

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE BOXE (AIBA)

Articles of Association

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ARTICLES

Paramount Regulation: The Plea of Force Majeure may never be invoked.

Preamble: The sport of boxing serves the continuous improvement of physical and mental faculties in the young athletes playing the game. To compete in the sport of boxing requires regular and all-round training. The purpose of the game is that those participating in it endeavour to score victory by means of technical skills and not to win the contest by bringing about an early stoppage. The sport of boxing may be practised as a competitive sport by male and female athletes. Male boxers shall be limited to participation between males and female boxers shall be limited to participation between females. (Special rules for women boxing see Appendix VII).

ARTICLE I: Title and Introduction

A. Title. The title of the Association shall be the "Association Internationale de Boxe" or "International Boxing Association" (AIBA).

B. Representation. AIBA is a non-profit making international organization comprising the Boxing Associations of all countries which have a national governing body controlling the sport of boxing and which, having accepted and agreed to abide by the Articles herein contained, have been affiliated. It shall be legally represented at its principal office.

Only one Association may represent a country. In the event a country has a separate national boxing organization or National Association and also a multiple sports organization including boxing, the organization involving only boxing would be preferred if other factors were comparable. An Association may not be affiliated to AIBA or any other world Boxing organization not recognized by AIBA.

The President and/or the General Secretary may sign contracts or other documents on behalf of AIBA.

C. Official Languages. English, French, Spanish, Russian, German and Arabic shall be the official languages of AIBA.

Representatives of affiliated National Associations may speak in their mother tongue at meetings if they provide for translation into any of the official languages.

Correspondence and publications, proceedings at Congress and at the meetings of the Executive Committee, Vice-Presidents' Bureau or Commissions of AIBA shall be conducted in English and French unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee, or in the case of meetings of a Bureau of the Executive Committee, by that Bureau.

Decisions taken by the elected governing bodies of AIBA Boxing on the basis of these Articles and Rules may not be contested through legal action in court. In the case of a disagreement in the interpretation of the Articles or the Rules or documents, the English text shall prevail.

ARTICLE II: Objects

A. Objects. The objects of the Association Internationale de Boxe (AIBA) shall be:

1. To make a contribution towards deepening friendship among nations and preserving peace in the world by fostering and promoting a true AIBA spirit and friendly rivalry among nations in the spirit of the Olympic ideal;
2. To ensure that no discrimination is allowed against any country or person on grounds of race, religion or political affiliation;
3. To frame the regulations under which international championships and competitions shall alone be recognized;
4. To ensure that all international competitions open to the affiliated National Associations shall be organized and held under the Rules of AIBA;
5. To draw up and enforce a boxing definition acceptable to all affiliated National Associations and under which the sport shall be conducted;
6. To promote mutual respect among affiliated National Associations in their relations and the reciprocal recognition of penalties and suspensions;
7. To ensure that the income and property of the AIBA shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Association;
8. To encourage and improve the technical cadres and officials; and
9. To strengthen friendship and mutual understanding among the athletes and to struggle for peace all over the world, as the most important condition for the existence of sports.

ARTICLE III: The Congress

A. Authority. The AIBA shall be governed by the Congress thereof.

B. Quorum. A quorum at Congress shall consist of not less than 50 % plus one of the member countries of the AIBA and the Congress shall not conduct its business unless at least two-thirds of the Associations attending the Congress are actually represented in the congress room.

C. Notice of Appointment. Notice of appointment of delegates shall be handed, prior to the commencement of the Congress, to the Commission of Scrutineers for the checking of mandates and such notifications must be signed by the President and Honorary Secretary of the National Association concerned.

D. Representation. The Congress shall consist of the President, the General Secretary, the Vice Presidents, the other Members of the Executive Committee and

the delegates of the affiliated National Associations, all of whom shall be non-professionals. Any individual who holds or has been holding before any position in a Professional Boxing Body may not be a member in any AIBA position, or its associated Commissions or Federations affiliated, nor a delegate at the AIBA Congress. Each affiliated National Association may be represented by not more than three delegates but shall be entitled to only one vote at Congress. Every delegate and officer shall be a member of and authorized by the Association that he represents. He shall not be less than 21 years of age and shall not represent any other affiliated National Association. Members of the Executive Committee shall not vote in their capacity as such members.

E. AIBA will pay one delegate from each affiliated National Association as follows:

1. Round trip, economy airfare from an Association's gate city to the site of the Congress;
2. Meals and lodging for four (4) days; and
3. Pocket money to be the same daily amount as received by Executive Committee members.

In order to qualify, an Association must:

1. Be current in all dues (AIBA and/or Bureau);
2. Have participated in at least one (1) Continental Championship during the past four (4) years; or
3. Have participated in at least two (2) International tournaments including Continental Championships within the past four (4) years and be approved by its Bureau as an Association with an active, developing programme.

F. Commission of Scrutineers. On questions of voting and elections, the Congress will approve a Commission of Scrutineers consisting of the Head of the AIBA Office and five (5) members – one representative of each Continent nominated by the respective Continental Bureau. Candidates for election cannot sit on this Commission. The Commission of Scrutineers shall inform the Congress of the list of delegates, representing National Associations of good standing, entitled to vote.

G. Adoption of New Articles and Rules. Articles and Rules adopted at an AIBA Congress shall come into effect on January 1st immediately following the Congress and cannot be changed for a four year period or until the next AIBA Congress.

ARTICLE IV: Ordinary Congress

A. Time. A meeting of the Ordinary Congress of AIBA shall be held at least every four years, unless a situation should arise which would prevent the free attendance of affiliated National Associations.

B. Venue. The approximate date – a fifteen (15) day period – of the Quadrennial Congress will be established not later than four (4) years before (at the previous Congress). Nations desiring to host a Congress will submit their proposals in reply to

the proforma circulated, approximately three years (3) before (and, in any event, not later than two (2) years before). The Executive Committee will finalize the exact venue and date approximately two (2) years before (and, in any event, not later than one (1) year before) and shall immediately notify Secretaries of affiliated National Associations. An affiliated National Association wishing to organize a Congress must guarantee satisfactory arrangements for the Congress, and that the Delegates of all affiliated National Associations will be granted the necessary visas and facilities for attending the Congress.

C. Notices of Motion and Nomination of Officers. Notices of motion and nomination of officers for election to the Executive Committee shall be sent by registered post or courier so as to be received by the AIBA Office not later than four (4) months before the date of the Congress. Notices of motion shall be considered by the Executive Committee which will only include them in the Agenda if it considers them sufficiently important for discussion. If a notice is thus excluded it may be brought before the Congress under the item "Other Business" on the Agenda if it is supported by six Associations in addition to the Association which submitted the motion. In the event of the death or withdrawal before Congress of a member nominated for election to the Executive Committee, his/her National Association or the National Associations of the continent which he/she has been nominated to represent, shall be entitled to substitute the name of another member of its Association or Continent.

