



**TECHNICAL & COMPETITION RULES
OF THE
WORLD SERIES OF BOXING**

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DEFINITIONS

“**AIBA Competition**” means any boxing competition approved and/or endorsed by the AIBA as defined in the AIBA Technical and Competitions Rules;

“**AIBA National Federation**” is any boxing federation or association that is admitted into membership of the AIBA by the AIBA Congress, hence, becoming a Member of AIBA;

“**AIBA**” means the International Boxing Association (AIBA) of Maison du Sport International, Avenue Rhodanie 54, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland;

“**Bout**” means a boxing contest between two Boxers taking place as part of a Match;

“**Boxer Employment Agreement**” means the standard form contract produced by WSB for the World Series of Boxing entered into between each Boxer and the Franchisee;

“**Boxer**” means any person employed by a Franchisee under a Boxer Employment Agreement who competes in any Match or Exhibition Match;

“**Coach**” means any person employed by a Franchisee to train and assist Boxers in relation to any Match or Exhibition Match;

“**Competition Year**” means each consecutive annual period from 1 July to 30 June;

“**Exhibition Match**” means any boxing competition organized by a Franchisee from time to time during the Competition Year, which involves the Squad and which is not a Regular Season or Play-Off Match;

“**Franchisee**” means the entity granted the right by WSB to operate a Team in the World Series of Boxing and compete with a Squad of Boxers in Matches and Exhibition Matches;

“**Franchisee Bandage Inspector**” means the individual appointed by each Franchisee for the purpose of inspecting the bandages of the members of the opponent Team in th prior to the Bouts;

“**WSB Olympic Qualifying Event**” means the competition taking place after the conclusion of the Play-Off Matches in the year preceding the Olympic Year which shall determine the Olympic quota places in each weight category of the World Series of Boxing;

“**Judge**” means an official appointed by WSB to score a Match or Exhibition Match in accordance with these Rules;

“**Knocked-Down**” or “**Knock-Down**” has the meaning given in Rule 11.1.

“**Match Staging Regulations**” means the regulations published and/or adopted by WSB from time to time relating to the staging of any Matches, which will be provided to the Franchisee prior to the commencement of each Season

“**Match**” means any Regular Match and any Play-Off Matches A Match consists of one or more Bouts;

“**Medical Restriction Period**” has the meaning given in the WSB Medical Rules;

“**Olympic Year**” means a year in which the Summer Olympic Games are held;

“Play-Off Match” means any play-off match between the Franchisees in the World Series of Boxing which takes place at the conclusion of all Regular Matches to decide the final World Series of Boxing standings at the end of each Season;

“Prohibited Method” has the meaning given in the WSB Anti-Doping Rules;

“Prohibited Substance” has the meaning given in the WSB Anti-Doping Rules;

“Referee” means an official appointed by WSB to referee a Match or Exhibition Match in accordance with these Rules;

“Regular Match” means any competition between the Team and any other team in the World Series of Boxing during the Season to determine qualification for the Play-Off Matches;

“Scoring System Operator” means the operator of the WSB Scoring System;

“Season” means the period of time in each Competition Year during which the World Series of Boxing shall take place, commencing on the day of the first Match of the World Series of Boxing in such Competition Year and ending on the day of the last Match of the World Series of Boxing in such Competition Year;

“Squad” means the squad of Boxers from time to time employed by the Franchisee from which the Team shall be selected;

“Team Officials” means the managers, Coaches and doctors of a team entered by a Franchisee in relation to any Match or Exhibition Match;

“Team” means the members of the Squad representing the Franchisee in any Match;

“Venue” means the venue at which the Match or Exhibition Match takes place.

“Weigh-in” means the registration of Boxers, their official weigh-in and medical check which takes place before any Match or Exhibition Match in accordance with these Rules;

“Weight Category” means the weight classification at which a Boxer is registered to compete in the World Series of Boxing;

“World Series of Boxing” means the international boxing league competition known as the World Series of Boxing (or such other name as may replace said name from time to time) comprising of multiple franchisees which is owned and controlled by WSB and which shall take place once during each Competition Year;

“WSB Anti-Doping Rules” means the rules published by the WSB, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency from time to time, in relation to any testing or monitoring for, or any sanctions to be imposed in relation to the use or abuse of, any prohibited substances by any Boxers involved in any Match or employed by the Franchisee as part of the Squad, such rules to be provided to the Franchisee before the commencement of each Season;

“WSB Disciplinary Rules” means the rules published by the WSB in relation to the general standards of conduct required of Boxer’s and any employees, officers or agents of the Franchisee during the Term, and the sanctions which may be imposed in relation to any breaches of such standards of conduct, such rules to be provided to the Franchisee before the commencement of each Season;

“WSB Electronic Recording System” means the electronic system for recording the decision of a Judge (in accordance with Rule 9.2) created by WSB for use in the World Series of Boxing;

“WSB Medical Record Book” has the meaning given in the WSB Medical Rules;

“WSB Medical Rules” means the rules published by the WSB in relation to the medical standards required to be observed prior to, during and after any Match or Exhibition Match by the Franchisee, the Boxer and any other official involved in the World Series of Boxing, such rules to be provided to the Franchisee before the commencement of each Season;

“WSB Official Boxing Equipment Licensee” means a licensee of WSB who is approved to produce official equipment for use in Matches and Exhibition Matches;

“WSB R&J Commission” means the commission established by WSB to regulate and accredit Referees and Judges;

“WSB Ringside Doctor” has the meaning given in the WSB Medical Rules;

“WSB Rules” means the WSB Anti-Corruption Rules, the WSB Anti-Doping Rules, the WSB Disciplinary Rules, the WSB Technical & Competition Rules and the WSB Transfer Rules;

“WSB Scoring System” has the meaning given in Rule 9.

“WSB Supervisor” means a delegate of WSB responsible for technical governance and compliance during WSB Approved Events; and

“WSB” means the World Series of Boxing SA (WSB) a limited company a property of AIBA and registered in Switzerland in accordance with the Swiss Civil Code.

TECHNICAL RULES

RULE 1. CLASSIFICATION OF BOXERS

1.1. Age Classification

- 1.1.1. Only persons aged eighteen (18) or above may compete as a Boxer in the World Series of Boxing.
- 1.1.2. Notwithstanding Rule 1.1.1, WSB or any Franchisee may sign a Boxer Employment Contract with a person aged seventeen (17) or above provided that such person may not commence competition in the World Series of Boxing until achieving the age of eighteen (18).
- 1.1.3. Boxers who achieve the age of thirty-five (35) prior to the first Match of any Season will be deemed to have exceeded the maximum age limit of the World Series of Boxing and will be declared ineligible for all Matches or Exhibition Matches during such Season. The age of a Boxer is determined by reference to his day, month and year of birth.

1.2. Weight Categories

The weight categories in which a Boxer may compete in the World Series of Boxing are as follows:

Weight Category	Minimum Weight (kg)	Maximum Weight (kg)
Bantam	50	54
Light	57	61
Middle	68	73
Light Heavy	80	85
Heavy	91	---

- 1.3. Each Franchise shall have a minimum of fifteen (15) Boxers in its Squad. There is no upper limit on the number of Boxers that a Franchise may have in its Squad.
- 1.4. The number of international Boxers per squad cannot exceed forty (40) % of the total Squad size.
- 1.5. The maximum number of international Boxers from the same country permitted in any Franchise's Squad shall be two (2).

RULE 2. ELIGIBILITY OF BOXERS

2.1. General Eligibility

- 2.1.1. Any Boxer participating in any Match or Exhibition Match must be a member of a recognized AIBA National Federation.
- 2.1.2. Prior to the commencement of each Season, each Franchisee must notify WSB of the nationality of every Boxer employed by the Franchisee. WSB will confirm that the Boxer is a member of a recognized AIBA National Federation. Any changes to the nationality of a Boxer during a Season may only take place with the consent of WSB.

