



# **AIBA Statutes**

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The Statutes of the International Boxing Association are as follows:

## CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Statutes, the following capitalized terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this article 1.1:

<b>“AIBA”</b>	means the International Boxing Association;
<b>“AIBA Anti-Doping Rules”</b>	means the rules governing the AIBA Anti-Doping including disciplinary processes as amended from time to time in accordance with WADA;
<b>“AIBA Bylaws”</b>	means the regulations supplementing, complementing and completing these Statutes;
<b>“AIBA Code of Ethics”</b>	means the code governing behavior in respect of AIBA, each Confederation, each National Federation and any Official including Competition Official or Boxer;
<b>“AIBA Competitions”</b>	means any boxing match, competition, event, league or tournament which is authorized and approved in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules (AOB, APB and WSB);
<b>“AIBA Disciplinary Code”</b>	means the code governing disciplinary matters applicable to AIBA, each Confederation, each National Federation and any Official including Competition Official or Boxer;
<b>“AIBA Headquarters”</b>	means the head administrative office of AIBA based in Lausanne, Switzerland, or such other location as may be decided by the Executive Committee;
<b>“AIBA Procedural Rules”</b>	means the rules and regulations governing the conduct of disciplinary proceedings and appeal proceedings under the AIBA Disciplinary Code;
<b>“AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competitions Rules”</b>	means the rules governing technical and competition related aspects of the 3 AIBA Programs (AOB, APB and WSB);
<b>“Annual Affiliation Fee”</b>	means an amount of US\$ 250.00 due and payable by each National Federation to AIBA annually on or before March 31 of each year;
<b>“AOB”</b>	means AIBA Open Boxing (which was previously known as the amateur level boxing);
<b>“APB”</b>	means AIBA Pro Boxing;

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<b>“BMA”</b>	means the Boxing Marketing Arm, the exclusive marketing agency for all AIBA commercial properties, managing all properties of AOB, APB and WSB and owned by AIBA and third party investors;
<b>“Boxer”</b>	means any athlete registered by an AIBA National Member Federation and a member of AIBA;
<b>“Competition Official”</b>	means any person appointed or certified to act as referee, judge, supervisor, ringside physician, international technical official or any assigned official position at AIBA Competitions;
<b>“Confederation”</b>	means an AIBA continental affiliated organization;
<b>“Election Committee”</b>	means the committee of persons appointed to manage the entire election procedure of AIBA;
<b>“Executive Committee”</b>	means the body of EC members elected by the Congress;
<b>“National Federation”</b>	means a legal entity recognized by AIBA as the governing body for the sport of boxing in its respective country which complies in all aspects with the AIBA Statutes, AIBA Bylaws, AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, AIBA Code of Ethics, AIBA Disciplinary Code, AIBA Procedural Rules and AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;
<b>“Official”</b>	means any elected or appointed persons of AIBA, any Confederation or any National Federation, and any other person responsible for technical, medical or administrative matters in AIBA, any Confederation or any National Federation including but not limited to coaches and trainers;
<b>“WSB”</b>	means the World Series of Boxing as organized and administered by the World Series of Boxing SA which was created and is owned by AIBA.

1.2 In these Statutes, unless otherwise specified:

- (A) references to articles are references to articles of these Statutes;
- (B) references to a “person” shall be construed so as to include any individual, firm, company, corporation, body corporate, government, state or agency of a state, local or municipal authority or government body or any joint venture, association, federation, confederation or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
- (C) a reference to any statute or statutory provision (including, without limitation, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules) shall be construed as a reference to the same as it may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, modified or re-enacted; and
- (D) references to time are made according to Swiss time.

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1.3 All headings and titles are inserted for convenience only. They are to be ignored in the interpretation of these Statutes.

## 2. LEGAL STATUS AND HEADQUARTERS

2.1 The International Boxing Association, abbreviated in all languages as AIBA, is a non-governmental association with a non-profit making purpose of International interest.

2.2 It is founded for an unlimited period of time and governed by Article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code and by the present Statutes.

2.3 AIBA is located in Lausanne (Switzerland) and may be transferred to another location following a decision adopted by the Executive Committee.

## 3. MISSION

The mission of AIBA is to govern the sport of boxing in all its forms worldwide.

## 4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of AIBA are in particular:

- (A) to improve, promote and spread worldwide the sport of boxing in all its forms, in the light of its educational, cultural and sports values and to initiate programs designed to support young athletes;
- (B) to generally promote boxing as a healthy and educational activity for people, to protect the safety of Boxers and their welfare at all levels, notably by promoting and controlling good sporting practice;
- (C) to develop the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules and to ensure their enforcement in all competitions organized by AIBA, including APB and WSB, each Confederation and any National Federation;
- (D) to organize its own international and multi-continental competitions/events;
- (E) to regulate boxing in all its forms in accordance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;
- (F) to exercise governance approval authority over the statutes, constitutions, bylaws, technical & competition rules, code of ethics, disciplinary code and procedural rules of Confederations and National Federations;
- (G) to ensure unity among AIBA, the Confederations and the National Federations;

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- (H) to respect the Olympic Charter and further promote the sport of boxing;
- (I) to promote the involvement of women in the sport of boxing and enhance women's boxing programs;
- (J) to combat doping and integrity issues that might damage the sport of boxing; and
- (K) to train and improve the quality and transparency of all Officials including Competition Officials.

## 5. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination on any ground such as gender, ethnicity, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion in accordance with the AIBA Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Code of Ethics and the AIBA Disciplinary Code.

## 6. ENFORCING STATUTES, OTHER RULES AND DECISIONS

- 6.1 Confederations, National Federations, Officials, Competition Officials, Boxers and any other person or organization subject to these Statutes must always comply with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the Anti-Doping Rules.
- 6.2 The statutes, constitution and/or bylaws of Confederations and all National Federations must explicitly recognize the obligation created by article 6.1. In furtherance of this obligation, Confederations and all National Federations must ensure that there is a specific article in the statutes, constitution and/or bylaws governing such Confederation or National Federation which repeats the provisions of article 6.1 and applies such provisions to all Officials, Competition Officials and Boxers recognized by such Confederation or National Federation.
- 6.3 In furtherance of article 6.1, each Confederation and National Federation hereby undertakes to AIBA, as a condition of their recognition as such under these Statutes, to take all such action as is required to ensure compliance with article 6.1 by any Boxer, Official or Competition Official affiliated to, registered with, or recognized by that National Confederation or Federation, including (but not limited to) by enforcing any decision of the Executive Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or any other Commission against any such Boxer, Official or Competition Official.