D. Agenda. The General Secretary shall send notification of matters on the Agenda to the affiliated National Associations three (3) months before the date of Congress. In addition to matters referred to in the preceding paragraph, subjects not included in the Agenda can be discussed at Congress provided that the consent of the Congress is obtained at the time when it opens and that a majority of two-thirds of those represented at the opening are in agreement to the particular matter being discussed when the official Agenda has been completed and provided that time allows.

E. Financial Statement. At each Congress the Executive Committee shall submit an income and expenditure account and a balance sheet made up to June 30th of the year of the Congress. Such balance sheet shall be certified by a qualified professional auditor or auditors.

ARTICLE V: Extraordinary Congress

A. Organizational Procedure. In addition to the Ordinary Congress, an Extraordinary Congress may be called by the direction of the Executive Committee or if 20% of the affiliated National Associations (comprising at least one Association from each Continent) shall present a demand to the AIBA office by registered post or courier. In the latter case such demand shall give the reasons why such Extraordinary Congress shall be convened and specify the matters of which the Agenda of such Extraordinary Congress shall consist. When the General Secretary receives such a demand, he shall call an Extraordinary Congress within a period not exceeding four (4) months from the date of receipt of such demand and all affiliated National Associations shall be immediately notified. The venue and the actual date shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. (There shall be no per diem or air fare allowance).

B. Agenda. The proposals of all Associations for the Agenda of the Extraordinary Congress shall be sent by registered post or courier so as to be received by the AIBA office not later than three (3) months before the date of the Congress. No business

other than that mentioned in the demand and/or authorized by the Executive Committee may be included in the Agenda.

ARTICLE VI: Executive Committee

A. Authority. During the period between Congresses, the highest executive body of the AIBA shall be the Executive Committee, the rights and duties of which are set out in this Article. In the intervals between Congresses, the Executive Committee and its Vice Presidents Bureau shall transact the business of the AIBA.

The Executive Committee shall render reports to each Congress and shall carry out the decisions made by each Congress and the duties laid down by the Articles and Rules of AIBA.

During the period between the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Vice Presidents Bureau shall act as necessary at its semi-annual meeting. It shall report its actions to the Executive Committee who may confirm or modify the action. In between meetings of the AIBA Executive Committee or Vice Presidents Bureau, the President shall act for AIBA as necessary. If the action specifically involves a Continent or one of the AIBA Commissions, the President shall consult beforehand the President of such Continent or the Chairperson of the Commission concerned about the action to be taken. If not practical to give advance notice, he must inform the Continent or Commission concerned as soon as practical. Actions other than normal routine will be reported to the Executive Committee for approval.

B. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, nine (9) Vice Presidents, the General Secretary, and 20 members, who shall be elected as representatives of the different Continents, as set out below. The Chairperson of the AIBA Medical Commission and the Chairperson of the Women's Boxing Commission will always be members of the AIBA Executive Committee. The Chairperson of the AIBA Medical Commission, the Chairperson of the Women's Boxing Commission and Executive Committee members shall not receive any remuneration for their work. Each member of the Executive Committee shall belong to a different National Association, except only that the President, the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Medical Commission and the Chairperson of the Women's Boxing Commission may belong to an Association which may also have a member on the Executive Committee; provided that in no case shall it ever be possible for any one Association to have more than two (2) members on the Executive Committee. The National Association shall have only one vote on the Executive Committee of AIBA. If the affiliated National Association of the country hosting the next Olympic Games does not have a member on the Executive Committee, it shall automatically be entitled to a seat as an observer on the Executive Committee of AIBA until the end of the next Olympic Games.

C. Duties of the Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall observe the Articles and Rules and their interpretation and make decisions in case of emergency and where necessary to put such decisions into effect, such decisions and actions to be reported to the next Congress for approval;

2. It will decide upon the affiliation to the AIBA of any unaffiliated association;

3. It will decide any dispute that may have arisen between affiliated National Associations if called upon to do so. In case any affiliated National Association does not agree to the decision or recommendation of the AIBA Executive Committee the dispute shall be considered at the next Congress;
4. It shall consider any matter referred to it by Congress of the AIBA or by any Bureau of the Executive Committee;
5. It shall give a ruling on any matter appertaining to the rules of the AIBA that may be referred to it by any Association or Bureau, such ruling to be acted upon until the next meeting of Congress and subsequently, unless rejected by Congress;
6. It shall put motions before the Congress of AIBA at any time if the Executive Committee thinks it desirable to do so;
7. It shall issue the minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee as soon as convenient, and to forward copies to affiliated National Associations;
8. It shall organize and arrange for the organization of all matters concerning World Championships for seniors and youth, the World Cup Championships, Challenge matches and the Olympic Games, and control through its Continental Bureaux other international championships. Additionally, the Executive Committee shall appoint two Technical Delegates to supervise the technical arrangements for the above-mentioned championships;
9. It shall maintain a list of recognized Referees and Judges who are qualified to officiate at the World Championships, the Olympic Games and other international competitions;
10. It shall select a Jury for World Championships, the World Cup Championships, Challenge matches and the Olympic Games;
11. It shall, at its first meeting after each Ordinary Congress, appoint members to the Standing Commissions who shall remain in office until the next Ordinary Congress;
12. It shall work in close contact with those companies with whom AIBA has working agreements or contracts; and

D. Conduct. The members of the Executive Committee must refrain from any excessive behaviour or demonstration in public during the boxing events, in all continents.

E. Terms of Office. The President, the General Secretary and the Executive Committee shall be elected at an Ordinary Congress for a term of four (4) years.

F. Vacancies. If any vacancy arises in the Executive Committee through the death of a member or as a result of a member's resignation, it shall be filled by the Executive Committee. In the event of withdrawal, suspension or expulsion by his affiliated National Association, and/or if a member fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without any valid reasons as determined by the Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee by a

member belonging to any affiliated National Association in the Continent concerned. Should the vacancy be for the position of President or Vice President, the Executive Committee shall have the power to decide the filling of that position from the other members of the Executive Committee including the new member, but shall only nominate as Vice President a member of the Continent to which the original Vice President belonged.

G. Elections.

1. Nominations. The election of the Vice Presidents and members of the Executive Committee representing the affiliated National Associations of AFRICA, AMERICA, ASIA, EUROPE, and OCEANIA shall be carried out from among the candidates nominated by the National Associations of the respective Continents.

Every candidate for election to the Executive Committee must be a member of one of the affiliated National Boxing Associations and, except in the case of the President, must be nominated by that Association. An Association may nominate a candidate from any Association within its Continent, who must also be nominated by the candidate's Association in order to be eligible. It is permissible to nominate one candidate to several offices in the Executive Committee. In this case, the National Association which makes such nomination shall indicate in its nomination that their candidate, if not elected, e.g. as President, is being nominated for election to the office of, e.g., a Vice President, and if not elected to this office is being nominated for election, e.g., as a member of the Executive Committee.