- 2.1.3. Any Boxer participating in any Match or Exhibition Match must have competed in at least one AIBA Competition prior to such participation, unless WSB otherwise consents.
- 2.1.4. Any Boxer who has competed or taken part in professional boxing and/or any combat sport is not eligible to compete in the World Series of Boxing with the following exceptions:
- He has signed a contract to compete in the AIBA Professional Boxing (APB) competition
 - A franchise may be allowed to recruit a maximum of five (5) current professional Boxers with a record of a maximum of fifteen (15) professional Bouts
- 2.1.5. Each Franchise has to submit its team roster of five (5) Boxers to the WSB at the latest one hundred and twenty (120) hours prior to the start time of the upcoming WSB match.
- 2.1.6. Each Franchise must be present on site no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start time of the upcoming WSB match. Violation of this rule will be brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Commission and may lead to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions.
- 2.1.7. Each Boxer who will or may represent the Franchise as a competitor during a WSB Season must be registered within any of the two (2) WSB registration periods set out below; however each Franchise will be allowed five (5) exceptions to the registration periods set out below. The exception can only be availed of in respect of national Boxers. To effect the registration of a Boxer, the Franchise must send WSB the following documents:
- Copy of the passport of the Boxer
 - Copy of the Boxer Employment Agreement, duly signed by all parties
 - Copy of the Annual Medical Examination, duly signed or stamped by the doctor who examined the respective Boxer
- Boxers registration periods are the following:
- From four (4) months before until one (1) month before the first match of the season with exceptions being allowed in an Olympic Year
 - Mid-season break: the exact dates will be notified to the Franchises at the beginning of every WSB Season
- Boxers who are not properly registered with WSB on or before the registration deadline will not be permitted to compete in the relevant Season, except in extraordinary circumstances with the consent of WSB.
- 2.1.8. Any transfer of Boxers between two Franchises must be completed in accordance with the WSB Transfer Rules.
- 2.1.9. No Boxers shall compete in successive Matches or Exhibition Matches unless a period of at least ten (10) days or more has passed between such Matches or Exhibition Matches.
- 2.2. Release of Boxers for other permitted competitions
- 2.2.1. The Franchisee shall release the Boxer to participate in the following competitions:
- (A) the boxing tournament that forms part of the Olympic Games;

- (B) Any boxing tournament which is a pre-requisite to the Boxer's qualification for participation in the Olympic Games such as;
 - (i) National Championships prior to the World Championships provided that such World Championships are recognized as an official Olympic qualifier by AIBA;
 - (ii) World Championships provided that such World Championships are recognized as an official Olympic qualifier by AIBA;
 - (iii) Continental Olympic qualifier(s);
- (C) provided that the Boxer has not participated (and will not participate) in any tournament pursuant to clause 2.2.1(A) or 2.2.1(B) during a Competition Year one (and only one) Permitted External Competition for each Competition Year during the Term, provided that such Permitted External Competition may not take place during any WSB Season;
- (D) any other such tournament as the Franchisee may permit in its absolute discretion provided that such tournament is sanctioned by AIBA

2.2.2. The Boxer shall also be released for the period of preparation. If the Boxer is due to participate in any tournament in accordance with clause 2.2.1, this period shall be four (4) clear days prior to the commencement of the tournament. The period of release shall be extended to five (5) days prior to the commencement of the tournament if the tournament in question is held on a different continent to that on which the Franchisee is domiciled.

2.2.3. Resumption of duty from other permitted competitions

- (A) A Boxer who has been in attendance with a National Federation and/or for a tournament (in accordance with clause 2.2.1) shall be released back and return to his Franchise as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no later than thirty-six (36) hours after the conclusion of the tournament when it has taken place in the same Confederation of his Franchise and within sixty (60) hours when such tournament has taken place outside of the Confederation of his Franchise. National Federations shall do their utmost to ensure that the Boxer resumes duty with his Franchise in accordance with these timeframes but it is the Boxer's responsibility to ensure that he returns within the applicable timeframes.

2.2.4. Travel costs, accommodation and food

- (A) The National Federation calling for the release of a Boxer shall be responsible for the travel costs incurred by the Boxer as a result of the release request and relevant accommodation and food whilst the Boxer is on International Duty when arranged by such National Federation
- (B) A Boxer requesting his release to participate in a tournament (in respect of clause 2.2.1(B)(i), 2.2.1(C) or 2.2.1(D) shall be responsible for his own travel costs, accommodation and food from the start to the end of his release period.

2.2.5. Any Franchise that releases a Boxer during the WSB Season must complete the temporary release form and receive WSB approval before releasing the Boxer.

2.3. Medical Eligibility

2.3.1. Medical Certification

A Boxer shall not be allowed to compete in any Match or Exhibition Match unless he possesses a medical clearance certifying that the Boxer is fit to box by a qualified doctor approved by WSB in accordance with the WSB Medical Rules.

All Franchisees must provide WSB with the results of the annual medical examination of each Boxer prior to the Boxer participating in any Match or Exhibition Match.

On the day of each Match or Exhibition Match the Boxer shall not be allowed to compete unless he is certified as fit to compete by a qualified doctor approved by WSB.

2.3.2. A Boxer shall be clean-shaven before the medical examination and before the Weigh-In. Beards and moustaches are not allowed. No type of body piercing and no body accessories are allowed to be worn during a Bout. Hair may not extend below the neck line.

2.3.3. A Boxer may not compete if he is subject to any Medical Restriction Period in accordance with the WSB Medical Rules or is otherwise prohibited from competing in accordance with the WSB Medical Rules.

RULE 3. REGISTRATION OF BOXERS FOR COMPETITIONS

3.1. Required Documents

3.1.1. A Boxer must present his passport at the registration for any Match or Exhibition Match. The name, nationality and date of birth of the Boxer must be checked prior to competition.

3.1.2. A Boxer must present his WSB/AIBA Medical Record Book kept in accordance with the WSB Medical Rules. The medical eligibility of the Boxer must be checked prior to competition.

RULE 4. MEDICAL EXAMINATION

4.1. At the Weigh-In, the Boxer must be considered as fit to compete upon examination by a WSB Ringside Doctor before being weighed-in. With a view to ensuring a smooth running of the Weigh-In, the WSB Supervisor may at any time decide to begin the medical examination at an earlier time.

4.2. At the Weigh-In, the Franchisee must provide the WSB Supervisor with all documents required in respect of the Boxer under Rule 3.

RULE 5. WEIGH-IN

5.1. In all Matches and Exhibition Matches:

5.1.1. All Boxers must attend the Weigh-In the day before the day of the Match or Exhibition Match. The Weigh-In shall be organized not less than twenty-four (24) or more than thirty (30) hours before the start of the first Bout of the Match or Exhibition Match. The WSB Supervisor reserves the right to relax this condition, if unavoidable circumstances occur.

- 5.1.2. The Weigh-In shall be conducted by the WSB Supervisor and Officials authorized by WSB. A Team Official of the Franchisee which the Boxer represents may be present at the Weigh-In; however, and under no circumstance is, the Team Official allowed to interfere in the process of Weigh-In.
- 5.1.3. The weight of the Boxer is the weight in kilograms as shown on the scale, the body being naked except for a swimming suit or underwear. Electronic scales may be used. The WSB Supervisor will certify the official scale.
- 5.1.4. At the Weigh-In, the Boxer's weight must not exceed the maximum of the Boxer's Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the Boxer's Weight Category. A Boxer may only box in the weight for which this Boxer has qualified during the Weigh-In.
- 5.1.5. Test scales will be officially open for two (2) hours before the start of the Weigh-In.

RULE 6. NON COMPLIANCE OF WEIGHT LIMIT

- 6.1. If a Boxer exceeds the official weight limit in the Weigh-In, then:
 - 6.1.1. if the Boxer exceeds the allowed weight by 500 grams or less – the Boxer will be permitted to compete in the relevant Match and points for the Bout shall be awarded normal and the Boxer and the relevant Franchisee will be subject to a fine determined by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules for violating the WSB Technical & Competition Rules; or
 - 6.1.2. if the Boxer exceeds the allowed weight by more than 500 grams – the Boxer will not be permitted to compete in the relevant Match and the Bout will be awarded as a win to the opponent of the Boxer and the Boxer and the relevant Franchisee will be subject to a substantial fine determined by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules for violating the WSB Technical & Competition Rules.
- 6.2. If both Boxers in any Bout exceed the official weight limit in the Weigh-In by more than 500 grams as specified in Rule 6.1.2, then the Bout will be declared as No Contest.

RULE 7. DURATION AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS

- 7.1. In all Regular Matches and Play-Off Matches the Bouts shall consist of five (5) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 7.2. Franchisees can submit a request to WSB for an exception to Rule 7.1 for an Exhibition Match. Such request must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the Exhibition Match.
- 7.3. In all Matches and Exhibition Matches one (1) minute of rest must be given to the Boxers between the end of a round and the beginning of the next round.