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## 7. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

- 7.1 Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the official languages of the Congress.
- 7.2 English is the administrative language for minutes, correspondence, announcements, regulations and decisions of AIBA, including all correspondence between AIBA and Confederations, National Federations, Officials, Competition Officials, the Executive Committee, each Commission and the AIBA Headquarters. National Federations are responsible for translations from English into the language of their country.
- 7.3 These Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules will be translated from English into Arabic, French, Spanish and Russian at the discretion of the President from time to time. In the event of any discrepancy between such documents, the English text shall prevail.
- 7.4 Where necessary in the discretion of the President, qualified interpreters shall translate from English and any other official language into the official languages of AIBA, including during the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee. Delegates at Congress may speak in their mother tongue if the National Federation which appointed such delegate ensures that an interpreter is available to provide an interpretation into one of the official languages of AIBA. The interpreter must also be a validly appointed delegate of the relevant National Federation.
- 7.5 The meetings of the Executive Committee are held in English. The meetings of each Commission are held in English.

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## CHAPTER II: MEMBERSHIP OF AIBA

### 8. MEMBERSHIP

8.1 Any legal entity which:

- (A) is responsible for governing the sport of boxing in its country; and
- (B) which has been admitted to membership in accordance with article 9,

is a National Federation recognized as a member of AIBA and, subject to these Statutes, may exercise all such rights as are attributable to a National Federation.

8.2 AIBA shall admit only one National Federation from each country. Any entity affiliated to a National Federation cannot be affiliated to AIBA separately.

8.3 A National Federation cannot be affiliated to or recognized by any non-AIBA professional boxing organization or body or any other world, continental, or international boxing federation or association. This shall not apply to National Federations that already have an existing professional boxing program. National Federations that already have an existing professional boxing program must take steps, such steps to be satisfactory to AIBA, to ensure that by December 31, 2016 such professional boxing program is subject to the rules and falls within the structure of APB.

8.4 Maintaining membership of AIBA is the primary obligation of any National Federation. The obligations of a National Federation under these Statutes supersede the obligations of a National Federation to any other body.

### 9. ADMISSION AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

9.1 Any legal entity may be admitted as a provisional member by a decision of the Executive Committee.

9.2 A provisional member is admitted as a National Federation with full membership rights on a decision of the Congress ratifying the decision of the Executive Committee to admit the provisional member.

9.3 A National Federation may have its membership status cancelled if the National Federation:

- (A) resigns such membership;
- (B) is excluded from AIBA by a decision of the Executive Committee ratified by the Congress;  
or
- (C) if the relevant legal entity comprising the National Federation is dissolved.

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## 10. REQUEST AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- 10.1 An application to the Executive Committee to be admitted as a provisional member must be sent to the AIBA Headquarters and must include the following:
- (A) the applicant's official address and contact details;
  - (B) a copy of the governing statutes, constitution or bylaws of the applicant;
  - (C) if deemed necessary by AIBA, documentation and/or written confirmation from the competent National Authorities, such as National Olympic Committee or Ministry of Sport, of the applicant's country may be requested;
  - (D) an undertaking by the applicant to comply with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules, as well as to ensure that Officials, Competition Officials, Boxers and other persons affiliated to, or registered with the applicant will so comply; and,
  - (E) a summary of the past and present activities of the applicant in regards to the development of the sport of boxing in the relevant country;
  - (F) a list of the applicant's active members (i.e. number of clubs, Boxers, coaches, Officials and Competition Officials affiliated to or registered with the applicant).
- 10.2 The AIBA Headquarters shall verify that each application for admission is complete and shall compile a detailed report for the Executive Committee describing the applicant's role in supervising boxing in the relevant country and providing general information on the organization of the applicant. In particular, the report shall assess the capability of the applicant to act in the interest of boxing in the country.
- 10.3 Following review of the initial application and the report from the AIBA Headquarters, the Executive Committee may make a determination to admit the applicant as a provisional member, or may request further information from the applicant prior to making such determination at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## 11. SEQUENCE OF ADMISSION

- 11.1 An applicant shall acquire provisional membership rights and duties applicable to a provisional member on and from the date on which the Executive Committee decides to admit the applicant as a provisional member.
- 11.2 A provisional member shall acquire full membership rights and duties applicable to a National Federation on and from the date on which the Congress ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee and admits the provisional member as a National Federation.

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## 12. RIGHTS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

12.1 National Federations have the following rights as full members of AIBA:

- (A) to participate and vote during the Congress;
- (B) to be informed in advance of the agenda of the Congress which will be convened in a timely manner;
- (C) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
- (D) to nominate candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, and EC Members;
- (E) to take part in AIBA Competitions and other competitions sanctioned by AIBA, any Confederation or any National Federation; and
- (F) to exercise all other rights arising from these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules.

12.2 Provisional members have the following rights as provisional members of AIBA:

- (A) to take part in AIBA Competitions and other competitions sanctioned by AIBA, any Confederation or any National Federation; and
- (B) to exercise all other rights arising from these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules (except all rights related to Congress elections such as applying for positions, nominating a candidate or voting, the latter until full membership is granted).

12.3 For the avoidance of doubt, in regard to any right or benefit receivable by any National Federation or provisional member from AIBA, the National Federations have priority to receive such rights and benefits ahead of the provisional members.