2. Order. The Executive Committee of the AIBA shall be elected in the following order:

- a. The President - who shall be nominated by and elected from any affiliated National Association in any part of the world. Any nominee for the position of President must have served a minimum of four (4) years on the Executive Committee;
- b. The General Secretary - who shall be nominated by and elected from any affiliated National Association and shall not belong to the same continent as the President. Any nominee for the position of General Secretary must have served a minimum of four (4) years immediately before the election on the Executive Committee;
- c. Two (2) Vice Presidents - elected by Congress from among the respective affiliated National Association of the Continents of AFRICA, AMERICA, ASIA, and EUROPE;
- d. One (1) Vice-President - elected by the Congress from among the affiliated National Associations of the Continent of OCEANIA;
- e. Four (4) Members of the Executive Committee - elected by the Congress from among the respective affiliated National Associations of each of the Continents of AFRICA, AMERICA, ASIA, and EUROPE;

- f. One (1) Member of the Executive Committee- elected by the Congress from among the affiliated National Association of the Continent of OCEANIA;
- g. Three (3) Members of the Executive Committee - elected by the Congress from any of the affiliated Associations.

3.Procedures. Where an individual is to be elected to a particular office (e.g., the office of the President) an absolute majority of votes shall be required for a successful candidate. If, after the votes have been counted, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority over all the other votes recorded, a second vote shall be taken on the two names who obtained the largest number of votes at the first count. Where a group of individuals are to be elected (e.g., Members of the Executive Committee), relative majorities shall be sufficient, and the appropriate number of candidates polling the highest number of votes shall be elected according to the number of vacancies to be filled. In any case where a ballot is necessary, it shall be a written ballot.

H. Continental Bureaux. The Executive Committee shall be made up of Continental Bureaux with each Continental Bureau made up of Executive Committee members from that Continent which are headed by the Vice President of that Continent who has obtained the greater number of votes in the election. The Continental Bureau of the Executive Committee for the respective Continent shall represent the Executive Committee of AIBA in that Continent and shall be subordinate to the Executive Committee in its activities, and shall answer all questions arising from and connected with the development of Boxing. It shall be at liberty at any time to make any proposal or recommendation to the Executive Committee of AIBA which it considers necessary or desirable.

Each Bureau shall:

1. Promote, direct and advise on the organization of its Continental Championships;
2. Preserve and carry out the objectives of AIBA;
3. Control and maintain the observance of the Articles of Association and Rules for International Competitions or Tournaments in its area;
4. Ensure their uniform interpretation by all the affiliated Associations under their jurisdiction; and
5. Adjudicate any dispute that may have arisen between affiliated Associations in its area, if called upon so to do. Such decisions shall, if desired, be referred to the Executive Committee.

I. Vice President Bureau. The Bureau of the Vice Presidents of AIBA comprising the President, the General Secretary, the nine Vice Presidents (together with the Chairperson of any Commission who is not a Vice President) will hold its meetings at least twice a year and will conduct the current business of the Association and implement the decisions taken by the Executive Committee as a whole.

J. Commissions.

1. The President at his discretion may appoint an Ad-hoc Commission or an advisor with Vice President status for a special purpose. The composition of such Commission may be made up of AIBA members, individuals from the public sector, or a combination of the above. Each member of such Ad-hoc Commission shall have voice and vote at Commission meetings.
2. Composition. The composition of the Commissions shall be decided by the Executive Committee. The principle of continental equality in the formation of all Commissions shall be observed.

Each Commission shall have at least six (6), but not more than thirteen (13) members, except the Medical Commission which may have twenty-five (25) members. The President may appoint members from the public sector who are experts on various Commissions. Such a member shall be designated a special member with a voice and with a vote.

3. Chair. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary of each of the Commissions shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after Congress. Members of the Commissions shall be Executive Committee Members and experienced Members of the National Associations.

4. The following Commissions shall be formed:

- The Technical and Rules Commission
- The Refereeing and Judging Commission
- The Medical Commission
- The Finance Commission
- The Youth Commission
- The Press and Public Relations Commission
- The Business Commission
- The Legal Commission
- [The Coaches Commission]
- The Safety and Equipment Commission
- The Scientific and Research Commission
- The World Championships Organising Committee
- The [Feminine/Women's] Boxing Commission
- The Ethics and Fair-Play Commission

5. Reports. The above Commissions shall all base their activities on annual and four-year working programmes to be submitted to the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee Annual Meeting following the Congress. The Commissions shall tender reports to the Executive Committee so as to keep the latter informed as to their activities, and shall be subject to the directions of the Executive Committee.

K. Oath of Office. "Accorded the honour of becoming Executive Committee Member of the International Boxing Association (AIBA), the International Sports Governing Body for Boxing, and of representing it in my country – and recognizing my duties in this capacity, I pledge myself to serve the AIBA and the Olympic Movement to the best of my ability, to respect and assure the respect of all the principles of the Articles and Rules of AIBA and its decisions which I consider as not subject to appeal on my

part, keeping myself free from any political or commercial influence and from any racial or religious consideration”.

ARTICLE VII: Executive Committee Meetings

A. Frequency. The Executive Committee and the AIBA Commissions shall hold their meetings once a year and on the occasion of the Olympic Games (and more often if a minimum of seven members so desire and request the General Secretary to call a meeting) to consider general matters concerning the activities of the Association and the development of boxing throughout the world. It shall also meet not more than four (4) months or less than three (3) months before the date of any Congress in order to prepare the Agenda for such Congress.

B. Quorum. In order to form a quorum for dealing with the business, seven members of the Executive Committee must be present.

C. Chair. The President shall have a vote, and in the event of a tie, a second or casting vote. In the absence of the President, one of the AIBA Continental Presidents shall be elected to officiate in the capacity of the President with all rights of the President.

ARTICLE VIII: Honorary Members and Members of Honour

A. Honorary Members. In order to reward exceptional merit in or service to the advancement of international boxing, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Congress shall be entitled to elect Honorary Members who may attend, speak, but not vote at meetings of the Congress, unless representing their National Association as a delegate. The name(s) of the person(s) to be considered for election as Honorary Member(s) will be notified to the affiliated Associations three (3) months before the date of Congress. The election will be conducted in the same manner as other elections at the Congress. The Congress may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, terminate any honorary membership.

B. Honorary Life President. The title of Honorary Life President of AIBA which has been accorded by the Congress shall be retained by those so honoured for the rest of their lives. The Honorary Life President shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the President for attending all the meetings/events of the AIBA but shall have no voting rights in the meeting.

C. Members of Honour. The Executive Committee may accord the title of “Members of Honour” to members whose deaths have occurred and who, during their lifetimes, have rendered distinguished services to AIBA. The names of all Members of Honour shall be included in the panel so headed on the reverse of the title page of all future editions of the Articles of the Association of AIBA or in another suitable position.

D. Honorary Life Vice President. The title of Honorary Life Vice President may be designated by Congress to an AIBA Vice President who has functioned for at least three (3) terms of office with twelve (12) consecutive years of service.

ARTICLE IX: Continental Associations

A. Composition. The Executive Committee of AIBA shall recognize as the governing body one Continental Association in each Continent, which must observe the Rules

and Constitution of AIBA and organize on this basis its activities for the promotion of Boxing. This recognized body shall work under the guidance of the Executive Committee and Continental Bureau of AIBA and follow all its directives in accordance with the AIBA Articles and Rules. Members of the Continental Association must be National Associations of boxing affiliated to AIBA.

