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**Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA)**  
**Ms. Antoinette Faye McClean**  
**National Secretary**

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### **Participation in Tournaments Organized by USA Boxing**

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Dear Ms. McClean,

I am writing to address the matter you raised in your letter dated 20 May 2023, regarding the participation of Irish clubs and athletes in the tournaments in the United States.

As per Article 11.1 (a) of the International Boxing Association (IBA) Constitution, it is the obligation of each National Federation to comply with the requirements set forth in the IBA Constitution and applicable regulations. This obligation extends to athletes and officials affiliated with the National Federation as well.

According to the IBA Technical and Competition Rules (T&C Rules), an "International Tournament" refers to any boxing competition in which boxers from different National Federations compete. Article 1.6.2 of the T&C Rules explicitly prohibits National Federations, their teams, individual boxers, or competition officials from participating in an international tournament that has not been approved in advance by the IBA.

As you are aware, USA Boxing terminated its membership with IBA, thereby forfeiting its ability to organize IBA-sanctioned or IBA-affiliated tournaments. Consequently, the IBA cannot recognize or approve international tournaments organized by USA Boxing.

Therefore, it is imperative that athletes and officials affiliated with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA) refrain from participating in any international tournaments affiliated with USA Boxing. Failure to comply with this directive would constitute a breach of the IBA Constitution and the Regulations.





If you require any further clarification or assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Yours faithfully,



IBA Secretary General & CEO

