



To: Continental Confederations
National Federations

Lausanne, 8 June 2023

Circular Letter: Several Matters regarding the so-called “World Boxing” and International Competitions

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. Participation in any international boxing organization or association other than IBA

We hereby issue this circular to inform and remind all parties subject to our jurisdiction of the prohibition on participating in any activities associated with a rogue federation, the so-called “World Boxing” or any other federation outside IBA according to articles 11.1(h) and 14.3 (g). The purpose of this circular is to ensure compliance with regulations and maintain the integrity of our organization.

2. Participation of suspended National Federations

We also take this opportunity to recall in its entirety the circular of 25 May 2023 concerning international competitions, which is hereby recalled in its entirety.

According to Article 13.4 of the IBA Constitution, the rights accorded to a National Federation by its article 10.1 shall lapse during any period in which the National Federation stands suspended by a decision.

Considering the above, **suspended National Federation cannot host the Competitions of International level**, and therefore, National Federations, its **Boxers and Officials must refrain from participation in the Competitions organized by suspended National Federation**.

We emphasise that National Federations are responsible to monitor their affiliated members, any member, individual, boxer, official, any other as well as to clubs belonging to or connected with the National Federation to avoid that they violate the content of this Circular.

Besides, National Federations are in the obligation to report and inform IBA of any breach or potential breach by any of its members.

3. Participation of Boxers and Officials in Competitions

The said Rules approved by the Board, protects the rights and interests of the Boxers and Officials affiliated to the suspended National Federations despite the suspension of their National Federations.

The Boxers and Officials affiliated to the suspended National Federations can participate **only** in the IBA Competitions subject to the terms and conditions established by the Rules.

Organizers of the Competitions are advised not to exclude the Boxers and Officials affiliated to the suspended National Federations in case these Boxers and Officials follow the Rules and for their participation have the written approval of the IBA.



The team of suspended National Federation (“Team”) shall compete **only** in the IBA Competitions under the name: “IBA [Name of Country] Team”. Any reference to the name of the suspended National Federation shall not be allowed.

No symbolics of the suspended National Federation are allowed during the Competitions. Whereas flag and name of the country concerned can be displayed at the boxing equipment. Flag and anthems of the country concerned is allowed during the official ceremonies of the Competitions.

Design of the equipment for the Team must be preliminary approved by the IBA Sports Department.

In case the Rules came into effect during the Competition, the organizers of such Competition are advised:

- to keep the Boxers and Officials at this Competition;
- to request the Boxers and Officials to cover up on their equipment the logo and name of the suspended National Federation;
- to not mention a Name of the suspended National Federation and to not display its symbolics during the Competition.

Representatives of the suspended National Federations, other than Boxers, Team Delegation members (as per article 5(a) of the Rules) and Competition Officials shall not be allowed to be invited or accredited to the Competitions. Therefore, any president, board member etc. of the suspended National Federation shall be refused in accreditation, or issued accreditation shall be canceled.

4. Registration to the Competitions

IBA, Confederations and other organizers of the Competitions shall not accept applications from suspended National Federations to participate in such Competitions.

Any such registration will be conducted **only** via IBA Sports Department. For any questions on this matter, please contact the IBA Sport Director, Mr. Marko Petric (sport@iba.sport).

5. Competition Officials

As per Rule 25.5.1 of the Technical and Competition Rules, once a Competition Official has been duly certified by IBA, he or she shall be deemed directly affiliated to IBA. Therefore, such Competition Official may be invited to the Competitions as per the Technical and Competition Rules regardless of suspension of the National Federation concerned. Invitations for the Technical & Competition officials from Suspended NFs, will be send exclusively by IBA.

Such Competition Officials will represent IBA, and not their National Federation.

For any questions on this matter, please contact IBA Development Director Chris Roberts OBE (development@iba.sport).

6. Reminder to respect Rule 1.1.6

Unfortunately, recently IBA several times face with situations of ignoring Rule 1.1.6 of [the Technical & Competition Rules](#).

In this regard we must remind that, any International Tournament may be organised, held, or supported by a Confederation or a National Federation subject to the IBA prior approval.



A request for such approval must be sent in writing by the relevant legal representative of the Confederation or National Federation to the IBA Competition Committee through the IBA Head Office (email: info@iba.sport) at least three (3) months in advance, whereas the IBA Competition Committee will decide on a form of such request and a list of necessary documents to be provided by the relevant Confederation or National Federation.

Should the IBA Competition Committee not reply within three (3) weeks of the date of filing of such request, the latter will be deemed rejected. The decision of the IBA Competition Committee is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

Additionally, according to Rule 1.6.2 National Federation, their teams, individual Boxers or the Competition Official are forbidden to participate in an International Tournament which is not approved in advance by IBA.

We kindly ask the Confederations and National Federations to bring this letter to your attention of the Boxers and Officials.

Should any person subject to the IBA Constitution and Regulations violate any of the above, IBA shall refer the case to the Board of Directors or to the BIIU Tribunal, as appropriate.

Thank you for taking note of the above and for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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