## 13. OBLIGATIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

National Federations and provisional members have the following obligations:

- (A) to abstain from any behavior detrimental to AIBA;
- (B) to comply fully with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules, and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules as well as, to the extent that such

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are in compliance with the foregoing, decisions of the Executive Committee and each Commission, as well as the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);

- (C) to ensure that their own members, clubs, Officials, Competition Officials, Boxers, and any person or organization connected to the sport of boxing within their country complies with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules,, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;
- (D) to submit their statutes, constitutions and bylaws (including an English translation of their statutes, constitutions and bylaws if such statutes, constitutions and bylaws are in a language other than English) to AIBA for approval whenever such statutes are adopted or amended, which shall come into force only after receiving AIBA's approval and which shall not be subject to approval by any other external body;
- (E) to submit the results of any election of officers of the National Federation and the organizational structure of the National Federation to AIBA for final approval and recognition;
- (F) to promptly pay any monies due to AIBA including but not limited to Annual Affiliation Fee, disciplinary fines and monies due in respect of equipment provided;
- (G) to participate in the AIBA Competitions listed in article 56.5 of these Statutes;
- (H) to create a separate department within each National Federation to run and administer the APB program in their country;
- (I) to accept and cooperate with a WSB Franchise operating in their jurisdiction to ensure the success of the program;
- (J) to govern, organize, promote and represent the sport of boxing in accordance with the AIBA Statutes, AIBA Bylaws, AIBA Technical Rules, AIBA 3 Program Competition Rule, AIBA Code of Ethics, AIBA Disciplinary Code, AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules within its territory by establishing appropriate rules and regulations concerning the practice of the sport and the eligibility of boxers to participate in national competitions and AIBA Competitions;
- (K) to prohibit any person who has officiated in any non-AIBA professional boxing match to register as an Officials, Competition Officials with AIBA or any Confederation, unless that person is recertified by AIBA in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules; and
- (L) to prohibit any person to hold office on the Executive Committee of AIBA or any Confederation if that person holds, or has previously held, after January 1, 2007, a position in any non-AIBA professional boxing organization or has been involved in the organization, promotion or administration or professional boxing including a professional boxing event.

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## 14. EXCLUSION OF ALL EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE

- 14.1 The election and appointment processes adopted by each National Federation must be approved by AIBA and each National Federation must prevent any and all external interference in their election and appointment processes. AIBA may send an observer to the election in the discretion of the President or at the request of the National Federation (in which case the National Federation shall pay the costs and expenses of such observer).
- 14.2 Any person elected or appointed as an officer of the National Federation who is not selected in compliance with article 14.1 shall not be recognized by AIBA.
- 14.3 Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with article 14.1 shall not be recognized by AIBA.

## 15. RESIGNATION

- 15.1 By resigning, the National Federation loses membership of AIBA.
- 15.2 A National Federation may resign membership from AIBA with immediate effect. Notice of resignation must be received by the AIBA Headquarters.

## 16. DISSOLUTION

If a National Federation is disbanded or dissolved, its membership of AIBA shall automatically be cancelled.

## 17. SUSPENSION

- 17.1 A National Federation may be suspended in accordance with the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code or the AIBA Procedural Rules by the Executive Committee, the EC Bureau or the Disciplinary Commission, if need be with immediate effect.
- 17.2 The membership rights of a suspended National Federation shall automatically lapse during the suspension period, unless the Executive Committee, the EC Bureau or the Disciplinary Commission, as the case may be, determines otherwise.

All decisions to suspend a National Federation will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Commission in the first instance in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules. Boxers and coaches affiliated to such suspended National Federation will also be suspended from all AIBA Competitions unless otherwise stated.

- 17.3 Other National Federations must not entertain sporting contact or any AIBA business relations with a suspended National Federation. Any National Federation which violates this article 17.3 will be subject to a sanction in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Code.

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- 17.4 Any National Federation not in compliance with article 13(F) of these Statutes will automatically lose its rights in accordance with article 12.1 in respect of Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses except for the right to participate in AIBA Competitions in accordance with article 12.1(E) (or article 12.2(A) in the case of a provisional member). Rights of membership, excluding the right to attend and/or vote at the relevant Congress, will be restored to the National Federation upon receipt of payment of all amounts outstanding.
- 17.5 Any National Federation not participating in any of the AIBA Competitions listed in article 56.5 of these Statutes, during the period between two Ordinary Congresses up until one month before the new Congress, shall have no right to propose candidates, apply for positions and take part in the Congress, thus voting in the elections generally.
- 17.6 A National Federation shall be suspended if the National Federation is no longer performing as the governing body of the sport of boxing in its country as determined in the discretion of AIBA.

### **18. EXCLUSION**

- 18.1 If a National Federation is excluded, its membership rights shall automatically be cancelled.
- 18.2 A National Federation may be excluded by a decision of the Executive Committee if the National Federation commits a severe violation of these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules. The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, warn a National Federation that its conduct may lead to exclusion before making such decision. Any decision by the Executive Committee to exclude a National Federation must be made subject to ratification by Congress.
- 18.3 In circumstances where a National Federation has been excluded in accordance with the provisions of this article 18, Boxers and coaches affiliated to such an excluded National Federation may not be permitted to participate in AIBA Competitions unless otherwise stated.

### **19. HONORARY POSITIONS AND AWARDS**

- 19.1 The Executive Committee may recommend the title of Honorary President, Honorary Vice President, or Honorary Member be bestowed upon any person for meritorious service to boxing. Such recommendation must be subject to ratification by the Congress.
- 19.2 An Honorary President, Honorary Vice President or Honorary Member may attend the Congress as an observer and may speak in any debate, but shall not have any voting right.
- 19.3 The Executive Committee may develop an AIBA Order of Merit and may award persons who have given exemplary service to AIBA with an AIBA Order of Merit in accordance with the procedures for selection set out in the AIBA Bylaws.

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## 20. CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

- 20.1 National Federations that belong to the same continent have formed the following Confederations, which are affiliated to AIBA:
- (A) African Boxing Confederation (AFBC);
  - (B) American Boxing Confederation (AMBC);
  - (C) Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC);
  - (D) European Boxing Confederation (EUBC); and
  - (E) Oceania Boxing Confederation (OCBC).
- 20.2 AIBA has the right to recognize only one Confederation in each continent.
- 20.3 Each Confederation shall have the following rights:
- (A) to organize its own continental competitions/events in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules; and
  - (B) to procure the funds necessary to fulfill its duties.
- 20.4 Each Confederation shall have the following obligations:
- (A) to comply with and enforce compliance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;
  - (B) to abide by the directions of AIBA in furtherance of the objectives contained in article 4;
  - (C) to organize international competitions/events with the authorization and under the direction of AIBA; and
  - (D) to submit annual financial and activity reports to the Executive Committee of AIBA, and to obtain approval of all annual budgets and business plans.
- 20.5 Each Confederation must submit their constitution and bylaws, as well as any amendment to such documents, to the Executive Committee of AIBA for approval. Such constitutions and bylaws come into force only once they are approved by the Executive Committee of AIBA.