RULE 8. THE DECISIONS

8.1 Win on points – WP

- 8.1.1 At the end of a Bout, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the total score of the Judges and shall be declared the winner on points in accordance with the WSB Scoring System by either unanimous or split decision.
- 8.1.2 If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs after the start of the second round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the Judges shall record the points gained by each Boxer up to the time of termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on the points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the WSB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 8.1.3 In case both Boxers are injured at the same time, after the start of the second round the Boxer with the higher score at the time of the decision will be the winner on points in accordance with the WSB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 8.1.4 A Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to a material happening outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the material happening occurs after the start of the third round, the Bout shall be terminated, and all partial and full round scores totaled. The Boxer with the most points shall be declared the winner on points in accordance with the WSB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.

8.2 Win by Technical Knock-out – TKO

- 8.2.1 If a Boxer retires voluntarily owing to injury or by the Coach throwing a towel to the canvas of the ring (provided that no towel may be thrown while the Referee is counting in respect of a Knock-Down), or if the Boxer fails to resume boxing immediately after the rest between rounds, the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 8.2.2 If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee is being outclassed or is receiving excessive punishment, the Bout shall be stopped and the opponent declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 8.2.3 If a Boxer is unfit to continue and fails to resume boxing after receiving hard blows, the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 8.2.4 If a Boxer doesn't recover after one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds, in accordance with the Rule 10.3 concerning the low blow, the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.
- 8.2.5 In the event of a Boxer being knocked-out of the ring, the Boxer should be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring, without the help of anyone. In case he is not able to come back in the ring within the above mentioned timeframe, the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO.

8.3 Win by Technical Knock-out Injury – TKO-I

- 8.3.1 If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, is unfit to continue because of a sustained or increased injury from correct punches, the Bout shall be stopped and the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO-I.
- 8.3.2 If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee, becomes incapable of continuing to compete, the Bout shall be stopped and the opponent shall be declared the winner of the bout by TKO-I.

8.4 Win by Disqualification - DQ

- 8.4.1 If a Boxer is disqualified for a foul or for any other reason, the Boxer's opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by DQ.
- 8.4.2 If the Referee, at his discretion, determines that an intentional foul caused an injury to a Boxer and that the fouled and injured Boxer cannot continue because of the injury sustained from the intentional foul, the offending Boxer will be disqualified and the injured Boxer will be declared the winner of the Bout by DQ.
- 8.4.3 The third warning will automatically disqualify the Boxer and his opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by DQ.
- 8.4.4 A disqualified Boxer shall not be entitled to points or awards relating to the Match or Exhibition Match in which this Boxer has been disqualified and the misconduct shall be brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Commission by the WSB Supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the respective match.

8.5 Win by Knock-out - KO

- 8.5.1 If a Boxer is Knocked-Down and fails to resume boxing after he is counted out to ten, the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by a KO.
- 8.5.2 If the Referee summons the WSB Ringside Doctor in the ring, in case of an emergency, before the Boxer is counted out to ten, the opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by a KO.
- 8.5.3 In the event of a Double KO occurs after the start of the second round, both Boxers lose the bout by KO.

8.6 Technical Draw – TD

- 8.6.1 If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs in the first round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision is a TD. In case the TD occurs in the final of the WSB Olympic Qualifying Event, the Boxer who has the highest ranking among these two (2) Boxers at the end of the Regular Season shall be declared the winner.
- 8.6.2 If a Double KO occurs during the first round, the decision is a TD.
- 8.6.3 In case both Boxers are injured at the same time in the first round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision is a TD.

8.7 Win by Walk Over – WO

- 8.7.1 When a Boxer is present in the ring fully attired for boxing and the Boxer's opponent fails to appear after having been called out by the public address system, the bell has sounded and a maximum period of one minute has elapsed, the Referee shall declare the first Boxer to be the winner by a WO. The Referee shall summon the Boxer to the center of the ring and after the decision is announced, raise this Boxer's hand as the winner. The winner will receive one win and 135 points towards his Individual Ranking.
- 8.7.2 In case the WSB Supervisor knows in advance that a Boxer will not be present, he must cancel the procedure mentioned in rule 8.7.1. and the Announcer will announce the official result to the public.

8.8 No contest – NC

- 8.8.1 A Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to a material happening outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the material happening occurs prior to the start of the third round and cannot be fixed in a reasonable time period, the Bout shall be declared NC. In such case both Boxers will score half of the points for the team as well as for the individual ranking.
- 8.8.2 If both Boxers in any Bout exceed the official weight limit in the Weigh-In by more than 500 grams as specified in Rule 6.1.2., then the Bout will be declared as NC.

RULE 9. WSB SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1. The WSB Scoring System shall be used in all Matches and Exhibition Matches. The WSB Scoring System is based on the "Ten Points Must-System".
- 9.2. At the end of each round, each of the three (3) Judges must determine the winning Boxer of that round and award the winning Boxer a score of ten (10) points for that round and his opponent a score of: (i) nine (9) points; (ii) eight (8) points; or (iii) seven (7) points, depending on the opinion of the Judge as to the degree to which the opponent lost the round. Every round must have a declared winner.
- 9.3. The scoring of the points for each round shall be made within fifteen (15) seconds following the conclusion of the round by the Judges using the WSB Electronic Recording System. Such scores shall be transmitted directly to a computer system maintained and operated by the WSB Supervisor and no alterations or additions may be made to these scores after the initial transmission. The announcement of the scores on the live TV broadcast will be made immediately prior to the commencement of the next round (excluding the announcement of the scores awarded for the final round, in which case Rule 9.6 shall apply to the display and announcement of the scores). This announcement will be approved by the WSB Supervisor who will then submit the scores to the broadcaster for transmission on the live TV broadcast. The precise scores awarded and the Judge who awarded each score will be identified in such public display. This public display will also indicate the running total score for each Boxer for the entire Bout (including any deductions made in accordance with Rule 10.2.2).

- 9.4. Equal points cannot be awarded to both Boxers in any round. At the end of each Bout, the individual scores awarded for each round by each Judge are individually accumulated on the WSB Electronic Recording System to obtain a total score awarded by each Judge for each Boxer for the entire Bout. Any points deducted from each Boxer for warnings in accordance with Rule 10.2.2 are then applied by the WSB Electronic Recording System to reduce the total score awarded by each Judge for each Boxer for the entire Bout.
- 9.5. In the event that the total scores awarded by a Judge, including any deductions, are equal at the end of the Bout, such Judge has to record in the WSB Electronic Recording System who in his opinion should be the winner of the Bout. He will only be requested to do so if:
- (i) one (1) or two (2) other Judges also awarded equal scores
 - (ii) the two (2) others Judges appointed different winners.
- 9.6. The scores of the final round shall not be disclosed or displayed until the winner of the Bout has been announced. Following such determination as shown on the WSB Electronic Recording System, the WSB Supervisor shall notify the Referee and the official announcer of the winner of the Bout as shown on the WSB Electronic Recording System. The Referee shall then position himself in the center of the ring with both Boxers, and the official announcer shall announce the winner of the Bout over the public address system. The Referee will then raise the hand of the winning Boxer and only then will the scores of the final round and the total scores be made public in the Venue and on the live TV broadcast.
- 9.7. All results recorded in the WSB Electronic Recording System must be printed in physical form at the conclusion of the Match and must be appended to the official report forwarded to WSB HQ by the WSB Supervisor.
- 9.8. If the WSB Electronic Recording System becomes defective during any Match or Exhibition Match, the Judges shall write their scores on official scorecards in accordance with the procedures of the WSB Scoring System. The Referee will then collect the official scorecards from the three Judges after the end of each round and deliver them to the WSB Supervisor.
- 9.9. In case of unavailability, due to unexpected circumstances, of one (1) of the four (4) WSB Referees and Judges the respective Bout will be scored by two (2) Judges and the Referee. The Referee will provide his scores in written form to the WSB Supervisor who will enter them in the WSB Electronic Recording System.
- 9.10. The WSB Scoring System appoints the winner by unanimous or split decision as follows:
- 9.10.1. Unanimous decision by points:
 - the three (3) Judges appoint the same winner.
 - 9.10.2 Split Decision by points:
 - a. two (2) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the other Judge appoint the other Boxer as the winner.
 - b. two (2) Judges appoint one (1) Boxer as the winner and the result of the other Judge is a draw.