ARTICLE X: Organization and functions of the Standing Commissions of AIBA

I. TECHNICAL AND RULES COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Technical and Rules Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether).

B. Duties.

1. The Technical and Rules Commission will advise the Executive Committee of AIBA and the Continental Bureaux on questions relating to the observance of the Article and Rules of AIBA;

2. It shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the organization and technical aspects in connection with the staging of International Championships and Olympic Games, and in these matters it shall work closely with the other Commissions; and

3. With a view to ensuring a continuous development of boxing, the Technical and Rules Commission shall advise the Executive Committee with regard to the amendment of the Articles and Rules.

C. Technical Delegates. A Member of the Technical and Rules Commission should always be one of the Technical Delegates to the World Championships, the World Cup Championships, Challenge matches and the Olympic Games.

II. REFEREEING AND JUDGING COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Commission of Refereeing and Judging shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether), six of whom shall be experienced Referees/Judges selected by the Executive Committee from the International List (one Referee/Judge to be from each Continent). Each member shall be of a different nationality to the others.

B. Duties.

1. This Commission shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, deal with the appointment of Referees and Judges, the maintenance of the International List, the removal of persons therefrom, and all matters concerning Refereeing and Judging and instructions to Referees and Judges at the World Championships, Continental Championships and Olympic Games;

2. The Commission of Refereeing and Judging will advise the Executive Committee on questions relating to Article VI, Paragraphs C.9, Maintenance of International List, and C.10, Selection of Jury; and

3. The Commission, before World Championships and Olympic Games, on the basis of the proposals of the respective Continental Refereeing and Judging Commissions and Regional Bureaux, shall present to the Executive Committee a list of Referees and Judges whom it deems to be the most competent on the International List. To be eligible for selection to officiate at Olympic Games, World or Continental Championships, the World Cup Competition or Challenge matches, a Referee/Judge must have performed satisfactorily within the twelve (12) months preceding the championships in question in at least one (1) International Tournament involving four (4) or more Nations, or have officiated satisfactorily at two (2) International dual matches. This list shall reach the AIBA office in time to enable the Executive Committee to select and nominate the necessary officials from those who are available.

C. Continental Referee and Judging Commissions. The Referee and Judging Commission of each Continental Bureau shall appoint from the International List the Referees and Judges to officiate in the Continental Championships and Regional Championships on their Continent. When Regional Championships involve more than one (1) continent, the Commissions concerned may delegate such responsibilities to a Regional Commission.

III. MEDICAL COMMISSION AND MEDICAL JURY

A. Composition. The Medical Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, [or]Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and fifteen (15) members ([seventeen (17)/eighteen (18)] members altogether), all of whom shall be qualified Doctors of Medicine, nominated by affiliated associations and appointed by the Executive Committee. National Federations that do not have any representative within the Medical Commission may appoint 'correspondent doctors'. In order that any doctor may be elected to hold such an office, he must first submit his curriculum vitae and then an application to the General Secretary. The Doping Control Sub-Commission (DCSC) is appointed by the AIBA Medical Commission as a Sub-Commission of the Medical Commission. The duties and tasks of the DCSC are detailed in the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules. The Chairman of the DCSC is elected by the Medical Commission at its first meeting after Congress.

B. Meetings. The Medical Commission shall arrange their own meetings (working group), at least twice each year. The National Associations shall undertake to ensure the participation of their Commission members in the meetings. Those members who do not participate in two (2) consecutive meetings without a valid reason will be excluded from the Commission.

C. Medical Correspondents. Each Affiliated Association shall nominate a Medical Correspondent who shall be a qualified Doctor of Medicine with whom the Medical Commission may correspond on medical matters.

D. Medical Jury. At the Olympic Games, World Championships, the World Cup Championships and Challenge matches, there shall be a neutral Medical Jury of three (3) to five (5) Doctors nominated by the Executive Committee of AIBA. When bouts are held in two (2) rings, the number of Medical Jury members shall be five (5).

Continental Bureaux shall nominate similar Commissions for Continental Championships. The decision of this neutral Commission shall be final and without appeal. If possible, a member of the Medical Commission of AIBA should act as a member of the neutral Medical Jury in any Championship under the auspices of AIBA.

E. Defence of AIBA Boxing. The Medical Commission organizes scientific conferences and symposiums on the medical aspects of Boxing. Members of the Medical Commission take part in these events and publish articles in medical journals in the defence of Boxing. The Medical Commission coordinates and initiates medical research projects for the better understanding of physiological and medical aspects of Boxing.

F. Duties. The Medical Commission shall make recommendations in the first place to the Executive Committee with regard to the physical well being of boxers and collect information on medical matters relating to boxing.

IV. FINANCE COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Finance Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether).

B. Duties.

1. The Finance Commission shall exercise control over the financial position of the AIBA, study the budget of the Executive Committee, the Commissions and the Bureaux, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on those matters;
2. It shall work closely with the President and the AIBA Business Commission in seeking additional funds for the operation of AIBA;
3. It shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee on measures to ensure prompt payment by the affiliated Associations of their entry fee and annual subscription fees and other payments to the AIBA, on questions of disposal of the assets, property, and equipment belonging to the AIBA, and on other financial and material matters; and
4. It shall prepare a financial report to be submitted by the Executive Committee to the Ordinary Congress.

V. YOUTH COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Youth Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether).

A. Duties.

1. The Youth Commission will advise the Executive Committee of AIBA on questions relating to the development of Youth Boxing;

2. It shall be responsible for popularizing Youth Boxing and may work with the Press and Public Relations Commission to accomplish this objective;
3. In close cooperation with the Medical Commission and the Technical Commission of AIBA, it shall set up uniform principles for the development of Boxing among children and youth, and it should also create conditions for the protection of young boxers; and
4. In close cooperation with the Technical and Rules Commission, the Youth Commission shall recommend rules and procedures for the World Championships of Cadets (under 17) and Juniors (under 19). A member of the Youth Commission shall always be one of the Technical Delegates to the World Championships of Cadets (under 17) and Juniors (under 19).

VI. PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Press and Public Relations Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether). The Veterans Press and Public Relations Sub-Commission (VPPRSC) is appointed by the Press and Public Relations Commission as a Sub-Commission of the Press and Public Relations Commission. The duties and tasks of the VPPRSC shall be determined by the Press and Public Relations Commission from time to time. The Chairman of the VPPRSC is elected by the Press and Public Relations Commission at its first meeting after Congress.

B. Duties.

1. The Press and Public Relations Commission will advise the Executive Committee on all matters dealing with the media, with publications and with public relations;
2. It will liaise with the world media and promote the cause of Boxing;
3. It shall regularly feed information to member Associations and the Press regarding all developments and activities of AIBA;
4. It shall take corrective action as necessary in case of any adverse publicity;
5. It shall supervise the publication of the AIBA Magazine and publish other brochures or publicity material if and when necessary; and
6. Subject to directions by the President, it shall organize Press Conferences at Congresses, Championship events, and whenever appropriate.