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## CHAPTER III: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF AIBA

### 21. LEGAL BODIES OF AIBA

21.1 The legal bodies of AIBA are the following:

- (A) the Congress;
- (B) the Executive Committee and the EC Bureau;
- (C) the Office of President; and
- (D) the Disciplinary and Ethics Commissions.

21.2 Commissions are not considered as legal bodies of AIBA. Such Commissions shall only have the duties of recommending programs and plans to the Executive Committee and participating in the implementation of those programs under the supervision of AIBA Headquarters as specified by the Executive Committee from time to time.

### 22. CONGRESS

22.1 The Congress is an assembly to which all National Federations are convened at least once every four years.

22.2 Each National Federation is represented at the Congress by a maximum of three (3) appointed delegates. One (1) appointed delegate must be specified as the delegate who will vote on behalf of the relevant National Federation. The costs and expenses of an economy class airfare, accommodation and meals incurred by one (1) delegate in attending the Ordinary Congress will be paid by AIBA.

22.3 Delegates must hold office as the president, vice president, executive director/secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation who appointed the delegate, and must have been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes of that National Federation. The appointment of the delegate must be authorized in writing by the president of the National Federation. A delegate cannot represent more than one National Federation during the Congress. An EC Member may be appointed as a delegate.

22.4 The President, the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Legal Counsel and other EC Members, as well as the Executive Director and administrative staff of AIBA, are convened to the Congress. The Executive Committee shall decide if any other participant is allowed at the Congress.

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## 23. POWERS OF CONGRESS

The Congress is the supreme legislative body of AIBA. The Congress has the following powers:

- (A) votes to adopt and amend these Statutes;
- (B) elects the President, each Vice President and the other EC Members every four years, and may, in an Extraordinary Congress, convened in accordance with these Statutes, remove any such persons from office by a majority of no-confidence;
- (C) appoints, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, a person as an Honorary President, Honorary Vice President or Honorary Member of AIBA;
- (D) approves the minutes of the preceding Congress;
- (E) approves the consolidated and audited financial report;
- (F) decides the level of the Annual Affiliation Fee;
- (G) ratifies the admission or exclusion of National Federations following the decision of the Executive Committee; and
- (H) disbands or dissolves AIBA.

## 24. ORDINARY CONGRESS AND EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

24.1 A Congress may be an Ordinary or an Extraordinary Congress.

24.2 An Ordinary Congress shall be held every four years.

24.3 The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time, or shall convene it within a period of three months if one third of the National Federations make such a request in writing. The request must specify the items for the agenda and the proposal of solution with a brief explanation.

24.4 The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date of the Congress. The National Federations shall be notified in writing at least four months in advance for an Ordinary Congress and three months in advance for an Extraordinary Congress. Date and place of the Congress, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, cannot be changed unless unforeseen circumstances occurred or in case of force majeure. In any such case, the Executive Committee will decide of changes by means of an email vote.

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## 25. DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR CONGRESS

The formal distribution of any document relating to the Congress, including the Agenda, shall be made to all National Federations eligible to attend the Congress, pursuant to article 17.4 and article 17.5, at least one month before the date of either the Ordinary Congress or the Extraordinary Congress.

## 26. AGENDA FOR CONGRESS

- 26.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the agenda of the Ordinary Congress. Each National Federation may submit to the Executive Committee written proposals at least two months before the date of the Congress. Such proposals must be supported in writing by at least fifteen (15) other National Federations with a brief explanation of the rationale(s) for the proposals. The Executive Committee may determine whether or not such proposals are appropriate to be considered by the Congress, and may include or exclude such proposals on the agenda as deemed fit by the Executive Committee.
- 26.2 The Executive Committee shall determine the agenda of the Extraordinary Congress if it is convened by the Executive Committee. It is mandatory that the agenda includes the proposals of the National Federations if they have requested to hold the Extraordinary Congress.
- 26.3 The agenda cannot be changed and must specify the proposals made by the Executive Committee and those made by the National Federations and approved by the Executive Committee.

## 27. CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

- 27.1 The President shall preside over the Congress.
- 27.2 Time will be allotted for the delegates to speak.
- 27.3 The AIBA Bylaws shall provide a detailed structure of the Congress proceedings, which shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

## 28. VOTING

- 28.1 Each National Federation has one vote in the Congress and exercises its voting right through the vote cast by the appointed voting delegate.
- 28.2 The Treasurer, Legal Counsel, EC Members, and any Honorary President, Honorary Vice President or Honorary Members of AIBA cannot vote, unless the EC Member has been validly appointed as a voting delegate by the relevant National Federation.
- 28.3 Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. No delegate may be forced to vote.

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- 28.4 Elections will be conducted by secret ballot and an electronic voting system is allowed to be used. For all matters requiring the counting of votes, the President must appoint five scrutineers, one from each Confederation, to supervise the collation and counting of all votes cast at the Congress. The scrutineers shall coordinate with the AIBA Headquarters for the organization of the voting procedure.
- 28.5 Any decision that requires a vote will be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote will be taken a roll call of National Federations in alphabetical order.

## 29. QUORUM

For a vote taken at the Congress to be valid, an absolute majority (half of the eligible National Federations plus one National Federation) of the National Federations eligible to vote must be present once the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress is convened.

## 30. VOTING ON DECISIONS

- 30.1 Only the proposals stipulated in the agenda may be decided on by the Congress. However, in urgent or important cases, the President may, with the majority approval of the National Federations eligible and represented at the Congress, add an item to the agenda for the immediate determination of the Congress.
- 30.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, an absolute majority (half of the votes from National Federations present at the Congress plus one vote) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary for a ballot to be valid. A valid ballot to adopt or amend these Statutes is obtained when two-thirds of the valid votes recorded are in favor. Abstentions and invalid votes are disregarded in calculating a majority.

## 31. EFFECTIVE DATES OF DECISIONS

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect immediately after the close of Congress unless the Congress fixes another date or delegates the authority to fix another date to the Executive Committee.

## 32. VOTING IN ELECTIONS

- 32.1 For the election of the President and Vice Presidents of AIBA, an absolute majority (half of the votes from National Federations present at the Congress plus one vote) of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite run-off ballot, if there are more than two candidates, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated until only two candidates are left. For any vote between two candidates, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes will win the election.

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- 32.2 For any other election, the relative majority of the votes recorded and valid are sufficient, unless the Executive Committee specifies otherwise in the AIBA Bylaws.

