



Competitions Committee Meeting – May 20th 2021, Kielce, Poland

Attendees to the meeting

Chair	Michael Müller
Vice-Chair	Zsuzsanna Tóth
	Jeremie Besson
	Abdulla Alzaabi
	Meiram Nurtazin
	Taolo Tlouetsile
Apologies	Matthew Johnson
Absent	John Dovi
	Sumayd Khalidov

1. Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson – *Michael Müller*
2. Welcoming remarks by AIBA Secretary General
3. Presentation of the new Committee Members
4. Working criteria of the Competitions Committee

5. Goal 1. Complete Renovation of the AIBA Educational program (for ITO's, R&J's, coaches, cutmen)

It was emphasized that there is a need to develop a strong instructor team – a group of maximum 20 competent specialists following good-style and not connected with illegal issues, especially corruption, whose candidatures have to be carefully revised by the legal advisors.

There are 3 main criteria for AIBA Officials: No corruption / Good lifestyle / High potential for the job

6. Goal 2. Improvement of the Rule 20 (Bout Review)

It was noted by the Chairperson that good first step in the tournament in Kielce were taken but further development steps are needed with closer cooperation with R&J Committee. There is a need to make it clear for mutual understanding of athletes, coaches and visitors and all the parties involved. It was also emphasized that a special attention should be put on financial peculiarities of the rule as some financially independent countries could benefit from applying for a bout review more frequently.

7. Goal 3. Introduction of the principle of the second chance.

It was emphasized that considering the fact that in boxing there is a strict system as the first losing bout is a finish of a tournament, the second chance for a medal should be provided to the athletes. In this case the losers of quarterfinals and semi-finals could fight for bronze.



8. Goal 4. Public Scoring of the bouts

It was highly emphasized that transparency is needed for everyone to have a clear picture of scoring. It was agreed that public-scoring system used in Kielce is a that one that should be applied widely as Coaches and spectators can see developing of the results of each bout on TV screen.

9. Goal 5. 'Ten Point Must' Rule

It was reminded that currently there are 4 criteria for the referee to take a decision but the problem is that there is no main criteria – it might be either domination in the bout or the number of punches. The main question raised is if the existing system should keep being used with further providing a full understanding from each party of how it has to work or the additional number of clear punches could be a better system. It was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting of the committee at the end of May.

10. Remarks by AIBA Secretary General

Mr Kovács highlighted a very important role that Competitions Committee plays especially in such a crucial moment AIBA is going through. He emphasized that the organization are at the lucky position at the moment as there is an opportunity to renew the system. The Secretary General also said any violation must be reported and immediate steps to tackle the issues must be taken. In conclusion, he noted that all stakeholders had different experience in the above-mentioned points, thus sharing of knowledge and opinions are vitally important to take the right decisions.

11. Additional remarks by the committee members

It was agreed by the members that principle of equal categories should be applied to provide the athletes to fight with the same-level rivals in different leagues. The same level. It will allow step-by-step development of the boxers and provide them with more opportunities to achieve high results.

It was also supported that a position of Ombudsmen is needed to have an independent and impartial opinion concerning bout review. The need for implication of score-book was also noted in this regard to get more accurate results during each bout.

12. Closing remarks by the Chairperson

The Chairperson expressed his gratitude to all committee members who managed to be presented physically in the meeting and also those connected online and asked for thorough consideration of the points discussed to have a clearer understanding for the next committee meeting in May. It was also stressed that discussions with other Chairpersons will follow the meeting in order to share opinions in each sphere.



Chairperson of the AIBA Competitions Committee

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Michael Müller

AIBA President Office Manager

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