VII. BUSINESS COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Business Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether).

B. Duties.

1. The Business Commission will provide expertise for the generation of funds through sponsorships, advertising, marketing, and the creation of more income-producing activities;
2. It will especially advise and assist in marketing AIBA Championship events;
3. It will work in close collaboration with the Finance Commission of AIBA; and
4. The Executive Committee members who are the Business representatives of each Continent will offer similar expertise to the Continental Bureaux for their Continental Championships.

VIII. LEGAL COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Legal Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and three (3) other members (six (6) members altogether). The Legal Commission should be composed of qualified lawyers.

B. Duties.

1. The Legal Commission shall assist the President of AIBA in the legal representation of AIBA;
2. It will mediate in the case of disputes between National Associations affiliated to AIBA;
3. It will give an expert opinion on contracts concluded by AIBA; and
4. It will assist the Executive Committee in watching over the observance of the Articles and Rules of AIBA and the decisions taken by AIBA.

IX. COACHES COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Coaches Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether).

B. Duties.

1. The Coaches Commission shall advise the Executive Committee on all matters relating to Olympic Boxing and shall be in close contact with the Technical and Rules Commission, the Refereeing and Judging Commission, the Medical Commission and the [Women's/Feminine's] [Boxing] Commission to examine all matters and issues relating to, and to raise the standard of, Olympic Boxing in all the world; and
2. It will hold courses and meetings with the national coaches and prepare technical material, studies and video support for national and international courses, particularly those organised by the Olympic Solidarity.

X. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Safety and Equipment Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether).

B. Duties.

1. The Safety and Equipment Commission shall advise the Executive Committee of AIBA in approving boxing equipment and implements, particularly boxing rings, gloves and headguards;
2. It shall draw up regulations and standards specifying the quality of all equipment necessary for the practice of Boxing;
3. It shall collaborate with experienced coaches, medical officers and manufacturers in order to develop new equipment that offers better protection for the health of boxers; and
4. It shall advise the Executive Committee on all matters regarding the safety of boxers in training and competition.

XI. SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Scientific and Research Commission shall be composed of its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether). The Vice-Chairman shall be a scientist not necessarily being a member of the Executive Committee.

B. Duties.

1. The Scientific and Research Commission shall elaborate the plan of development of Boxing on a scientific basis;
2. It will co-ordinate scientific and research activities worldwide;
3. It will assist in the elaboration of tasks to provide for optimal conditions for a boxer with the aim of preventing injuries;
4. It will unify complex criteria of evaluation and control of the preparation of boxers for major competitions;
5. It will co-ordinate activities and render assistance in the creation of scientific and research centres, and to monitor their functioning;
6. It will organize scientific clinics in order to summarize the experience worldwide; and
7. It will assign specific tasks of research to countries with a scientific potential to carry them out.

XII. THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANISING COMMISSION

A. Composition. The World Championships Organising Commission shall be composed of [its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether)].

B. Duties.

1. [The World Championships Organising Commission shall advise the Executive Committee on all matters relating to the World Championships and to organise the World Championships of the AIBA not less than once every [3] years; and

2. ***others?***]

XIII. THE [FEMININE/WOMEN'S] BOXING COMMISSION

A. Composition. The [Feminine/Women's] Boxing Commission shall be composed of [its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) members altogether)].

B. Duties.

1. [The [Feminine/Women's] Boxing Commission shall advise the Executive Committee on all matters relating to Women's Boxing; and

2. ***others?***]

XIV. THE ETHICS AND FAIR-PLAY COMMISSION

A. Composition. The Ethics and Fair-Play Commission Boxing Commission shall be composed of [its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and not more than ten (10) other members (thirteen (13) altogether)].

B. Duties.

1. [The Ethics and Fair-Play Commission shall advise the Executive Committee on all matters relating to ethics and fair-play in Boxing; and

2. ***others?***]

ARTICLE XI: General Secretary

A. The Executive Committee may realign and/or reassign the duties of the General Secretary and those of the Administrative head of the AIBA office during the establishment of the permanent AIBA office in Lausanne, Switzerland. Any such changes shall be presented to the next Congress. All financial transactions shall be in accordance with AIBA's Financial Regulations.

B. Authority. The General Secretary, who shall be elected from any affiliated National Association providing he/she does not belong to the same Continent as the President, shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee of AIBA and a member of the Vice Presidents Bureau of AIBA.

C. Duties.

1. The General Secretary shall coordinate the activities and common actions of the Continental Bureaux of AIBA with a view to promoting and assisting the all-out development of international boxing and the implementation of the decisions of the Executive Committee;
2. He/she will coordinate the activities of the various Commissions of AIBA and to consult the Commission Chairmen on all major issues and documents;
3. With the approval of the President, he/she will prepare and organize the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Vice Presidents Bureau as well as the Congresses of AIBA, which includes:
 - a. The drafting of the Agenda of the meetings;
 - b. The handling of organization matters with the host association;
 - c. The drafting of a communique of the meeting which, after being approved by the Executive Committee, is handed to the Press;
 - d. The organization of press conferences and assisting the President in relation to the Press; and
 - e. Assisting in the preparation of the minutes of the meetings;
4. He/she will facilitate the development of Boxing on all continents by winning new member associations of AIBA;
5. He/she will provide ways and means, including the organization of training camps, coaching seminars and exchange training and work-out programmes between advanced and less advanced countries, to render comprehensive assistance to the less advanced countries and continents and to conduct seminars for coaches, medical and paramedical staff;
6. He/she will control the bank account of the AIBA and make payments in accordance with the instructions of the President, and, under control of the Financial Commission, to keep books and accounts. The financial statements, accounts and balance sheets of AIBA shall be certified by a qualified professional auditor or auditors;
7. He/she will manage the office, keep archives and all documents of the AIBA; and
8. He/she will represent the Executive Committee of AIBA at International Congresses and other major international events, as decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII: AIBA Office

A. Authority. The AIBA office shall assist the President and the General Secretary and handle the administrative work for the Executive Committee. It shall have full-time employees whose number and salaries shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee. The AIBA office shall be located in Lausanne, Switzerland or such other place as decided by the Executive Committee and it shall be run by a person approved by the Executive Committee of AIBA. The head of the AIBA office shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Vice Presidents' Bureau, but shall have no vote. The President and Secretary General shall have their own offices for assistance at their place of residence.

B. Duties

1. The AIBA office shall maintain correspondence with affiliated Associations and other National and International Organizations, members of the Executive Committee, Standing and Temporary Commissions of AIBA, and with other persons in accordance with the instructions and decisions of the Congress, Executive Committee or President, and Continental Bureaux of the Executive Committee;
2. It shall prepare and ensure the smooth running of the meetings of Congresses, Executive Committees and Commissions of the AIBA, and where appropriate, jointly with National Associations. If requested, and where practicable, it shall carry out these duties in connection with meetings of continental Bureaux;
3. It shall keep the minutes of the meetings mentioned in paragraph (2) and circulate them in the languages as stipulated in the Articles of Association to the affiliated Associations, members of the Executive Committee and Commissions; and
4. It shall provide for translations into official languages of publications, documents and minutes of the Congress, Executive Committee and Commissions of the AIBA in accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIII: AIBA expenses

A. Administration of AIBA. The expenses in connection with the administration of AIBA shall be paid from AIBA funds.

B. Annual Budget. The guide for such expenses shall be from an annual estimated budget submitted by the President and approved by the Executive Committee after review by the Finance Commission.