The remaining positions are granted to the candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes. Whenever votes are equal, the President of the Congress shall have a casting vote. Whenever there is only one candidate for a position, such candidate is elected by acclamation of the Congress.

## 33. MINUTES

The Executive Director or a member of the AIBA Headquarters shall be responsible for creating an audio recording of the Congress in the original language and for recording the minutes in English. The record of the minutes in English must be sent to all the National Federations within three months after the Congress with the approval of the President.

## 34. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 34.1 The Executive Committee will consist of twenty (20) persons as follows:

- (A) one (1) President;
- (B) five (5) Vice Presidents each from a National Federation affiliated to a different Confederation, that is, one from each of AFBC, AMBC, ASBC, EUBC and OCBC;
- (C) two (2) EC Members from a National Federation affiliated to each of AFBC, AMBC, ASBC and EUBC];
- (D) one (1) EC Member from a National Federation affiliated to OCBC; and
- (E) five (5) EC Members from any other National Federation,

all of whom are elected by the Congress.

The members listed in article 34.1 (elected EC Members) shall have voting rights.

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34.2 In addition to the EC Members elected by the Congress pursuant to article 34.1, the AIBA President shall appoint the following EC Members:

- one representative from the Board of APB as Vice President of the Executive Committee;
- one representative from the Board of WSB as Vice President of the Executive Committee;
- one representative from the Board of BMA as Vice President of the Executive Committee;
- the Chairperson of the Technical & Rules Commission as EC Member;
- the Chairperson of the Women's Commission as EC Member; and,
- the Chairperson of the Medical Commission as EC Member;

The members listed in article 34.2 (appointed EC Members) shall not have any voting right.

34.3 Appointment of persons under 34.2 above will be related to their expertise and knowledge and they will not be representing their nationality. Any person appointed under this article will not be entitled to represent his or her National Federation's interests.

34.4 Upon nomination by the President, the Executive Committee will appoint a Treasurer and a Legal Counsel who will be invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings but shall not have any right.

34.5 Exceptionally, the President may nominate additional EC Members ad personam who, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall be entitled to attend the Executive Committee meeting but shall not have any voting right.

## 35. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

35.1 Candidates for the Presidency must:

- (A) be able to communicate comprehensively in English;
- (B) have a record of serving in the immediate past Executive Committee for a full four (4) years mandate as an EC Member;
- (C) be supported in writing by at least twenty (20) National Federations;

35.2 Candidates for the Vice Presidency must:

- (A) be supported in writing by at least five (5) National Federations except Oceania where candidates for the Vice Presidency must be supported by at least three (3) National Federations;

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35.3 Candidates for the Executive Committee must:

- (A) be nominated by their respective National Federation, and hold office as a president, vice president, secretary general/executive director, executive committee member, honorary president, honorary vice president or honorary member of the National Federation, having been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of the National Federation;

35.4 All candidates must:

- (A) be able to prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the Election Committee that they have never been convicted of a criminal offence;
- (B) not have been sanctioned for a violation of these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and the AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;
- (C) if standing for re-election a candidate must not have missed more than one (1) Executive Committee meeting during his/he last mandate.

35.5 If a paid employee of any Confederation or National Federation wants to run for the Presidency, Vice Presidency or the Executive Committee, he/she must resign from his/her position before submitting their candidacy.

35.6 A National Federation may nominate the same person for both Vice Presidency and for the Executive Committee. A candidate nominated for the Presidency may not also be nominated as a Vice President or EC Member.

35.7 All candidates running for the Presidency, Vice Presidency or the Executive Committee must be present at the Congress.

35.8 The President, Vice Presidents and EC Members cannot hold any position in any non-AIBA professional boxing organization. Any member from any non-AIBA professional boxing organization cannot hold any position within AIBA, as an Official, Competition Official or otherwise.

35.9. Subject to the terms of article 34.3, each EC Member must be affiliated to a different National Federation; however, there can either be a Vice President and an EC Member from the same country or two (2) Vice Presidents or two (2) EC Members from the same country as long as they are not both elected (one must have been appointed). An EC Member cannot be a member of the Disciplinary Commission.

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## 36. NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATES

- 36.1 Seventy (70) days before the date of the Congress, the AIBA Headquarters will inform National Federations of the positions that will be available for election. Applications must be received at AIBA Headquarters at least forty (40) days before the date of the Congress. Nominations received at the AIBA Headquarters after midnight on the closing date will not be taken into consideration.
- 36.2 The names of all proposed candidates must be sent to AIBA by registered mail, together with all supporting documents or materials required to prove the eligibility of that candidate in accordance with article 35.
- 36.3 Upon receipt of an application by a proposed candidate, the Election Committee will determine whether that proposed candidate meets the conditions of eligibility in accordance with article 35. Candidates who satisfy the criteria in the opinion of the Election Committee will be approved and will be permitted to stand for election. Any candidate who does not satisfy the criteria in the opinion of the Election Committee will be denied and will not be permitted to stand for election.
- 36.4 The list of candidates approved by the Election Committee shall be sent to National Federations thirty (30) days prior to the Congress.
- 36.5 The Election Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, comprising the Chairman of the Ethics Commission, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission, one other independent member nominated by the AIBA President and approved by the Chairman of the Election Committee.

## 37. MANDATE OF OFFICE

- 37.1 The mandate of the President, the Vice Presidents and the EC Members shall be of four years starting immediately after the end of the Congress at which they are elected.
- 37.2 A person may only serve as President for three (3) terms of office. Vice Presidents and EC Members have no limitation on the number of times they may hold office.

The terms of office served by a Vice President or by an EC Member are not taken into account in determining the maximum term of office if that Vice President or that EC Member is elected President.

- 37.3 If an EC Member has to be replaced due to resignation or suspension (provided that the suspension extends beyond the EC Member's term of office), the President may appoint a new EC Member to serve the remainder of the term, provided that:
- (A) the new EC Member is eligible to serve in accordance with article 35; and
  - (B) the new EC Member is approved by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the President.