RULE 10. FOULS

10.1. Types of fouls

- 10.1.1. Hitting below the belt, holding, tripping, kicking, and butting with foot or knee.
- 10.1.2. Hits or blows with head, shoulder, forearm, elbow, throttling of the opponent, and pressing with arm or elbow in opponent's face, pressing the head of the opponent back over the ropes.
- 10.1.3. Hitting with open glove, the inside of the glove, wrist or side of the hand.
- 10.1.4. Hits landing on the back of the opponent, and especially any blow on the back of the neck or head and kidney punch.
- 10.1.5. Pivot blows.
- 10.1.6. Attack whilst holding the ropes or making any unfair use of the ropes.
- 10.1.7. Lying on, wrestling and throwing in the clinch.
- 10.1.8. An attack on an opponent who is down or who is in the act of rising.
- 10.1.9. Holding.
- 10.1.10. Holding and hitting or pulling and hitting.
- 10.1.11. Holding, or locking, of the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of the opponent.
- 10.1.12. Ducking below the belt of the opponent.
- 10.1.13. Completely passive defense by means of double cover and intentionally falling, running, or turning the back to avoid a blow.
- 10.1.14. Inappropriate, aggressive, or offensive utterances during the round.
- 10.1.15. Not stepping back when ordered to break.
- 10.1.16. Attempting to strike opponent immediately after the Referee has ordered "break" and before taking a step back.
- 10.1.17. Assaulting or behaving in an aggressive manner towards a Referee at any time.
- 10.1.18. Spitting out the gumshield (teeth protector) intentionally without receiving a correct punch will cause the Boxer to receive a mandatory warning
- 10.1.19. If the gumshield falls out on the canvas after the Boxer has received a correct punch, and if this happens for the third time, the Boxer shall receive a mandatory warning
- 10.1.20. Keeping the advanced hand straight in order to obstruct the opponent's vision.
- 10.1.21. Biting an opponent.

10.2. Cautions, warnings, disqualifications

- 10.2.1. A Boxer who does not obey the instructions of the Referee, acts against the rules of boxing, boxes in any unsportsmanlike manner, or commits fouls, can, at the discretion of the Referee, be cautioned, warned or disqualified. If a Referee intends to warn a Boxer, the Referee shall stop the contest, and will demonstrate the infringement. The Referee will then point to the Boxer, WSB Supervisor and to each of the three (3) Judges.
- 10.2.2. When a Boxer receives a Referee's warning, the WSB Supervisor will record that warning in the WSB Electronic Recording System and that warning shall have the effect of reducing the total score awarded to the warned Boxer for the Bout by one (1) point. A Boxer may be warned on more than one occasion during a Bout and will have one (1) point deducted from the total score awarded to the warned Boxer for that Bout for each such warning. The third warning will automatically disqualify the Boxer.
- 10.2.3. If the Referee has any reason to believe that a foul has been committed which the Referee has not seen, the Referee may consult the Judges.
- 10.2.4. In event that any irregularity is found in the bandages and causes a delay in the start of the Bout, an immediate warning shall be applied to the respective Boxer.

10.3 Low Blow

After a low blow, if the offended Boxer does not complain and the low blow was not hard and intentional, the Referee makes a sign to signal the foul without interrupting the Bout.

After a low blow, if the offended Boxer complains about the severity of the low blow, the Referee has two (2) options:

- Disqualifying the offender immediately, if an intentional and hard blow
- Start an eight (8) count

After the count till eight (8), the Referee has two (2) options:

- The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee applies a warning to the offender and the Bout continues
- The Boxer is unfit to continue: the Referee gives a certain amount of time to recover with a maximum of up to one (1) minute and a half

After above mentioned timeframe, the Referee has two (2) options:

- The Boxer is fit to continue: the Referee applies a warning to the offender and the Bout continues
- The Boxer is unfit to continue: his opponent shall be declared the winner of the Bout by TKO

11. KNOCK-DOWNS

11.1 A Boxer will be considered to be Knocked-Down if:

11.1.1 the Boxer touches the floor with any part of the body other than the Boxer's feet as the result of a blow or series of blows;

11.1.2 the Boxer hangs helplessly on the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows;

11.1.3 the Boxer is outside or partly outside the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows;

11.1.4 following a hard punch the Boxer has not fallen and is not lying on the ropes, but is in a semi-conscious state and cannot, in the opinion of the Referee, continue the Bout.

11.2 Counts following a Knock-Down

In the case of a Knock-Down, the Referee shall say stop and then begin to count. When a boxer is Knocked-Down, the Referee shall count from one (1) to eight (8) if the Boxer is ready and count from one (1) to ten (10) if the Boxer is continuously Knocked-Down with intervals of a second between the numbers, and shall indicate each second with the hand in such a manner that the Boxer who has been Knocked-Down may be aware of the count. Before the number "one" is counted, an interval of one second must have elapsed from the time when the Boxer is Knocked-Down, and the time of announcing "one".

11.3 Responsibilities of the opponent

If a Boxer is Knocked-Down, the Boxer's opponent must at once go to the neutral corner as designated by the Referee and remain there until the end of the count. If the opponent does not go to the neutral corner on the command of the Referee, the Referee shall suspend the count until the opponent complies with the command.

11.4 Mandatory eight count

When a Boxer is Knocked-Down as the result of a blow, the Bout shall not continue until the Referee has reached a mandatory count of eight (8), even if the Boxer is ready to continue before then.

11.5 The Knock-Out

After the Referee has said "ten" and the word "out", the Bout ends and shall be decided as a "knock-out". The Referee may discontinue the count and declare the Boxer "out" if in his opinion the Boxer is in immediate need of medical attention.

11.6 Boxer Knocked-Down at the end of a round

In the event of a Boxer being Knocked-Down at the end of any round the Referee shall continue to count until the Boxer is no longer Knocked-Down irrespective of the end of the round. Should the Referee count up to ten (10), such Boxer shall be deemed to have lost the Bout by a "knock-out". The gong does not save the Boxer.

11.7 Second Knock-Down without a further punch

If a Boxer is Knocked-Down as the result of a punch and the Bout is continued after the count of eight (8) has been reached, but the Boxer falls again without having received a further punch, the Referee shall continue the count from the count of eight (8) up to the count of ten (10).

11.8 Both Boxers Knocked-Down

If both Boxers are Knocked-Down at the same time, the count will be continued as long as one of them is still Knocked-Down. If both Boxers remain Knocked-Down until the count of ten (10), the Bout will be stopped and both Boxers will lose by "knock-out" if it occurs after the start of the second round. If this occurs in the first round the Bout will be declared as a TD.

11.9 Compulsory count limits

The Referee will have the discretion to stop or allow a Bout to continue regardless of the number of standing eight (8) counts given in any round.

11.10 Boxer Knocked-Out of the Ring

In the event of a Boxer being knocked-out of the ring, the Boxer should be allowed thirty (30) seconds to come back into the ring without help of anyone. In case he is not able to come back in the ring within the above mentioned timeframe, such Boxer shall be deemed to have lost the Bout by a TKO.

RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

RULE 1. WSB SUPERVISOR

- 1.1. The WSB Supervisor must be an agent of WSB.
- 1.2. For all Matches and Exhibition Matches, WSB will appoint the WSB Supervisor.
- 1.3. The WSB Supervisor will give directions to the Franchisee to ensure that the Franchisee will comply with the Match Staging Regulations and all WSB Rules.
- 1.4. The detailed duties of the WSB Supervisor are listed in Appendix A.

RULE 2. COMPETITION MANAGER

- 2.1. The Competition Manager must be appointed by the Franchisee and approved by WSB.
- 2.2. The Competition Manager is responsible for the planning, organization, management and conduct of the competition. The Competition Manager must be competent in English.
- 2.3. The detailed duties of the Competition Manager are listed in Appendix B.