C. Travelling Expenses. The travelling and hotel expenses as well as daily allowance in connection with AIBA business by the President, General Secretary, Head of the AIBA office, and such other representatives as approved by the Executive Committee will be paid in accordance with the financial regulations of AIBA.

ARTICLE XIV: Application for affiliation and entrance fee

A. Application. The boxing association of a country wishing to become affiliated to the AIBA shall make an application to the Executive Committee in writing, through the

Continental Bureau of its area, signed by the President and General Secretary of such Association, accompanied by two copies of the Articles of Association under which the Association is constituted and the entrance fee and first annual subscription mentioned. The entrance fee payable by each National Association on applying for affiliation shall be U.S. \$30.

B. Appeals. In the event of an affiliation being refused, the Association concerned may appeal in writing to the next Congress.

ARTICLE XV: Annual subscription

A. Terms of Payment. Each affiliated National Association shall pay to its Continental Bureau an annual subscription of U.S. \$250 which shall be due on 1st January of each year and must be paid by 15th February of that year.

B. Collection and Disbursement. The President of each Continental Bureau shall collect this fee from each member at the beginning of each year and it shall remain with the Continental Bureau to cover administrative costs in supervising the functions of that Continent.

ARTICLE XVI: Unpaid subscriptions

A. Associations in Arrears. An Association which has not paid its full annual subscription by the 31st of March will not be permitted to participate in any AIBA competition or against any AIBA member. Likewise, the officials, Referees and Judges, Executive Committee members and so forth, of defaulting members, will not be permitted to participate in AIBA events or meetings. Associations not having paid their current subscriptions as required by Article XV shall not be permitted to be present at any Congress or other meeting of the AIBA, and when more than six months in arrears and after application has been made to the President or Secretary of the Association in default, such Association shall be regarded in all respects as unaffiliated.

B. Re-affiliation. Such Associations shall not be re-affiliated except on payment of all arrears together with a fine which shall be the equivalent of the total amount in arrears, but the Executive Committee shall have power in its discretion to waive such fine, or any part of it, in cases where nonpayment has been due to causes outside the control of the Association in default.

ARTICLE XVII: Membership of affiliated Associations

A. Admission to Membership. An affiliated National Association shall not admit to membership of its Association a club affiliated to another Boxing Association, nor allow a member from another affiliated Association to join a club for the purpose of evading any Article, Rule or Regulation of the AIBA or any affiliated National Association.

B. Executive Committee Members. An affiliated National Association which has a member on the AIBA Executive Committee should include that member in the Executive Council or governing organization of that association.

ARTICLE XVIII: Eligibility to compete in AIBA boxing

- A. Eligibility. To be eligible to compete in AIBA Boxing under AIBA Rules such person should not have boxed with or against a professional boxer for a money prize or in open competition.
- B. Pending the submission of a viable contract by the Legal Commission and its acceptance by the Executive Committee, all boxers entering a World or Continental Championship must agree not to turn professional within a specified time frame without first receiving the consent of his/her respective Association.
- C. Qualification for Olympic and AIBA International Competitions. A boxer shall be qualified for the Olympic Games if he/she is a member of an AIBA National Association and he/she trains and participates in accordance with the rules of his National Association and those of AIBA. He/she must also meet the requirements of AIBA for participation in the Olympic Games as laid down in the by-laws. Such a boxer is also fully qualified for any AIBA International competition. A boxer may not sign a contract as a professional athlete or as a professional coach in any sport nor hold a position as a full time professional boxing coach.
- D. Authorized Aid. An Olympic boxer may receive such material and financial aid which is issued or authorized directly by AIBA, by his National Association, his National Olympic Committee, and from proper State Authorities if approved by his National Sports Federation. This aid may be gained through open competition under AIBA Rules or authorized directly by AIBA or his/her National Federation.

Benefits to be received may include:

- 1. Financial aid for further studies or for formal training;
- 2. Expenses for board and lodging;
- 3. Sports clothing and equipment;
- 4. Transport expenses;
- 5. Pocket money in accordance with AIBA Rules, or as sublimited by this Association;
- 6. Expenses of medical care, physiotherapy and health services; and
- 7. Compensation for loss of salary.

E. Boxer Obligations:

- 1. A boxer may not hold a position as a professional boxing coach under any circumstances;
- 2. An AIBA competitor must not accept any compensation for advertising but may participate in advertising arranged by AIBA, or by his National Boxing Association;
- 3. A boxer shall allow the use of his person, name or record for publicity aims, only as authorized by AIBA or his National Association;

4. A boxer may not refuse being photographed by the official IOC, AIBA, or his National Association's photographer for use in films, television or sports publicity and sport sponsorship, arranged by these official organizations;
5. A boxer may wear on his clothing or sport equipment only trade names, logos, as specified by his National Association, AIBA, or the IOC; and
6. A boxer shall abide by the spirit of Fair Play, particularly by avoiding the use of doping or violence.

ARTICLE XIX: **Tournament Extensions**

National Associations are forbidden to grant extensions for tournaments in foreign countries for a period in excess of the prescribed time. In certain cases they may obtain an extension of the time by furnishing full particulars in an application to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XX: **International Inter-Club Tournaments**

A. Sanctions. Competitions, Tournaments or contests shall not be arranged between the clubs or units of different Associations without the sanction of their respective National Associations.

B. Who may compete. Both males and females may compete in international AIBA competitions; females participate in Club or inter-nation Club exchanges. No female may compete or box any male in an AIBA sanctioned boxing competition.

C. All sanctioned competitions, tournaments or contests shall be conducted under AIBA rules.

ARTICLE XXI: **World Championships**

A. Timetable. Senior World Boxing Championships on a National entry basis shall be organized by the Executive Committee of AIBA every two (2) years, that is one (1) year before and one (1) year after the Olympic Games. Junior World Boxing Championships (Under 19) on a National entry basis shall be organized by the Executive Committee of AIBA every two (2) years, and in those years in which no Senior World Championships are held. Cadet World Boxing Championships on a National entry basis shall be organized by the Executive Committee of AIBA each year. World Cup Championships shall be arranged every two (2) years. AIBA Challenge Matches shall be held every year.

B. Designation of Host. These Championships shall be allocated upon applications from the affiliated National Associations by secret ballot at the Ordinary Congress of AIBA, or by an Executive Committee Meeting.

C. World Rights. An affiliated National Association shall not institute or allow to be instituted within its jurisdiction, any other competition which shall have the title of a "World Championship".

D. The Executive Committee shall consider the possibility of setting up a prize money fund to award the prize winners of the official Championships and World Cups.

ARTICLE XXII: World Champion

A. Title. The title of “World Champion” or “World Youth Champion” shall be held by the winner in each of the weight categories of the World Championships organized by AIBA.