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## 38. POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

38.1 The Executive Committee has in particular the power and duty to:

- (A) govern AIBA in accordance with these Statutes;
- (B) implement the decisions passed by the Congress;
- (C) ensure compliance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;
- (D) prepare possible amendments to the Statutes to be submitted to the Congress for adoption;
- (E) develop specific regulations for the Commissions;
- (F) create, adopt, vary or amend the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules, in all cases subject to compliance with these Statutes but otherwise at the discretion of the Executive Committee;
- (G) establish new permanent Commissions;
- (H) convene the Congress and formulate the agenda;
- (I) decide the place and dates of all AIBA Competitions (competition and event calendar);
- (J) approve expenditures which were not foreseen in the budget and which exceed the amount given at the discretion of the Executive Director;
- (K) approve the annual budget, the annual accounts complemented by the external audit report;
- (L) exclude a National Federation from membership in accordance with article 18.2 subject to ratification by the Congress;
- (M) suspend an EC Member or any other person, including any member of a Commission, any Official, any Competition Official or any Boxer until a decision is issued by the Disciplinary Commission; and,
- (N) cancel provisionally the membership of any National Federation until ratification by the Congress.

38.2 The powers that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of another body under these Statutes are attributed to the Executive Committee.

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38.3 At the discretion of the President in important cases, the Executive Committee may be invited to make a decision by an email vote. In such cases, the AIBA Headquarters shall distribute information to all elected EC Members on the required decision. If an absolute majority of the elected EC Members state in writing that they support the decision within 5 days of the date the AIBA Headquarters sent the email, the decision will be passed and will be deemed to be an effective decision of the Executive Committee.

## 39. POWERS OF PRESIDENT

39.1 The President represents AIBA legally. The President is responsible for the relations among the Confederations, National Federations, IOC, political bodies, other international sports federations and international organizations.

39.2 The President has the following duties, powers and rights:

- (A) implement the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee, through the AIBA Headquarters;
- (B) supervise the work of the AIBA Headquarters;
- (C) convene meetings of the Executive Committee and of the EC Bureau;
- (D) preside over the Congress;
- (E) appoint and dismiss the members of the EC Bureau;
- (F) appoint and dismiss the Chairperson and other members of each of the Commissions;
- (G) prepare the President's report to the Congress;
- (H) appoint and dismiss the Executive Director of AIBA;
- (I) establish Ad Hoc Commissions, if deemed appropriate, from time to time and approve their remit and terms of reference;
- (J) make decisions relating to major AIBA Competitions if necessary due to cancellations, postponement, relocations, etc.; and
- (K) in extraordinary situations, make decisions on matters of importance which must be ratified by the Executive Committee.

39.3 If the President is unable to exercise his powers for a prolonged period due to absence or illness, the Vice President who has served the longest period will act as Interim President, this for a maximum of one (1) year until an Extraordinary Congress is called and a new President elected.

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39.4 The President shall be allocated a representational allowance for activities undertaken on behalf of AIBA including attendance at international meetings and sports events for the benefit of AIBA and the sport of boxing. Amounts allocated shall be based on the nature and length of the events.

## 40. POWERS OF EC BUREAU

40.1 The EC Bureau consists of five (5) members as follows:

- (A) the President;
- (B) two (2) elected Vice Presidents appointed by the President; and
- (C) two (2) elected EC Members appointed by the President.

The Executive Director is also part of the EC Bureau but does not have the right to vote.

40.2 The President may call meetings of the EC Bureau and establish the agenda. The President may decide if these meetings take place as video conferences or conference calls. Email votes shall be accepted as valid. The EC Bureau must meet at least once per year.

40.3 The EC Bureau will function in place of the Executive Committee for all matters requiring settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.

40.4 The President shall notify the Executive Committee of the decisions passed by the EC Bureau. All decisions taken by the EC Bureau shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

## 41. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

41.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. The President shall convene the meetings of the Executive Committee. If one third of the elected EC Members request an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee, the President must convene such a meeting.

41.2 The President draws up the agenda for meetings of the Executive Committee. Each EC Member has the right to add proposals to the agenda.

41.3 In principle, no persons other than the EC Members can attend a meeting of the Executive Committee. However, the President may invite third parties to meetings, whenever he believes this is appropriate. Third parties do not have the right to vote.

41.4 Attendance by Members at all Executive Committee meetings shall be mandatory and no substitution shall be permitted.

## 42. QUORUM

42.1 The Executive Committee can convene once eleven (11) elected EC Members are present including the President.

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42.2 The EC Bureau can convene once three (3) members of the EC Bureau are present in person, by telephone or reply via email including the President.

## 43. DECISIONS AND VOTING

43.1 Each elected EC Member must either cast a positive or a negative vote or abstain. Only the elected EC Members taking part in the meeting are allowed to vote.

43.2 A simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. Abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority. The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

43.3 The Executive Committee or the EC Bureau fixes the date for a decision to take effect.

43.4 Any elected EC Member who has a conflict of interest must abstain from voting on the conflicted agenda point. In doubtful situations, the President must decide on the right to vote of the concerned elected EC Member.

## 44. SIGNATURE

The Executive Committee decides who may sign on behalf of AIBA.

## 45. PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

45.1 The following permanent Commissions of AIBA are established by these Statutes:

- the APB Commission;
- the Athletes & Youth Commission;
- the Coaches Commission;
- the Medical Commission;
- the Refereeing & Judging Commission;
- the Scientific Commission;
- the Technical & Rules Commission;
- the Women's Commission;
- the WSB Commission;

45.2 The Commissions are advisory bodies which may propose recommendations to the Executive Committee.

45.3 The composition and specific duties of the individual Commissions shall be stipulated in special regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

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- 45.4 Each Commission shall be responsible for recording the minutes of their meetings and transmitting them as well as their activity reports to the AIBA Headquarters.
- 45.5 The members of the Commissions are not allowed to take any position in any non-AIBA professional boxing organization.
- 45.6 Attendance by Members at all Commission meetings shall be mandatory and no substitution shall be permitted.

### **46. OPERATIONAL RULES**

- 46.1 The Chairperson of a permanent Commission shall be an expert in the related field.
- 46.2 The articles of these Statutes relating to the Executive Committee voting procedure apply to the permanent Commissions. The Executive Director and AIBA Staff may attend any of the meetings of the permanent Commissions but shall not have any voting right.

### **47. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES**

- 47.1 The judicial authorities of AIBA are the Disciplinary and Ethics Commissions.
- 47.2 The composition and specific duties of the Disciplinary Commission and the Ethics Commission in relation to judicial issues shall be stipulated in the AIBA Ethics Code, AIBA Disciplinary Code, and AIBA Procedural Rules approved by the Executive Committee.