RULE 3. REFEREES

- 3.1. In all Matches and Exhibition Matches, each Bout shall be controlled by a Referee, nominated by the WSB Supervisor, who shall officiate in the ring and shall not score the Bout, except according to Technical Rule 9.9.
- 3.2. The duties of the Referee are as follows:
 - 3.2.1. to care for both Boxers and to make the health of both Boxers his primary concern throughout the Bout;
 - 3.2.2. to see that the rules and fair play are strictly observed;
 - 3.2.3. to maintain control of the contest at all its stages;
 - 3.2.4. to prevent a weak Boxer from receiving undue and unnecessary punishment;
 - 3.2.5. to use four (4) words of command:
 - 3.2.5.1. "Stop" when ordering the Boxers to stop boxing;
 - 3.2.5.2. "Box" when ordering the Boxers to continue boxing;
 - 3.2.5.3. "Break" when breaking a clinch;
 - 3.2.5.4. "Time-out" when ordering the Timekeeper to stop the time
 - 3.2.6. to indicate to a Boxer by suitable explanatory signs, verbal commands or gestures any infringement of these Rules;
 - 3.2.7. the Referee may use a touch by hand to "stop" and to "break" the Bout;

- 3.2.8. the Referee shall not indicate the winner, by raising a Boxer's hand or otherwise, until the announcement has been made. When the winner of a Bout is announced, the Referee shall position himself in the middle of the ring holding one hand of each Boxer and raise the hand of the winning Boxer while facing the main TV camera;
- 3.2.9. when the Referee has disqualified a Boxer or stopped the Bout, the Referee shall first inform the WSB Supervisor which Boxer has been disqualified or the reason for which the Bout was stopped, to enable the WSB Supervisor to instruct the announcer to make the decision correctly known to the public;
- 3.2.10. the Referee may consult the WSB Ringside Doctor in respect of any injury to a Boxer;
- 3.2.11. when the Referee calls the WSB Ringside Doctor to the ring to examine a Boxer, only the Referee and the WSB Ringside Doctor should be present in the ring or on the apron;
- 3.2.12. If an injury occurs, and if the Referee did not clearly understand the cause of the injury, the Referee shall follow the steps set out below:
 - Ask the non-injured Boxer to go to the neutral corner
 - Ask the WSB Ringside Doctor if the injured Boxer is fit to continue. If the WSB Ringside Doctor decides that he is fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to continue the Bout.
 - If the WSB Ringside Doctor decides that the Boxer is not fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to stop the Bout. In this case, he should request the opinion of each of the three (3) Judges to see whether all or a majority have seen a foul or a correct blow and the Referee shall then make one of the following decisions:
 - Where all or a the majority of the Judges have seen a correct blow – Technical Rule 8.3.1 should apply
 - Where all or a the majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul during the first round – Technical Rule 8.6.1 should apply
 - Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul after the start of the second round – Technical Rule 8.1.2 should apply
 - Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an intentional foul – Technical Rule 8.4.2. should apply.

3.3. The authorities of the Referee are as follows:

- 3.3.1. to terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers it to be one-sided;
- 3.3.2. to terminate a contest at any stage if one of the Boxers has received an injury on account of which the Referee decides the Boxer should not continue;
- 3.3.3. to terminate a contest at any stage if this Referee considers the Boxers are not in earnest. In such cases, the Referee may disqualify one or both Boxers;
- 3.3.4. to caution a Boxer or administer a warning to a Boxer against fouls or for any other reason in the interest of fair play, or to ensure compliance with these Rules;

- 3.3.5. to disqualify a Boxer who fails to comply immediately with the Referee's command, or behaves towards the Referee in an offensive or aggressive manner at any time;
- 3.3.6. to caution, to remove and to disqualify a second who has infringed these Rules;
- 3.3.7. with or without previous warning, to disqualify a Boxer for committing a serious foul;
- 3.3.8. to interpret these Rules insofar as they are applicable or relevant to the Bout or to decide and take action on any circumstance of the Bout which is not covered by these Rules.

3.4. Right to check the Boxer

- 3.4.1. Once a Boxer has entered the ring, a Referee shall ensure that the Boxer is wearing a cup-protector and gumshield;
- 3.4.2. The Boxer must be wearing no other objects except for the boxing apparel specified in these Rules. No other objects may be worn during the Bout;
- 3.4.3. In the event of a Boxer's glove becoming undone during a Bout, the Referee shall stop the Bout to have the issue rectified;
- 3.4.4. Inspect the bandages of both Boxers in the ring before the start of the Bout;

3.5. The Referee must check the right positions of Judges and the WSB Ringside Doctor before the start of the Bout.

RULE 4. JUDGES

4.1. Designation and Participation

- 4.1.1. In all Matches and Exhibition Matches, each Bout shall be judged by three (3) Judges who shall be seated separated from the public and immediately adjacent to the ring;
- 4.1.2. Each of the three (3) Judges shall be seated at the center of one of the three (3) sides of the ring.

4.2. Authorities

- 4.2.1. Each Judge shall independently judge the merits of the two (2) Boxers;
- 4.2.2. Each Judge shall use the WSB Scoring System for judging the merits of the Boxers;
- 4.2.3. No Judge shall speak or give any sign to a Boxer or to another Judge or to anyone else during the Bout;
- 4.2.4. No Judge shall leave their seat until the verdict has been announced to the public.

RULE 5. REFEREES & JUDGES

- 5.1. Eligibility
 - 5.1.1. Persons who referee and/or judge in a professional boxing match are ineligible to act as a Referee and Judge. Any Referee and Judge who officiates in a non-AIBA match is automatically disqualified;
 - 5.1.2. All candidates for a position as a Referee and Judge shall be nominated by their respective AIBA National Federation and recommended by the AIBA R&J Commission to the WSB R&J Commission;
 - 5.1.3. All candidates for a position as a Referee and Judge must have been certified as a 3-Stars or 2-Stars AIBA Referee and Judge;
 - 5.1.4. All candidates must meet the requirements of the WSB Medical Rules in respect of their physical fitness to officiate;
 - 5.1.5. All candidates shall speak one of the following languages fluently: English, French, Spanish, Russian or Arabic.
- 5.2. Referee and Judge Certification is valid for a period of two (2) years from commencement and after that period, the Referee and Judge must take part in further examinations.

RULE 6. COACHES

- 6.1. In order to act as Seconds in a WSB Match, all Coaches employed by any Franchisee should have the AIBA 3-Star Coach Certification; exceptions may be granted by WSB.
- 6.2. Each Boxer shall be entitled to be accompanied to the ring by up to three (3) Coaches. However, only two (2) Coaches may mount the apron of the ring and only one (1) may enter the ring.
- 6.3. Duties of Coaches
 - 6.3.1. Coaches must vacate the ring and the apron prior to the commencement of each round, and must remove seats, towels, buckets, etc, from the platform of the ring;
 - 6.3.2. Coaches must be in possession of a towel for the Boxer during the Bout. A Coach may indicate retirement for his Boxer by throwing the towel into the ring, when he considers his Boxer to be unfit or unable to continue boxing, except when the Referee is in the course of counting; and
 - 6.3.3. Are not allowed to touch the ring during the round, yell or cause a scandal during the Bout.

RULE 7. WSB RINGSIDE DOCTORS

- 7.1. WSB Ringside Doctors have the powers and responsibilities given to them under the WSB Medical Rules.

RULE 8. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCER

8.1. Duties

8.1.1. Ten (10) seconds before the commencement of each round, the announcer shall clear the ring by ordering "seconds out", except in the first round;

8.1.2. The official announcer shall announce the number of each round right before the start of each round;

8.1.3. The official announcer shall announce the final result and the winner of the respective Bout at the center of the ring after having received the final results from the WSB Supervisor.

8.2. For all Matches and Exhibition Matches, the official announcer should have the following qualifications:

8.2.1. be fluent in multiple languages, including at least English;

8.2.2. an excellent understanding of these Rules;

8.2.3. possess a minimum of three (3) years experience in the field of competition announcement in sports events.

8.3. The host Franchise is responsible for hiring a professional announcer for all Matches and Exhibition Matches.

8.4. The announcer shall be seated directly at the side of the ring

RULE 9. TIMEKEEPER

9.1. Duties

9.1.1. The main duty of the timekeeper is to regulate the number and duration of the rounds and the intervals between rounds. The intervals between rounds shall be of one minute duration;

9.1.2. Fifteen (15) seconds before the end of each round, the timekeeper shall signal the approaching end of the round;

9.1.3. The timekeeper shall commence and end each round by striking the gong;

9.1.4. The timekeeper shall regulate all periods of time and counts by a watch or clock, but he shall only stop the clock if instructed by the Referee and on the command of "time-out";

9.1.5. Following a Knock-Down, the timekeeper shall give the sound signal to the Referee indicating the elapsing seconds while the latter is counting;

9.1.6. If, at the end of a round, a Boxer is Knocked-Down and the Referee is in the course of counting, the gong indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. The gong will be sounded only when the Referee gives the command "box" indicating the continuation of the Bout.

