



Coaches Committee Meeting – 20th April 2021, Kielce

Attendees to the meeting

Chair	Ervin Kade
Vice-Chair	William Walsh
	Makhaya Mofu
	Sebusiso Keketsi
	Adam Kusior
	Gabriele Martelli
	Anne Tjonndal
	Santiago Nieva
	Kevin Smith
	Shinsuke Umeshita
	Jose Sepulveda
	Chuanliang Zhang
Apologies	Liam Bolger

1. Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson – *Ervin Kade*
2. Working criteria of the committee
3. Coaches Committee's Objectives & Role
4. Presentation of the new Committee Members
5. Previous Program of the Committee presented
6. Previous Coaches commission future Plan presented

Future events: mix double boxing, WSB for women, II World Congress for Coaches organization

AIBA Rules: Code of conduct, New weight categories, National colors for boxers' uniform

Development: Coaches & Instructors education, Technical School, Fitness Boxing education

Communication: Cooperation with universities, AIBA HQs, Technical School, Continental Academy served as the main venue for educational courses

Governance: Recommendations to EC and AIBA, Cooperation with other AIBA Committees



Education: Technical School, E-learning, Courses for female boxers, Developing and updating manuals, Regular amendments to AIBA Coaches courses, Including women in WSB program and Olympics, Development of Ant-Doping Education program

7. Programs of the new AIBA Coaches Committee

Development of the AIBA Coaches training and certification

It is planned to update manuals and focus on e-learning system development and online courses.

A good example of such courses could be online courses held in Ecuador in November 2020. The same importance should be placed to theory teaching and practical training. In order to make the courses more efficient video materials should be prepared.

Development of the regulations that apply for coaches within AIBA

It is needed to provide eligibility of the coaches especially for the young ones who want to receive new knowledge and become certified. In the regard of *Rule 14.2.1.* stating that «in the corner there should be only certified coaches but in certain cases AIBA can allow non-certified coaches to participate», the Coaches Committee should make more coaches certified and organize special courses (e.g. Cutmen Course).

Implementation of the Coaches management system

Two options for certified coaches to refresh their technical knowledge were approved: either to go to the competition or to take a look at the online platform.

Promotion of coaching in boxing

The Chairperson – *Ervin Kade* – emphasized that one of the main objectives of the committee is «to honor and give recommendations to the coaches at different levels and develop coaching worldwide». Lifetime learning is considered by the members as the main tool for experienced coaches working as mentors and instructors.

8. Organization of the work in the Coaches Committee

Time schedule: Coaches certification courses & Improving E-learning system before the Olympics in Tokyo, New Instructor course at national and international level after the Olympics.

Communication: Regular Contact meeting & Zoom meeting, Communication with coaches, NFs and Confederations, Presence of the committee in social media, Online Boxing School.

Teams: Coaches team to provide training programs for the athletes;

Instructor team to provide coaches training material and aspects of Certification courses;



Confederation team to build communication between Confederations and the Committee to know the needs of each Confederation as the resources may vary;

Female Coaches team to elaborate female coaches manual and female coaches training course.

9. Cooperation among the AIBA Committees

It was also highlighted that to keep AIBA identity close cooperation among all AIBA Committees is needed as in the past there were no such communication opportunities to share views and experience.

10. Headguard issue

The Committee members agreed that there is a need to elaborate ideas to make boxing more attractive for all the stakeholders in financial and spectacular point of view but to at the same time to make safer for the boxers. In this regard, the headguards question was put into discussion. It was highlighted that the cuts for the last years were not produced by the gloves but from head or elbow clashes. Thus, the situation with cuts has not changed dramatically according to statistics. It was decided to discuss this issue with Medical & Anti-Doping Committee and ask for thorough research and receive latest statistics. The medical and scientific research is needed to have a clear understanding of future changes as the reason of rejecting the headguard was to promote boxing.

11. Qualification and ranking system

The problem of possibilities for the athletes to be qualified in unpredictable circumstances was also raised at the meeting as in current situation qualifies can be canceled like it was at American Olympic Qualifies. The committee members emphasized that it could be difficult and mentally tough for the athletes as they do not have opportunities to be qualified. It was also noted that a big issue is still the ranking system that has to be regularly updated.

To find other options for qualifications closer communication among all stakeholders, especially AIBA Competitions Committee, is needed. The Chairperson highlighted that it is an issue to have ranking of active boxers not considering only the competitions that were in the past because nowadays the ranking is based on this criterion. It was suggested developing a competition system where you can achieve ranking points for the Olympics similar to the existed system in tennis.

12. Evaluation of boxing

It was agreed that boxing is changing a lot in terms of level of speed, intensity and technique. There is a need to adapt to these changes and focus on lifelong learning opportunities for the coaches both in person and online. It is also crucial to look at boxing evaluation to see how to provide safety for the boxers.



13. Closing remarks by the Chairperson

The Chairperson thanked the members both being present and joining the meeting online for a fruitful discussion and said that it was a great opportunity to organize a hybrid meeting during the Youth World Championships in Kielce, Poland. He kindly asked the members to think carefully on the key questions raised by the committee to be prepared for the next meeting to be held online in May.

Chairperson of the AIBA Coaches Committee

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Ervin Kade

AIBA President Office Manager

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