ARTICLE XXIII: AIBA television and marketing rights

A. Supreme Authority. The television and marketing rights of Senior World Championships, Junior World Championships, Cadet World Championships, the World Cup Championship, AIBA Challenge Matches and Women’s World Championships are the property of AIBA.

B. Continental or Regional Championships. The television and marketing rights of Continental or Regional Championships being organized by a Continental Bureau or Regional body on the Continent, are the property of the respective Bureau or body. Fifteen percent of the television income from these events are to be submitted to AIBA.

C. International Tournaments. The television and marketing rights of international tournaments are the property of the organizing National Associations.

D. Negotiating Rights. With regard to television and marketing contracts concluded under Paragraphs A and B, the National Association hosting the event shall be invited to participate in negotiating the contract so as to be able to protect its rights.

ARTICLE XXIV: Rules governing Olympic Games, World or Continental Championships

A. Rules of AIBA. The Olympic Games, World or Continental Championships and other International Championships (see Article XXVII), shall be held only under AIBA Rules.

B. Award Ceremony. At all AIBA Championships, the National or Delegation Flags of the medal winners shall be hoisted. The National Anthem of the winner, in abbreviated version, shall be played.

ARTICLE XXV: Conditions of International Competitions or Championships promoted by an affiliated Association

A. Sanctions. Contests and Competitions between boxers of different Associations shall be supervised and sanctioned by the National Associations to which the respective boxers belong. An affiliated National Association desiring to organize an International Championship, Tournament or Competition in which boxers from four or more National Associations are invited to compete, shall obtain the prior permission of the Continental Bureaux of the AIBA, and before the commencement of the Tournament, inform the AIBA office and the respective Continental Bureaux of the

tournament. The Executive Committee may require, as a condition of their sanction, the payment of a fee, the amount to be based on the importance of the event concerned and the probable financial results.

B. AIBA Membership. A boxer shall compete only in Competitions which are organized by Associations affiliated to AIBA, which have been sanctioned by the Executive Committee of AIBA. He shall not be permitted to compete against Nations of which the Governing Bodies controlling boxing are not affiliated to AIBA, nor against boxers who are not members of any such boxing association.

C. Competition Regulations. Competitors competing at meetings in foreign countries shall observe and be bound by the laws of the Association under whose jurisdiction the meeting takes place, provided that the Rules of such Association are not in contradiction to the Rules of the AIBA in essential matters.

D. National Regulations. If in a particular country the law of the country prevents the literal application of any of the Articles or Rules of the AIBA, and if it be proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that the Governing body of Boxing in that country has used every endeavour to have the law annulled or amended, the Executive Committee may, if it thinks fit, relax such Articles or Rules pending the consideration by the next Congress, provided, however, that there shall be no relaxation of Article XVIII in respect to officials and boxers. World or Continental Championships may not be held in such countries unless conducted under AIBA Rules.

E. Guaranteed Visas and Facilities. Any affiliated National Association wishing to organize an International Competition or Championship must guarantee that the boxers and officials of the affiliated Associations concerned will be granted the necessary visas and facilities for attending the Tournament.

F. Technical Delegates. The Executive Committee shall appoint Technical Delegates to International Tournaments and Championships whose tasks have been defined by the Executive Committee. Any Technical Delegate appointed to categorize Referees/Judges at an AIBA or Continental calendar tournament must have passed the AIBA Referee and Judges examination. The financial arrangements for Technical Delegates shall also be decided by AIBA.

G. Tournament Records. An affiliated National Association holding an International Championship or Competition shall report, in writing to the AIBA office, the place and date of the Tournament or Competition, the names of contestants, the results of each contest, including the names and nationalities of Medal winners. The names and nationalities of all Referees and Judges who participate in the Tournament will be given with the explanation of whether their performance was average, below average, or above average. Also included will be the names and nationalities of those individuals who function as Jury Members and whether or not their performance was average, below average, or above average. Such report must be submitted to the AIBA office within thirty (30) days of the completion of the Tournament. The scoring papers shall be retained for a period of six (6) months and shall be submitted to the AIBA if required.

H. Continental Associations. The above paragraphs shall apply equally to Continental Associations where appropriate.

ARTICLE XXVI: Financial arrangements for International Competitions

A. Agreements between National Associations. Financial and other agreements concerning International Contests shall be arranged only with the permission of the National Associations concerned.

B. Responsibility. After an agreement has been concluded between the National Associations concerned, the National Association arranging the Tournament shall be legally and financially responsible for the observance of the conditions of the contract. In the case of non-observance of a contract, the National Association in default shall be called to account by AIBA.

C. World Championships. Financial arrangements for housing, food and transportation to be provided for the nominated AIBA officials, as well as for the daily allowance to be paid to them, shall be laid down in the regulations of a given competition.

ARTICLE XXVII: Inter-Nation Tournaments

A. Consent of National Associations. A Competition shall not be considered International unless with the consent of each country engaged.

B. Agreements. Agreements concerning Inter-Nation Tournaments shall only be made between the Associations of the countries in question.

C. Financial Arrangements. The financial arrangements of International and Inter-Nation Tournaments shall be a matter to be decided between the respective National Associations concerned. Such agreements shall be binding upon the Associations concerned. In case of default, the AIBA may suspend the defaulting Association until it shall fulfill its contract.

D. Tournament Records and Results. The results of the Tournament, as well as the names and nationalities of the officials who have acted at the same, shall be given in writing to the Continental Bureau concerned, who will file the result. The original scoring cards used at such Tournaments, or duly certified copies thereof, shall be sent to the Continental Bureau concerned at the same time. Only the results officially acknowledged by the Continental Bureau can be recorded as Inter-Nation Tournaments.

E. National Teams. A Team shall not be called by the title of a country unless the Team is comprised of boxers selected by their National Association.

ARTICLE XXVIII: Schoolboy Boxing

A. A Schoolboy Boxing Championship both at Continental and at World levels shall be held in two age categories (12 to 13 year olds and 13 to 14 year olds) with boxers from the two categories to box on alternate days.

B. Eligibility to compete in the Schoolboy Boxing Championship is to be based on YEAR of birth.

C. The date of the Schoolboy Boxing Championship will be announced well in advance, i.e. between 18 (eighteen) months and two (2) years before the event.

D. The [Executive Committee] will work towards a four (4) year schedule of dates for the Schoolboy Boxing Championship.

E. The Schoolboy Boxing Championship will be held during school holidays, if possible. The event programme must contain a cultural-social dimension.

F. Experienced Referees and Judges shall be appointed to officiate at the Schoolboy Boxing Championship.

G. The weight categories will be reviewed every two (2) years.

ARTICLE XXIX: Open Scoring

A. The public visual display of the score at the end of each round and at the conclusion of the contest (after the final decision is announced) shall be implemented.

B. The visual display of the individual (running) scoring of each Judge also to be seriously considered by AIBA and implemented if so determined.