### **48. DUTIES OF TREASURER, LEGAL COUNSEL & SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT**

- 48.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for:
  - (A) coordinating with and advise the AIBA Headquarters in relation to the preparation of the annual budgets and oversee the implementation of the financial strategy of AIBA on a continuous basis;
  - (B) prepare the audited financial reports and report to the Executive Committee and to the Congress on the conduct of the audit;
  - (C) assisting in the identification of potential revenue streams for AIBA and the management of the AIBA finances
  - (D) the management of the finances and assets of AIBA;
- 48.2 The Legal Counsel shall be nominated by the President and shall receive rights and benefits equivalent to the rights and benefits conferred up each Vice President. The Legal Counsel shall be responsible for:

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- (A) reviewing the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules in conjunction with the AIBA Headquarters and making recommendations for amendments to the Executive Committee;
- (B) reviewing all amendments to the present Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules and advise the Executive Committee in respect of same;
- (C) providing guidance to the AIBA Commissions on legal matters and on the application of the present Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules as required; and
- (D) assisting the AIBA Headquarters in all legal matters.

48.3 The President may appoint a person as the Special Advisor to the President, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee. The Special Advisor will render assistance and expertise to the President on special matters relating to AIBA and shall receive rights and benefits equivalent to the rights and benefits conferred upon each Vice President.

### **49. AIBA HEADQUARTERS**

- 49.1 The AIBA Headquarters is comprised of the administrative staff and shall carry out all the administrative work of AIBA under the direction of the Executive Director.
- 49.2 The AIBA Headquarters is responsible for the day to day management of AIBA and for the coordination of its different bodies and Commissions.

### **50. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 50.1 The Executive Director assists the President and Executive Committee in all governance and technical development matters.
- 50.2 The Executive Director organizes and manages the general administration of AIBA.
- 50.3 The Executive Director shall be responsible for:
  - (A) implementing decisions made by the Congress and by the Executive Committee and the EC Bureau in compliance with the President's directives;
  - (B) managing and keeping the accounts of AIBA properly;
  - (C) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee, the EC Bureau and the permanent Commissions;
  - (D) management of all incoming and outgoing communications by AIBA;

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- (E) relations with the Executive Committee, Confederations, Commissions and National Federations;
- (F) perform special duties for the development of the sport of boxing within the international sports and Olympic community, under the instructions and assignments of the President; and
- (G) conduct special projects and programs on the request of the President.

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## CHAPTER IV: FINANCES

### 51. FINANCIAL PERIOD

- 51.1 The accounting period of AIBA is from July 1 to June 30 of each year and the financial period will cover a period of 4 accounting periods.
- 51.2 The revenue and expenditure of AIBA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period.
- 51.3 The Executive Director and the Treasurer, with the assistance of the external auditor, are responsible for drawing up the consolidated accounts of AIBA at the end of the 4 year financial period.

### 52. REVENUES

The revenues of AIBA are derived mainly from:

- (A) incomes generated by negotiations of host fees for major competitions;
- (B) subsidies, legacies, results of fortune, income derived from other sources, etc.;
- (C) Annual Affiliation Fee;
- (D) IOC TV Revenue Share;
- (E) disciplinary fines;
- (F) any other source as the Executive Committee may determine; and
- (G) incomes generated by WSB, BMA and profit share of BMA.

### 53. EXPENDITURES

AIBA assumes:

- (A) the expenditures provided for in the budget;
- (B) the other expenses approved by the Congress and the expenses that the EC Bureau approves in its field of responsibility; and
- (C) all expenditures which are in compliance with the financial regulations of AIBA.



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## 54. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

AIBA accounts will be managed following recognized international accounting principles and the financial regulations of AIBA.

## 55. EXTERNAL AUDITORS

- 55.1 AIBA will be audited by a qualified, independent auditing firm. The President will appoint an external professional audit company in consultation with the Treasurer.
- 55.2 This independent auditing firm will audit the accounts approved by the Executive Committee and present a report to the Congress. The Congress may then discharge the Executive Committee.

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## CHAPTER V: COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

### 56. RIGHTS TO COMPETITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

- 56.1 AIBA, each Confederation and each National Federation are the original owners of all rights emanating from boxing competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, save for those rights which may be, from time to time, specifically assigned to or designated as rights of BMA. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio recording reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and intellectual rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.
- 56.2 BMA shall exploit all rights which it owns or shares with third parties, such as property rights of any type, event ownership rights, athlete management rights, television production rights, rights to any AIBA fitness boxing programs, the rights to any television channel established by the BMA from time to time, sponsorship and licensing rights, intellectual property rights and rights for audio-visual and sound-broadcasting transmissions by picture or data carrier of any kind (including all means of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like, whether existing already or not). This includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound or data carriers of any kind by BMA alone or with third parties.
- 56.3 For this purpose, AIBA alone, or with third parties, shall be entitled to form or operate companies for which they may make use of any legal entities authorized under Swiss law.
- 56.4 AIBA, each Confederation and each National Federation are the only authorities that may authorize the broadcasting of competitions, tournaments, and other demonstrations relevant to their respective domains on audio-visual and other mediums.
- 56.5. AIBA Competitions - All rights derived from:
- (A) the AIBA World Boxing Championships;
  - (B) the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships;
  - (C) the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships (men and women);
  - (D) the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships (men and women);
  - (E) the World Cup;
  - (F) the President's Cup;
  - (G) all Olympic Qualifying Events; and
  - (H) any 3-Star AIBA Competition

which may be organized in the future are the property of AIBA.

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- 56.6. Confederation Championships - Despite these events being categorized as 3-Star AIBA Competitions, all rights to Confederation Championships are the property of the respective Confederation.
- 56.7. National Championships - All rights to national tournaments are the property of the organizing National Federation.
- 56.8. Any organizing body including Confederations and National Federations will only be allowed to use the rights of AIBA, including the name, logo and other intellectual properties, with the written approval of AIBA.