9.2. The timekeeper shall be seated directly at the side of the ring.

9.3. The timekeeper shall be appointed by the host Franchisee and be certified by WSB.

RULE 10. SCORING SYSTEM OPERATOR

10.1. Duties

10.1.1. To operate the WSB Electronic Scoring system;

10.1.2. To make sure all latest updates of the system are downloaded and installed twenty-four (24) before the start of the first bout at the latest;

10.1.3. To receive from the WSB Supervisor all relevant information on time in order to include them in the system;

10.1.4. To inform and show the WSB Supervisor that the scoring system is fully operational one (1) hour before the start of the competition at the latest.

10.2. The Scoring System Operator shall be seated next to the Supervisor.

10.3 The Scoring System Operator shall be appointed by the host Franchisee and should be certified by WSB

RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

RULE 1. THE RING

- 1.1. Ring and canvas size
 - 1.1.1. For all Matches and Exhibition Matches, the ring must be 6.10 m square inside the line of the ropes.
 - 1.1.2. The size of the apron shall be at least 50 cm from the ropes on each side, including additional canvas necessary to tighten and secure it.
- 1.2. Height of ring

For all Matches and Exhibition Matches, the height of the ring should be at least one (1) meter from the ground.
- 1.3. Platform and corner pads
 - 1.3.1. The platform shall be safely constructed, leveled and free from any obstructing projections. It shall be fitted with four (4) corner posts which shall be well padded or otherwise constructed so as to prevent injury to the Boxers.
 - 1.3.2. The corner pads and colors of the corner pads should be arranged as indicated in the FOP diagram in Appendix C.
- 1.4. Surface of the ring floor
 - 1.4.1. The floor shall be covered with felt, rubber or other suitably approved material having the same quality of elasticity and not less than 1.3 cm nor more than 1.9 cm thick over which a canvas shall be stretched and secured in place.
 - 1.4.2. The canvas shall cover the entire platform and shall be made of non-slippery material.
- 1.5. Ropes
 - 1.5.1. All Matches and Exhibition Matches should have four (4) separate ropes on each side of the ring. They should be 4 cm thick, without considering the cover.
 - 1.5.2. The heights of the four (4) ropes shall be 40.6 cm, 71.1 cm, 101.6 cm and 132.1 cm from the canvas.
 - 1.5.3. The four (4) ropes shall be joined on each side of the ring, at equal intervals, by two (2) pieces of material (close to the texture of the canvas) 3 to 4 cm wide. The two (2) pieces must not slide along the rope.
 - 1.5.4. The tension of each section of the rope shall be strong enough to absorb the impact of the boxer's contact with the rope. However, in any case, the Referee reserves the right to adjust the tension if necessary.

1.6. Steps

The ring shall be provided with three (3) sets of steps. Two (2) sets of steps at the opposite corners for the use of the Boxers and Coaches, and one (1) set of steps in the neutral corner for the use of the Referee and the WSB Ringside Doctor.

1.7. For all Matches and Exhibition Matches, the Franchisee must use the rings manufactured by one of the WSB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.

1.8. The ring shall have the dimensions set out in the diagram in Appendix C.

RULE 2. ACCESSORIES OF THE RING

The following accessories of the ring are required for all Matches and Exhibition Matches:

2.1. gong (with striker);

2.2. two (2) plastic receptacles which can be used for spitting, two (2) plastic spray bottles and two (2) small plastic bottles for drinking. No other type of water bottle is permitted at ringside for use by the Boxers or the Coaches;

2.3. a chair and a table for the WSB Supervisor, WSB Ringside Doctors, Scoring System Operator, Timekeeper, Announcer and high chairs for the Judges;

2.4. one electronic stop watch which complies with the requirements of the WSB Electronic Scoring System and one manual stop watch as backup;

2.5. one WSB Electronic Scoring System;

2.6. the first-aid kit as required in accordance with the WSB Medical Rules;

2.7. one (1) microphone connected to the loudspeaker system;

2.8. two (2) pairs of medical gloves;

2.9. one (1) stretcher.

RULE 3. BOXING GLOVES SPECIFICATION

3.1. All Matches and Exhibition Matches must be contested using new boxing gloves that meet the requirements of Appendix C and that are manufactured by one of the WSB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.

3.2. Franchisees shall have the right to customize the look of their Boxers' gloves in accordance with the Franchise Agreement.

3.3. Franchisees will be responsible for bringing gloves for their Boxers to all Matches and Exhibition Matches.

3.4. During the technical meeting Franchisees will give their competition gloves to the WSB Supervisor who will check them and give them back to the Coaches right before the Boxers enter the ring.

3.5. Boxers shall put on their boxing gloves in the ring after having their bandages approved by the Referee.

- 3.6. The gloves shall be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced.
- 3.7. The padding of the gloves shall not be displaced or broken.
- 3.8. Specifications
 - 3.8.1. eight (8) oz gloves will be used for the Bantamweight and the Lightweight Categories.
 - 3.8.2. ten (10) oz gloves will be used for the Middleweight, Light heavyweight and Heavyweight Categories.

RULE 4. BANDAGES

- 4.1. Use of Bandages (Crepe and Gauze)
 - 4.1.1. All bandages shall be applied in the locker room before the start of the Bout. The WSB Supervisor shall ask each Franchisee Bandage Inspector to cross-check the bandage in order to verify its compliance with WSB Technical & Competition Rule 4.2.
 - 4.1.2. Bandages shall be given out to the teams by the WSB Supervisor during the technical meeting. The Supervisor shall ask each opponent team coach to cross-check the bandage before the bandage is finally checked in the Ring by the Referee.
- 4.2. Specifications
 - 4.2.1. In all categories, the bandage shall be made of no more than twelve (12) meters by five (5) centimeters wide of crepe and gauze, and no more than two and half (2.50) meters of surgeon's tape of two and half (2.50) centimeters wide for each hand..
 - 4.2.2. In all categories, surgeon's tape, no more than five (5) millimeters wide, may be applied between fingers
 - 4.2.3. The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied for less than two and half (2.50) centimeters from the knuckles of the contender's hands. A Boxers may use his bandage as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.
 - 4.2.4 The use of any substance on the bandages is prohibited.

RULE 5. GUMSHIELD

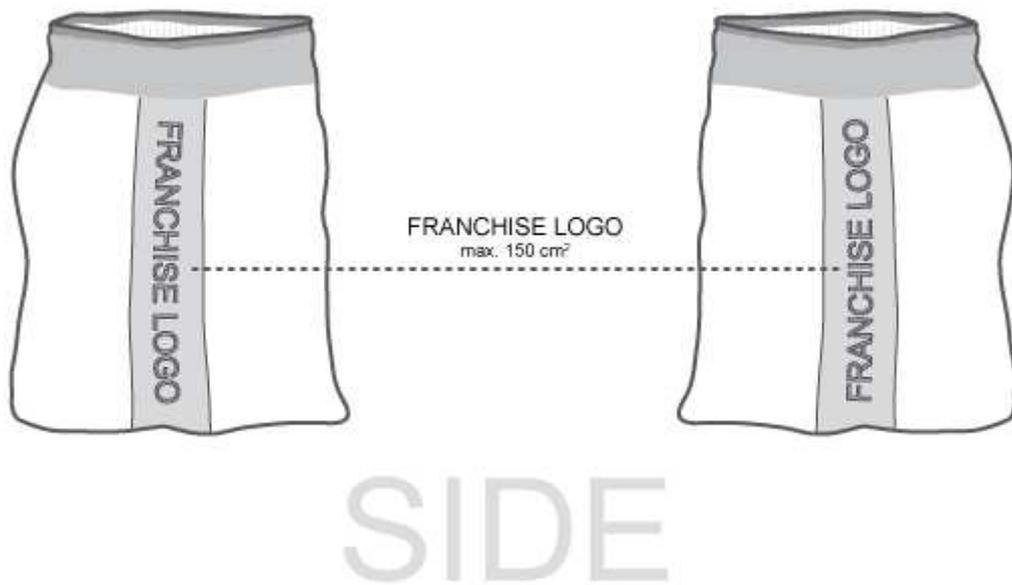
- 5.1. Gumshields must be worn by all Boxers during the entire Bout. The gumshield should be form-fitted.
- 5.2. No red or partially red colored gumshield may be worn.

RULE 6. CUP PROTECTOR

- 6.1. A cup protector must be worn during all Bouts and a jock-strap may be worn additionally. The cup protector should not cover any part of the target area.