ARTICLE XXX: Contest Decisions

A. The "accepted" or "agreed" score of each individual Judge shall be used to determine the result of a contest: eliminating the highest and the lowest score awarded to each boxer, and adding the remaining three scores of each boxer to determine the final outcome.

B. In the event of a draw, the ultimate decision to be made by the Judges pressing either a Red or Blue button.

ARTICLE XXXI: Disciplinary action

A. Affiliated Association. Any breach of the Articles and Rules by an affiliated National Association shall render the Association committing such breach liable to a reprimand from or suspension by the Executive Committee or being deprived of membership of AIBA. The Executive Committee will have the power to impose a reprimand and suspension, while depriving an Association of membership of AIBA shall be determined at the next Congress by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of those voting at the Congress.

Before a sanction of any kind is determined, the National Association in question shall have the opportunity to express its opinion and to have a fair trial.

B. Boxers and Officials. A boxer or official who, at any Olympic Games, World Championships, Continental Championships or other duly recognised International Tournament conducts himself or herself in a manner which discredits or is detrimental to the interests of the AIBA can be punished with a reprimand or disqualification for a period of time or for life. Punishment is determined and imposed by the Executive Committee, which, however, before decisions on any such disciplinary action are made, is obliged to give the defendant an opportunity to express his or her opinion and to ensure him or her a fair trial.

If a boxing official - Referee, Judge, Doctor or other AIBA official - is found guilty of violating the health protection rules, he shall be suspended from all competitions for a period of one (1) year. In the case of a re-occurrence of such an offence, the boxing official may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be suspended for life. Before a decision on any such disciplinary action is made, the Executive Committee is obliged to give the defendant an opportunity to express his or her opinion and to ensure him or her a fair trial.

A boxing official removed from, and/or prevented from taking part in, an AIBA competition (Olympic Games, World Championship, World Cup, Continental Championship, Qualifying tournaments) for bad performance or bad behaviour, is automatically and immediately suspended for a one (1) year period from participating in any boxing competition, national level included. The Executive Committee reserves the right to decide whether the actions of the boxing official in question calls for a lengthening of the suspension.

If a boxing official of any federation breaks the dispute regulations defined by the [Statutes] and proceeds to behave outrageously in public before the resolution of his or her dispute, the dispute will be rejected and the Federation of which the official is a member, will automatically be liable for a sanction amounting to US\$10,000 for turmoil (disturbance) and breach of the [Statutes]. If the concerned Federation does not pay the sanction amount within the next three (3) months following its imposition by the Executive Committee, it will be suspended for a two (2) year period [or] until the amount is paid. Should the sanction amount not be paid within these two (2) years, the Federation in question will be considered as not affiliated with the AIBA any more. A 30% fine will be added to the sanction amount to enable a new affiliation of the federation to join the AIBA.

C. Doping.

1. A boxer testing positive for a prohibited substance(s) (or prohibited methods), or committing any other doping violation as defined in the World Anti-Doping Code and in the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules, will be suspended in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules as applicable.
2. If in the investigation into a doping violation, officials are also found guilty, sanctions will be administered in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules.
3. In case of doping being proved, the result of the competition shall be declared invalid. The defeated boxer shall go on to the next round and compete unless medically ineligible.
4. The Chairperson of the Medical Commission/Medical Jury and the AIBA office shall be informed of the result of the analysis of sample "A" within 24 hours.
5. The testing procedure in case of a positive "A" sample shall be conducted according to the procedure listed in the Medical Handbook.
6. Any boxer testing positive for banned substances or any Association having several boxers test positive more than once may be subject to

disciplinary action, or suspension, if deemed appropriate, by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XXXII: Suspension/Discipline

[List of "criteria for suspension" to be drawn up for Referees and Judges and for Executive Committee and Commission members]

ARTICLE XXXIII: Alteration of Articles or Rules

A. Required Majority. Any alteration, addition, or amendment to the Articles or Rules of the Association shall only be made at a Congress and then only by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of those voting in favour.

B. Proposals for Congress. Changes and/or amendments will be written in their entirety with the new material underlined (_____) and deleted material dashed out (-----). For each proposal, the Article or Rule affected shall be identified, and the page in the AIBA Rule book shall be listed. The rationale behind the proposed change shall also be included.

C. The Anti-doping regulations will be published in the Medical Handbook.

ARTICLE XXXIV: Commercial agreements

A. Authorized Agreements. A National Association may make a commercial agreement that would require its boxers to wear the national uniform including the name or logo of a national sponsor provided said name or logo is within the size limitations established by AIBA and in accordance with all applicable AIBA Rules and procedures. A National Association cannot make a commercial agreement that would: (1) prevent one of their boxers from wearing his National Colours if appearing as a member of a Continental or Regional Team; or (2) require one of their boxers to wear a commercial name or logo when appearing as a member of a Continental or Regional Team or when appearing as an individual in a Continental or World Championship Challenge.

ARTICLE XXXV: Event promotions

A. Authority of AIBA. Athletes and officials who enter an AIBA competition accept the fact that the responsible organizers of the event must promote the event in the Press, sports publications, television and radio programmes. AIBA or its responsible member is, therefore, authorized to utilize a name or photograph of all participating athletes and officials involved in the organization of such AIBA Boxing event and to use appropriate biographical information. This use of the name, likeness and background information of such persons does not, in itself, constitute an endorsement of any product or service. AIBA may publicize its champions as a group with any sponsor. The identification of an individual with a sponsor will be coordinated with the individual and/or the Association concerned.

ARTICLE XXXVI: Advertising

A. Control. AIBA controls advertising which athletes and officials wear at on-site final championship training, in official press interviews and on warm-ups immediately prior to the bout and in the corner. This control is normally delegated to the Continental Bureau concerned for Continental Championships and to the National Associations concerned for their competitions and for other National Team Matches.

B. Procedures. The usual AIBA procedures for advertising around the ring and on the athletes' competitive clothing in actual competition are sometimes superseded by host country's laws involving television exposure and by arena contracts with local sponsors. It is necessary that these potentially conflicting points of interest be carefully co-ordinated with the host broadcaster and with the host country early in the planning so that AIBA sponsors can obtain full and adequate identification in the best available manner.

C. Advertising Measurements. Advertising shall be allowed, except in the Olympic Games, on:

- a) the back of the boxer's singlet;
- b) the boxer's shorts;
- c) the upper part of the boxer's gloves; and
- d) the sides of the headgear above eye level not exceeding 20 square centimetres and not longer than four centimetres and provided that it shall not cover the headgear manufacturers' names.

ARTICLE XXXVII: Protest Withdrawals

Any Association withdrawing from a competition as a means of protest shall be suspended automatically and shall become ineligible to compete in any Continental or World Championship in any manner whatsoever for a period of one (1) year beginning on the day of such withdrawal. At its discretion, AIBA's Executive Committee may extend this suspension for up to four (4) years.

ARTICLE XXXVIII: Court of Arbitration for Sport

The Court of Arbitration for Sport is an independent court with its headquarters based in Switzerland. In the case of any dispute between the AIBA and any of its members, the National Federations, the Continental Bureaux or the sports Associations of the affiliated National Federations can appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to settle the dispute.