7. Kazakhstan Officials at the 1st AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships

Case

- During the 1st AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships held in Guadalajara last October, two officials from Kazakhstan manipulated the score by exchanging signals
- AIBA suspended both of them immediately and they were sent out of the competition

Decision

- This case should be dealt with by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission and a decision should be taken by the end of January 2009

8. Mr Ihor Gaidamak – AIBA EC Member

Case

- AIBA HQs Office received complaint letter from the former Vice-President of the Ukraine Boxing Federation in which he accuses Mr Ihor Gaidamak of manipulation during the Ukraine National Championships

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- AIBA HQs Office received another complaint letter from a regional president on Mr Gaidamak's wrong activities
- Mr Gaidamak was interviewed by the local newspaper "24" on August 28 and blamed AIBA and its leadership

Decisions

- To ask the Ukraine Boxing Federation to deal internally with all issues regarding accusations by regional boxing entities or former member of the Federation towards Mr Gaidamak; however, the AIBA EC is very concerned by this type of development which could harm the sport in Ukraine, therefore, the AIBA EC demanded further report on the management of this matter by the Federation at its earliest convenience
- To ask Mr Gaidamak to clarify the article which was published in the Ukraine newspaper "24"; AIBA gives Mr Gaidamak an opportunity to correct this matter in the press by sending the corrected proof to AIBA no later than December 21
- However, if Mr Gaidamak cannot make this correction
 - Suspend Mr Gaidamak from any appointment as an ITO or any other official function for a period of 1 (one) year
 - AIBA will send a letter to the Ukraine National Olympic Committee, Ukraine Sports Minister, European Boxing Confederation and the Ukraine Boxing Federation to inform them of the situation; AIBA EC Members are responsible to emphasize the good image of AIBA and should not destroy it by using their AIBA EC position on a national level

9. Mr Manuel Lopez – AIBA EC Member

Case

- Mr Manuel Lopez received a suspension from AIBA on August 21
- Mr Lopez is continuously stirring AIBA with rumors and wrong allegations

Decisions

- To ratify Mr Lopez's FULL suspension from his Executive Committee membership this due to his actions during the SEA Games
- To extend Mr Lopez's FULL suspension from his Executive Committee membership for an additional period of two years this due to his continuous circulated allegations without evidence which is a big offense to AIBA's image

10. Turkish Boxing Federation

Case

- The Turkish Boxing Federation held its National Boxing Election on October 18
- AIBA HQs Office received several letters from the opposition that the election was manipulated by Mr Caner Doganeli

Decision

- To request a report on the Turkish Boxing Federation election running from the National Olympic Committee of Turkey and to take further action upon receipt of the answer

11. Greenhill

Case

- Greenhill has sent many letters all over to criticize AIBA
- Although Greenhill is no longer an AIBA licensee, it promotes itself as an AIBA licensee
- AIBA HQs Office is now in the process of preparing a legal action against Greenhill

Decisions

- To inform National Member Federations / Associations not to use Greenhill equipment in any AIBA approved events as stated in the AIBA Technical and Competition Rules. The comments and dialogs from this company are still full of ill intentions to bring down the image of our sport and to damage our efforts to make of AIBA a transparent organization. We would sincerely appreciate your efforts to protect the current AIBA licensed manufacturers by refusing to share any information with Greenhill.

12. Mr Mohamed Shbib – AIBA EC Member

Case

- The AIBA EC Bureau had a meeting on November 16, 2008 and suspended Mr Mohamed Shbib based on his wrong behavior during the Beijing Olympic Games

Decisions

- Mr Shbib will no longer have the right to vote at EC meeting(s) and will not be appointed as an official for any AIBA approved events
- The AIBA EC Bureau has appointed the AIBA Disciplinary Commission to further investigate this case

13. Mr Rudel Obreja – AIBA Vice President

- The AIBA EC decided to wait for the decision(s) of the AIBA Disciplinary Commission for this case

14. Tunis Center

Case

- The Tunis Center was one of the organizations investigated by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
- The AIBA Ethics Commission reported that the case needed to be further investigated

Decisions

- Based on the AIBA Ethics Commission recommendation and the AIBA EC decision to have some further investigation on the management of the Tunis Center, AIBA will order a full audit
- AIBA will then evaluate and review the future of the Tunis Center

15. Lt. Gen. Taweeep Jantararoj – AIBA EC Member

Case

- Lt. Gen. Taweeep Jantararoj was interviewed by a Thai newspaper and by a TV station and accused AIBA of manipulation
- T. Jantararoj was then asked to explain himself and on October 10, a letter in which he denies having given this interview was received by AIBA

Decision

- As further evidence is awaited, this case will be further dealt with during the 2009 AIBA EC meeting to be held in February 2009 in Milan, Italy

Nevertheless, most of us are continuously receiving e-mails and letters accusing AIBA without any concrete proofs and evidences. It is really sad to realize how unethical and corrupted people are desperate to survive by causing problems within current AIBA administration. But politics exist in any sports organization and I am willing to accept constructive suggestions and criticism for the betterment of our sports development. However, I will never tolerate any organized harassment and ill-intended manipulations in order to protect our sport, boxers and organization.

Yours sincerely,



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President

cc: AIBA Executive Committee Members
Mr Ricardo Contreras, Chairman of the AIBA Legal Commission
AIBA Disciplinary Commission Members