RULE 7. COMPETITION UNIFORM

- 7.1. Boxers shall box in light boots or shoes (without spikes or heels), socks (not to be worn higher than knee length) and shorts not to cover the knee and not to be worn above the belt line. The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips and shall not cover the navel.
- 7.2. Referees and Judges shall wear only the official WSB attire for the Referees and Judges. Referees and Judges may use surgical gloves when officiating.





APPENDIX A - DUTIES OF THE WSB SUPERVISOR

- To hold an inspection visit (or visits) the day prior to the Match or Exhibition Match. During the course of these visits, the WSB Supervisor shall examine the plans and programs for the Match or Exhibition Match; shall check the expected number of participants and the provision of suitable personnel to manage the various locations; shall ensure that all arrangements conform with the Match Staging Regulations and WSB Rules; shall inspect all venues and facilities to be used, including medical facilities, Weigh-In facilities, media support and transport arrangements; and shall inspect boxing and ringside equipment to be used;
- To keep WSB informed on the progress of preparations for the Match or Exhibition Match;
- To arrive in good time for the Match or Exhibition Match in order to monitor and assist the organizers with the final preparations. The WSB Supervisor shall intervene in the work of the organizers only if the Match Staging Regulations or the WSB Rules are being infringed or where the WSB Supervisor has been requested to offer assistance;
- To supervise and monitor the arrangements for the Weigh-In and the medical examination;
- To monitor the progress of the Match or Exhibition Match from commencement to conclusion and to assist in resolving any difficulties that arise;
- To liaise and cooperate with the Competition Manager, Referees and Judges, WSB Ringside Doctors, Timekeeper and Announcer;
- To meet the Referees and Judges before and after the Match for comments and feedback;
- To meet the Competition Manager and WSB Venue Manager before and after the Match for comments and feedback;
- To supervise the WSB Electronic Recording System;
- The Supervisor is responsible for the correct use of the WSB rules and decisions;
- To enter deductions into the WSB Electronic Recording System following any warning given by the Referee in accordance with Rule 10.2.2;
- To inform the Announcer about the official decision;
- To approve the scores before sending it to the broadcasters;
- To conduct a technical meeting the day before the match with the team officials (including coaches), WSB Referees and Judges and WSB Ringside Doctors;
- To give out the bandages during the technical meeting;
- To receive and verify the competition gloves during the technical meeting and keep them in his possession until right before the start of the respective Bout;

- To assign the selected WSB R&J's to the respective Bouts on the day of the match. The WSB Supervisor has the power to revoke assignments based on performance during the evening;
- To inform the WSB R&J's in due time on the match-day about their assignments;
- To submit a report form, including the evaluation of the R&J's, to WSB HQ in due time;
- Has the authority to check the accreditation of the coaches present in the FOP in order to ensure, in addition to the accreditation control, that only official coaches from the team are in the FOP;
- To fill in and sign the Boxer's Record Book;
- To fill in and sign the R&J's Record Book;”
- To have regard to the video replay: If in some extreme cases (for example, where a Bout has been stopped and will not be resumed), where the Referee is not sure about which decision to take, he can ask the WSB Supervisor to review the video recording in order to be able to make the correct decision. After reviewing the recording, the WSB Supervisor will inform the Referee about the correct decision.

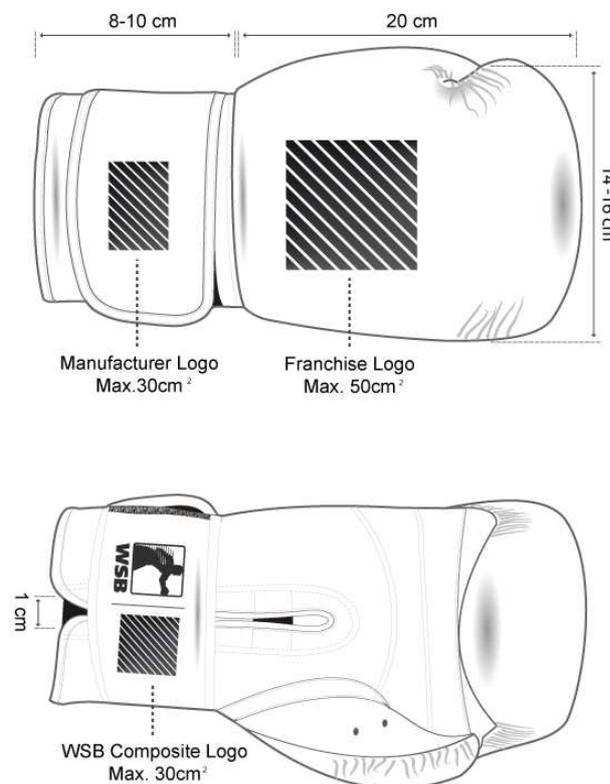
APPENDIX B - DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION MANAGER

- To oversee the running of the Match or Exhibition Match and provide the focal point for contact between the WSB Supervisor and the Franchisee in relation to all issues relating to the Match or Exhibition Match;
- To register all competition officials (Competition Manager, Official Announcer, Timekeeper, Scoring System Operator, local Ringside Doctor) in the entries system no later than one hundred and twenty (120) hours prior to the start of the match;
- To present himself to the WSB Supervisor no later than the day before the match;
- To ensure that the competition is organized and conducted in accordance with Match Staging Regulations and the WSB Rules, under the guidance of the WSB Supervisor;
- To liaise with other functional areas to ensure the coordinated delivery of support services such as accreditation, security, transport, medical, media, venue operations, venues, host broadcaster and volunteers;
- To report to WSB and the WSB Supervisor about the preparations for the Match or Exhibition Match;
- To ensure the presence of the equipment required for the Match or Exhibition Match;
- To organize and conduct orientation and briefing sessions for all staff and volunteers prior to the commencement of the Match or Exhibition Match;
- To ensure that the Match Staging Regulations and the WSB Rules are followed, venue emergency procedures are in place and related issues (e.g. discipline, security, working conditions, etc) are properly enforced, documented and irregularities reported;
- To attend such meetings and undertake such liaison as may be necessary as Competition Manager, reporting and taking action as required.

