

IOC Comprehensive Report
on the Situation of the International Boxing Association (IBA – formerly known as AIBA)
dated June 2, 2023
Summary by the NBB Board

It is widely known that IBA, formerly known as AIBA, has been sanctioned by the IOC since 2017 and suspended since 2019. Over 6 past years, there have been numerous correspondence exchanges and meetings between the IOC and the(A)IBA. The IOC has published a number of reports on the IBA, including the 2019 IOC Inquiry Committee Report and the 2021 IOC Interim Report on the IBA, which were never officially challenged by the IBA. A roadmap has been established by the IOC and agreed by the IBA in 2021 with the goal of lifting the suspension.

In March 2023, as a result of serious outstanding concerns in the areas of **governance, financial management, and sport integrity**, the IOC granted the IOC Director General and the IOC Chief Ethics and Compliance Office the power to analyze the IBA's practices and activities and recommend necessary actions if the concerns were outstanding. IBA was then notified of potential non-compliance and given the final opportunity to address the IOC concerns in written form. Following the submission of a report by the IBA, the IOC has prepared its final comprehensive report based on all available elements, and presenting it at the IOC Executive Board meeting on June 7, 2023.

The IOC Comprehensive report on IBA stated that despite the various chances given to the IBA, including the Roadmap 2021 to 2023, to address the various concerns with actual, effective evolution, the IBA was unable to resolve the IOC concerns in order to lift its suspension. Therefore, the report confirmed the analysis made by the IOC Session in 2019, stressed the seriousness of the situation and **concluded that it is necessary to withdraw the IOC's recognition of the IBA pursuant to the Olympic Charter.**

Importantly, it was confirmed that the IBA should not organise the Olympic Games LA28 boxing tournament.

In recent years, the report has outlined the following reasons for IBA failing to meet the criteria established in the 2019 IOC Inquiry Committee Report and the 2021-2023 Roadmap:

- Failure to develop a comprehensive Paris 2024 Qualification System within the required timeframe
- Wrongful declaration of ineligibility of candidates, including Boris van der Vorst, to stand for the IBA elected positions at the 2022 IBA Extraordinary Congress in Istanbul
- Early termination of contract with an independent expert overseeing for the governance reforms of the IBA
- Failure to respect the spirit of the CAS decision and to hold democratic IBA Presidential elections at the IBA Extraordinary Congress in Yerevan
- Constant provision of false information and purposeful misinformation on behalf of the IBA, when communicating with to the IOC, IBA members, and other stakeholders
- Inability to implement governance reforms effectively (legal implementation is NOT administrative implementation)
- Hostile attitude and groundless accusations towards the IOC

- Purposeful attempts to sabotage the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification process, disrespecting the international boxing community
- Unwillingness to cooperate openly and transparently with the IOC during the final review, especially in the area of finance and management of competition officials
- Lack of IBA willingness to change its culture of governance and its negative impact on the boxing community's confidence in the IBA's ability to run the sport properly
- Dysfunctional judicial system
- Resignation of the some IBA Finance Committee members and all IBA Audit Committee members at the end of 2022
- Financial dependence on a state owned entity, sanctioned by international authorities
- Lack of clarity in regards to sources of revenues and concerns about their legitimacy and viability
- Inability and unwillingness to implement the best practices of the IOC Boxing Taskforce in the area of competition officials' management (continued manual appointments and unclear processes)
- Arbitrary sanctioning practices for competition officials and lack of clarity in regards to the evaluation of their performance
- Highly controversial bout review process
- Repeated declarations by the IBA President, undermining the importance of the Olympic Games for boxing

This IBA Comprehensive Report on the Situation of the International Boxing Association (IBA – formerly known as AIBA) included only the main (legally water-tight) reasons to recommend the permanent withdrawal of IBA's Olympic recognition. Of course, National Federations, competition officials, coaches and our boxers have witnessed many other wrongdoings of the IBA over the last years.