### 57. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 57.1. AIBA exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights, including the use of the AIBA logo, in and to the AIBA Competitions ("Commercial Rights"), such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:
- (A) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these Statutes);
  - (B) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
  - (C) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
  - (D) other rights to commercialize the event (including without limitation any so called "event rights" and any right to authorize gambling rights).
- 57.2. AIBA shall be entitled to exploit the Commercial Rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including assigning the rights to BMA and/or granting licenses in respect of the same (or part thereof) to relevant National Federation(s) or other third party(ies) (each an "**Exploiting Body**") from time to time.
- 57.3. Each National Federation shall, and shall ensure that their members, Officials, Competition Officials, Boxers, coaches, delegates and other affiliates:
- (A) comply with any and all rules, regulations and/or guidelines in relation to the exploitation of the Commercial Rights which may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of AIBA and/or BMA, as the case may be;
  - (B) provide any right, facility and service required by AIBA and/or BMA and/or the relevant Exploiting Body as the case may be, to fully exploit the Commercial Rights; and
  - (C) not infringe or breach any exclusive right granted under Art. 57.3(b).

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57.4 For the avoidance of doubt only AIBA and/or BMA, as the case may be, may enforce article 57 against a National Federation and no third party shall be entitled to do so.

## 58. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS/EVENTS

58.1. The Executive Committee shall approve the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, following the recommendations of the Technical & Rules Commission, in regard to organizing international competitions/events.

58.2. No international competition/event between three (3) or more National Federations from different Confederations shall take place without the prior permission of AIBA.

## 59. COMPETITION AND EVENT CALENDAR

The Executive Committee decides the calendar of the international competitions/events with the Confederations and/or National Federations.

## 60. AIBA OPEN BOXING

60.1. AIBA shall operate and manage all AIBA controlled AIBA Open Boxing (AOB) Competitions and shall oversee all AOB sanctioned Competitions.

60.2. AIBA shall be responsible for:

60.2.1. managing the appointment and selection process of Officials and Competition Officials to participate in AIBA controlled AOB Competitions;

60.2.2. managing and revising the rules and regulations governing AOB Competitions subject to the final approval of the Executive Committee; and,

60.2.3. engaging with BMA to exploit the commercial rights to the AOB Competitions.

## 61. WORLD SERIES OF BOXING

61.1. AIBA shall operate and manage the competition known as the World Series of Boxing (WSB) through the World Series of Boxing S.A (WSB SA), and shall oversee the relationship between WSB S.A. and the Franchises.

61.2. WSB S.A. shall be responsible for:

61.2.1. managing the appointment and selection process for Boxers to participate in WSB;

61.2.2. developing the rules and regulations governing WSB S.A. and WSB, subject to the final approval of the Executive Committee; and

61.2.3. promoting and developing the competition and the Franchises.

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## 62. AIBA PRO BOXING (APB)

62.1. AIBA has established the AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) Competitions which shall be operated and managed by AIBA. AIBA shall be responsible for:

62.1.1. managing, operating and regulating APB Competitions and AIBA shall oversee the relationship between APB and each Confederation and National Federation;

62.1.2. managing the appointment and selection process for Boxers, Officials and Competition Officials to participate in APB Competitions;

62.1.3. developing the rules and regulations governing APB and APB Competitions, subject to the final approval of the Executive Committee; and

62.1.4. engaging with the BMA to exploit the commercial rights to APB and APB Competitions.

## 63. BOXING MARKETING ARM (BMA)

63.1. BMA shall be responsible for:

63.1.1. exploiting the commercial rights for all AIBA properties and competitions including but not limited to AOB, APB and WSB;

63.1.2. administrating and coordinating the broadcast of all AIBA properties and competitions;

63.1.3. managing and directing the events.

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## CHAPTER VI: MISCELLANEOUS

### 64. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

The AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules developed, amended and approved by the Executive Committee shall govern all disciplinary measures under these Statutes.

### 65. LIMITATION PERIOD

The AIBA Disciplinary Code will set a limitation period for prosecuting offences and executing disciplinary measures under these Statutes.

### 66. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any elected officer of a National Federation and any member of his/her family may not be involved or own in any manner whatsoever any business related to the manufacture, distribution or supply of boxing equipment. Any elected officer of a National Federation who violates this principle will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Commission.

### 67. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

- 67.1. AIBA recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), with headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, as the authority to resolve appeals against decisions made in accordance with the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules only. Each Confederation and National Federation must recognize CAS as an independent judicial authority but, in this regard, in accordance with the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules only. AIBA, National Federations, Confederations, Boxers, Officials and Competition Officials must comply with the decisions passed by CAS.
- 67.2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in article 67.1, AIBA recognizes the jurisdiction of CAS in relation to any dispute covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter, Each Confederation and National Federation must recognize the jurisdiction of CAS in relation to any dispute covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter. AIBA, National Federations, Confederations, Boxers and Officials must comply with the decisions passed by CAS in relation to disputes covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter.
- 67.3. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless it is mandated by state law.
- 67.4. Appeals against decisions made in accordance with the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules must be filed in accordance with the provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. Appeals shall be lodged with CAS within 30 days of notification of the written decision in question. The appeal shall not have an injunctive effect. The Disciplinary Commission or CAS may order the appeal to have injunctive effect.
- 67.5. CAS shall primarily apply the Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical Rules and AIBA 3 Programs Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Procedural Rules, as well as the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules, and shall secondarily apply Swiss law.

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## 68. COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS OF AIBA

Confederations and National Federations must comply fully with any decision passed by the Executive Committee, the EC Bureau, the Disciplinary Commission, the Ethics Commission or any other Commission which such decisions are, according to these Statutes, final and not subject to appeal. Confederations and National Federations must take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own Boxers, Officials and Competition Officials comply with these decisions.

## 69. SANCTIONS

Any violation of these Statutes will be punished in accordance with the AIBA Code of Ethics or the AIBA Disciplinary Code as appropriate.

## 70. DISSOLUTION PROCEDURE

An Extraordinary Congress is required to dissolve AIBA. The decision for dissolution must be supported by the votes of 75 per cent of all the National Federations present at the Extraordinary Congress.

## 71. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

If AIBA is disbanded, its assets will be transferred to the government of the country in which its headquarters are situated. It shall hold these assets in trust until AIBA is re-established.

## 72. ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

These Statutes were adopted by the Extraordinary Congress on June 1, 2016 in Lausanne, Switzerland and are effective immediately.

**THIS VERSION OF THE STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION ARE SIGNED FOR THE PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION.**

DATE OF SIGNATURE: June 1, 2016



Signed by:  
**Ching-Kuo Wu**  
AIBA President