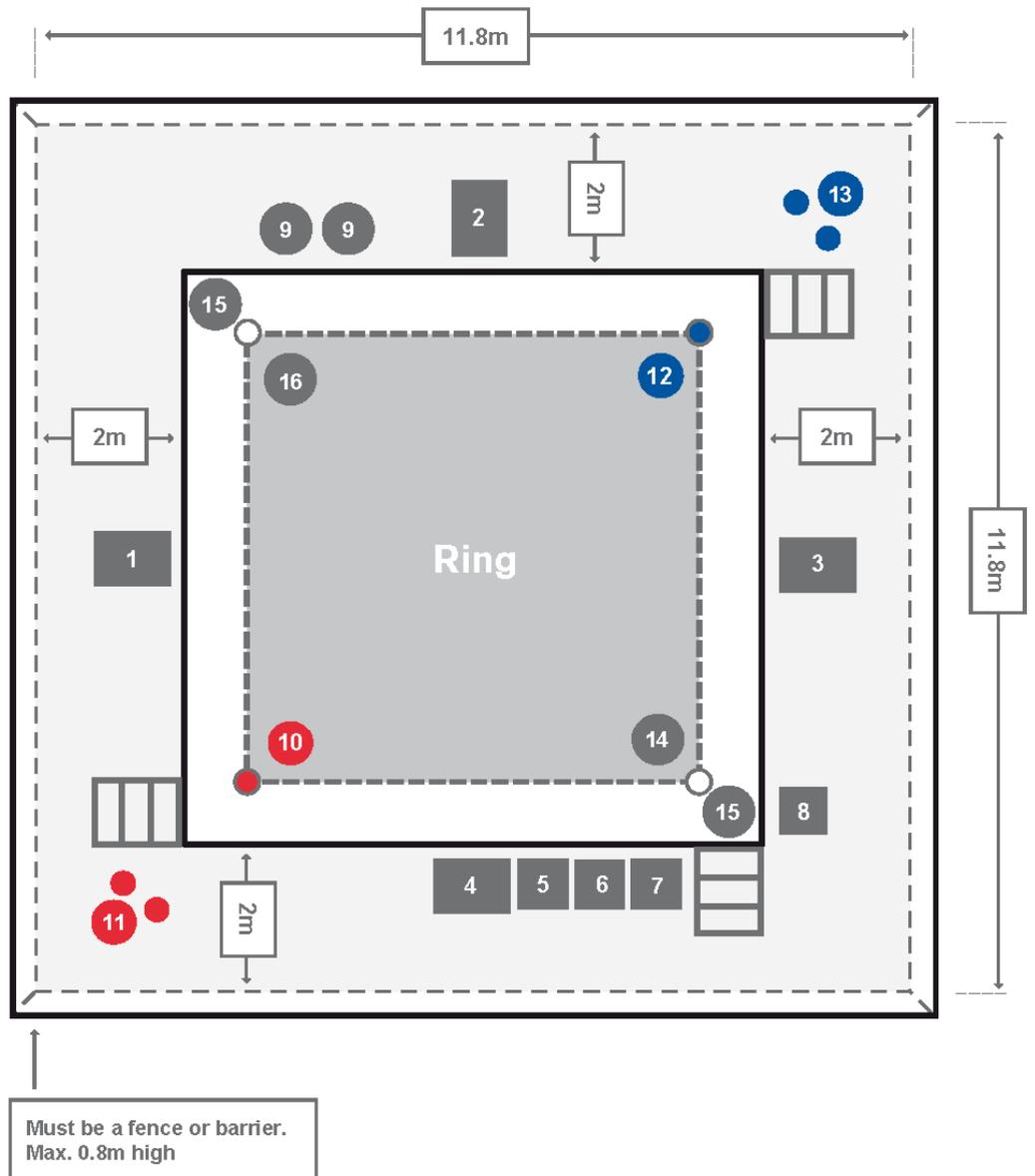
APPENDIX C - EQUIPMENT GUIDELINE

1. Boxing Gloves

- 1.1. The boxing gloves shall weigh eight (8) ounces and ten (10) ounces, with a tolerance of 5 % up or downwards, of which the leather portion shall not weigh more than half of the total weight, and the padding portion shall not weigh less than half of the total weight. The margin of 5% would also apply downwards and upwards, respectively.
- 1.2. The size of the glove shall respect the measurements as described in the graphic below.
- 1.3. Only boxing gloves with Velcro closure systems may be used.
- 1.4. The leather portion of the boxing gloves shall be made of high quality leather such as cowhide leather, Grade- A leather or other leathers of equivalent quality subject to approval by WSB.
- 1.5. The thumb of the glove should be fixed to the main body of the boxing gloves with a maximum gap of 10 mm.
- 1.6. The logo of the Franchisee may be displayed in a maximum size of 50cm squared on the front top part of each boxing glove.
- 1.7. The logo of the WSB Official Boxing Equipment Licensee must be displayed in a maximum size of 30cm squared on the wrist of each glove.



2. Field of Play



1. Judge Position #1
2. Judge Position #2
3. Judge Position #3
4. Supervisor Table
5. Scoring System Operator
6. Time Keeper & gong
7. Announcer
8. Doctor
9. Photographers

10. Red Corner
11. Red Corner Coaches
12. Blue Corner
13. Blue Corner Coaches
14. Neutral Corner
15. Camera Positions
16. Neutral Corner – Referee position during rest period

APPENDIX D - COMPETITION SCHEDULE

1. WSB Regular Season

- 1.1. At the start of each WSB Season the teams are drawn into two (2) groups of six (6) teams and the letters A, B, C, D, E and F are drawn in order to determine the competition schedule

Matchday	Home	Away
1	A	B
	C	D
	E	F
2	B	C
	D	E
	F	A
3	A	C
	E	B
	D	F
4	C	E
	A	D
	F	B
5	C	F
	E	A
	B	D
6	B	A
	D	C
	F	E
7	C	B
	E	D
	A	F
8	C	A
	B	E
	F	D
9	E	C
	D	A
	B	F
10	F	C
	A	E
	D	B

2. WSB Play-Offs

2.1. Team Ranking

- 2.1.1. During the regular season the following points will be attributed
- Score 5-0, 4-1, 4-0, 3-0, 3-1, 2-0, 1-0: the winning team will get three (3) points and the losing team will get zero (0) points
 - Score 3-2 or 2-1: the winning team will get three (3) points and the losing team will get one (1) point
 - Draw: each team will get two (2) points
 - Cancellation: the team that cancels a match (where such cancellation is due to the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event (as defined in the franchise agreement)) shall be automatically deemed to have lost by 5-0 and above mentioned allocation of points will apply.
- 2.1.2. The ranking of the teams per conference will be decided by the highest number of points won during the regular season. In case of equal points, it will be decided by (in descending order):
- Least number of walkovers
 - Superior number of matches won
 - Superior number of matches won among the teams in question
 - Superior number of Bouts won among the teams in question
 - Superior number of bouts won
 - Superior number of accumulated individual points
- 2.1.3. Where the cancellation of a match is for a reason other than the Occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Franchise responsible for the cancellation will, in addition to the consequences of rule 2.1.1., have 3 points deducted from their team ranking. In addition to this sanction, the infringing Franchise will have to pay a financial penalty of US\$ 50,000. The relevant Franchise will also be subject to a sanction to be determined by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules.
- 2.1.4. For each Walk-Over given by a Franchise during the regular season, one (1) point will be deducted from their team ranking. In addition to this sanction, the infringing Franchise will have to pay a financial penalty of US\$ 10,000 per Walk-Over during the regular season and play-offs. Where more than one (1) Walk-Over is given by a Franchise during the same match, the relevant Franchise will be subject to a sanction to be determined by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules. If the reason for the Walk-Over is an injury that has occurred on-site and the neutral ringside doctor certifies the injury, rule 2.1.4. will not apply.

2.2. Tie in the Play-Off

- 2.2.1. The eight (8) qualified Franchises of the Regular Season contest the quarter-finals in the same competition format as the Regular Season.
- 2.2.2. The quarter-final pairings and semi-final pairings are determined as mentioned in below play-off tree. The team at the top of each pairing will have the first match home and the second one away.



- 2.2.3. The quarter-finals and semi-finals are played under the knockout system, on a home-and-away basis (two legs) and the winner is determined by the number of most bouts won. If the two teams are equal on points after the ten Bouts, the winner is determined by an eleventh Bout: the Sudden Death Bout. The weight category of the Sudden Death Bout for all play-off matches will be determined by draw before the start of the Regular Season.
- 2.2.4. No Boxer may compete in both legs of the Play-Off Matches.

2.3. Finals

- 2.3.1. The final will be held at a venue designated by WSB. The two (2) qualified Franchises of the Semi-finals contest the finals in two (2) consecutive evenings with their two (2) teams of five (5) Boxers in the five (5) WSB weight categories. The matches in each evening will be staged in the same competition format as the Regular Season.
- 2.3.2. The finals are played under the knockout system, and the winner is determined by the number of Bouts won. If the two teams are equal on points after the ten Bouts, the winner is determined by an eleventh Bout: the Final Sudden Death Bout. The weight category of the Final Sudden Death Bout for the finals will be determined by draw before the start of the Regular Season.

3. WSB Individual Ranking

3.1. Individual Ranking

3.1.1. During the Regular Season an individual ranking will be established per weight category. The ranking will be decided by the highest number of wins during the Regular Season. In case of equal amount of wins, it will be decided by (in descending order):

- Number of Bouts competed in, less is prevailing
- Amounts of wins by walkovers, less is prevailing
- Amounts of technical draws, more is prevailing
- The head to head results
- Highest number of Bouts won in away matches during the Regular Season;
- Highest number of points per judge obtained. In case of a knock-out the winner will be awarded fifty (50) points per judge and the loser thirty-five (35) points per judge.
- Least number of warnings during the Regular Season.

4. WSB Olympic Qualifying Event

4.1. The winner of the WSB Olympic Qualifying Event will automatically qualify for the next Olympic Games.

- (a) In circumstances where the National Federation has confirmed the winning Boxer's weight category prior to the WSB Olympic Qualifying Event, the National Federation must send the relevant Boxer to the Olympic Games; otherwise the National Federation will be subject to a sanction to be determined by the Disciplinary Commission and the Boxer defeated by the WSB Olympic Boxer in the final of the WSB Olympic Qualifying Event (the Runner Up) will automatically qualify for the Olympic Games, provided that his National Federation has confirmed his Olympic weight category prior to the WSB Olympic Qualifying Event.
- (b) In circumstances where neither the National Federation of the Individual Champion or the Runner Up has confirmed such Boxers' weight categories prior to the WSB Olympic Qualifying Event, the Olympic qualification will be provisionally given to the next highest ranked boxer in the respective weight category, based on the rankings as they stand at the conclusion of the relevant Regular Season, until the weight category of the Winner or the Runner Up (as the case may be) is confirmed by his National Federation.