

# **AIBA PRO BOXING (APB) COMPETITION RULES**

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## DEFINITIONS

“**AIBA**” means the International Boxing Association;

“**AIBA Disciplinary Rules**” means the Rules published by AIBA in relation to disciplinary matters and the general standards of conduct required of Boxers and any employee, officer or agent during the Term, and the sanctions which may be imposed in relation to any breach of such standards of conduct, such Rules to be provided before the commencement of each Cycle;

“**AIBA Pro Boxing (APB)**” means the professional boxing competition named AIBA Pro Boxing (or such other name that could replace said name from time to time), comprising individual Boxers competing under the AIBA Technical Rules and these Competition Rules and representing the respective National Federations where they are licensed, which will take place throughout a Competition Year (abbreviation known as “APB” may be applied);

“**AOB**” means AIBA Open Boxing;

“**APB Boxer License**” means the permission to fight in APB Competitions granted by AIBA and/or by any National Federation affiliated with APB;

“**APB Department**” means the department within AIBA responsible for the implementation of the APB program;

“**APB License Card**” means the license card issued to each Boxer who registers for an APB Boxer’s License;

“**APB Medical Rules**” means the Rules approved by AIBA in relation to the medical standards required to be observed by the Boxer and any other APB Official prior to, during and after any Event, such Rules to be provided before the commencement of each Cycle;

“**APB Official Boxing Equipment Licensee**” means the contracted licensee of AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) who is approved to produce the official equipment for use at APB Events among existing AIBA Licensees;

“**APB Ranking Commission**” means the commission established by AIBA to regulate and accredit rankings for Boxers;

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

“**APB Ringside Physician**” has the meaning given to it in the APB Medical Rules;

“**APB Rules**” means the APB Competition Rules, the AIBA Technical Rules and the AIBA Disciplinary Rules;

“**APB Supervisor**” means the delegate of AIBA responsible for technical governance and compliance during Events;

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

“**Bout Card**” means an Event consisting of several Bouts;

“**Boxer**” means any Boxer with an APB Boxer License;

“**Boxer Promotional Agreement**” means the agreement entered into between each Boxer and BMA in respect of the Boxer’s participation in APB;

“**Boxing Marketing Arm S.A.**” means the commercial entity marketing all rights of AIBA owned properties (abbreviation known as “BMA” may be applied);

**“Coach”** means any person with a Coach Certification, employed by a Boxer, by a National Federation or by the AIBA World Boxing Academy to train and assist Boxers in relation to any Bout;

**“Coach Certification”** means the permission to act as a Coach in AIBA Competitions granted by any National Federation, after the person passes examinations and obtains a certificate;

**“Competition Manager”** means the person who is appointed by APB to be responsible for all competition related matters in an APB Event;

**“Competition Officials”** means the Supervisor, Ringside Physicians and Competition Manager hired by APB in relation to any Event;

**“Continental Level Bout”** means a Bout with Boxers competing for a position in the Continental Ranking and/or for the Continental Title;

**“Cycle”** means the period of time in each Competition Year during which the APB Events will take place, commencing on the day of the first APB Event in such Competition Year and ending on the day of the last APB Event in such Competition Year;

**“Event”** means any APB Competition consisting of one or more Bouts organized by APB/BMA or by National Federations from time to time during the Competition Year, the results of which will be considered for APB National, Continental or World Rankings accordingly;

**“Exhibition Event”** means any APB Competition consisting of one or more Bouts organized or authorized by APB/BMA or by National Federations, the results of which will not be considered for APB National, Continental or World Rankings;

**“Inspector”** means the person appointed by the APB Supervisor to check the gloves and bandages before the Bout;

**“Judge”** means the Official appointed by the APB R&J Commission to score a Bout in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and the APB Competition Rules;

**“Knockdown”** has the meaning given to it in Rule 9 of the AIBA Technical Rules - Knockdown;

**“Medical Examination”** means the Medical Examination required to obtain the Medical Certificate required under Rule 2.1.4 of the AIBA Technical Rules;

**“Multi-Sports Continental Games”** means the following in respect of a Boxer affiliated to:

1. a National Federation in the AIBA American Confederation (AMBC) the Pan-American Games;
2. a National Federation in the AIBA Asian Confederation (ASBC) the Asian Games;
3. a National Federation in the AIBA African Confederation (AFBC), the All-Africa Games; or
4. a National Federation in the AIBA European Confederation (EUBC), the European Games;

**“National Federation”** means any Federation that is admitted into membership of AIBA by the Congress, hence becoming a member of AIBA;

**“National Federation Officials”** means the Official Announcer and the Timekeeper hired or appointed by a National Federation in relation to any Event;

**“National Level Bout”** means a Bout with Boxers competing for a position in the National Ranking and/or for the National Title;

**“Pre-Bout Medical Examination”** means the Medical Examination before the Weigh-In;

**“Official Challenger”** means the Boxer who has qualified to fight against the Champion for the Title;

**“Referee”** means an official appointed by AIBA to referee a Bout in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and the APB Competition Rules;

**“Scoring System Operator”** means the person who operates the APB Scoring System;

**“Seconds”** means the Coaches or Trainers who are certified by AIBA and who are allowed to act in the corner of the ring;

**“Team”** means the members of the group representing the Boxer in any Bout;

**“Timekeeper”** means the person(s) appointed to keep the time and/or operate the gong during any Bout;

**“Venue”** means the Venue at which the Event takes place;

**“Weigh-In”** means the registration of Boxers, their official Weigh-In which takes place before any Event or Exhibition Event in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules;

**“Weight Category”** means the weight classification in which a Boxer is registered to compete in an APB Event;

**“World Level Bout”** means a Bout between Boxers competing for a position in the World Ranking and/or for the World Title.

# RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

## RULE 1. ELIGIBILITY OF BOXERS

### 1.1. General Eligibility

- 1.1.1. Any Boxer must have an APB Boxer License to participate in APB Competitions.
- 1.1.2. Any Boxer participating in any APB Bout must have competed in at least one National Federation Competition or AIBA Competition prior to such participation, unless AIBA otherwise consents.
  - 1.1.2.1. National Federation Competitions include sanctioned National Championships and National Qualifying Events.
- 1.1.3. Each Bout Card has to be submitted to the AIBA Headquarters prior to the Event as follows:
  - 1.1.3.1. For National Level Events, at the latest seven (7) days prior to the Event;
  - 1.1.3.2. For Continental and World Level Events, at the latest thirty (30) days prior to the Event.
- 1.1.4. Each Boxer who will or may compete during an APB competition period must be registered. **To register, the Boxer must** send to the AIBA Headquarters the following documents:
  - Copy of **Boxer's** passport;
  - Copy of **Boxer's** Promotional Agreement, duly signed by all parties;
  - Copy of **Boxer's** Medical Examination, duly signed and/or stamped by the Physician(s) who examined the Boxer;

Boxers who are not properly registered with APB will not be permitted to compete in the relevant APB Bout.

### 1.2. **Eligibility Required for Current Professional Boxers**

- 1.2.1. Any Boxer who, after signing a Boxer Promotional Agreement with BMA, competes in any Bout or Event organized or promoted by any professional boxing organization or promoter (other than an APB Event or WSB Match) will not be eligible to compete in APB.
- 1.2.2. **Any Boxer having competed in 20 or more official professional recorded boxing Bouts (including 20<sup>th</sup> Bout) will not eligible to become an AOB Boxer.**

### 1.3. Eligibility of APB Boxers for other permitted AOB Competitions

- 1.3.1. APB Boxers have the right to participate in the following AOB Competitions:
  - 1.3.1.1. The boxing tournaments that form part of the Olympic Games
    - 1.3.1.1.1. World Olympic Qualifiers or any Continental Olympic Qualifier or any boxing tournament which is a pre-requisite to the Boxer's qualification for a participation in the Olympic Games.
  - 1.3.1.2. The boxing tournaments that form part of the Multi-Sports Continental Games
    - 1.3.1.2.1. Any boxing tournament which is a pre-requisite to the Boxer's qualification for a participation in Multi-Sports Continental Games.

1.3.1.3. **Boxers or National Federations must inform APB about such participation 90 days prior to the start of the AOB permitted competition.**

1.4. Eligibility of APB Boxers for WSB Competitions

1.4.1. **APB Boxers do not have the right to participate in WSB Competitions unless APB otherwise consents.**

1.5. **APB Boxers with less than 8 APB Bouts and with no APB Title Record who no longer want to compete in APB Competitions will have one opportunity to return to AOB Competitions with the approval of APB. This will only apply to the APB Boxers who transferred from AOB and/or WSB.**

## **RULE 2. WEIGH-IN**

2.1. In all APB Bouts:

2.1.1. All Boxers must attend **the Official Weigh-In the day before the Match or Exhibition Match. The Weigh-In must be organized no more than thirty (36) hours before the start of the first Bout of the Match or Exhibition Match.** The APB Supervisor reserves the right to relax this condition.

2.1.2. The Weigh-In must be conducted by the APB Supervisor and Competition Officials authorized by APB. A representative of the Boxer may be present at the Weigh-In; however, the representative is not allowed to interfere in the process of the Weigh-In.

2.1.3. The weight of the Boxer is the weight in kilograms as shown on the scale, the body being naked except for the underwear. When necessary, the Boxer may take off his underwear. Electronic scales must be used. The APB Supervisor or authorized APB Representative will certify the official scale.

2.1.4. 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. **If failing to comply to Rule 2.1.4, "Rule 3" will apply.**

2.1.5. Test scales will be officially open for two (2) hours before the Official Weigh-In.

## **RULE 3. NON COMPLIANCE WITH WEIGHT LIMIT AT THE OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN**

3.1. For Ranking Bouts, the following Rules will apply:

3.1.1. If the Boxer exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by 500 grams or less, the Boxer will be permitted to compete in the relevant Bout. The Boxer will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.

3.1.2. If a Boxer exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by more than 500 grams, the Boxer will not be permitted to compete in the relevant Bout and the Bout will be awarded as a win by Walkover to the opponent of the Boxer. The Boxer will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.

3.1.3. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their Weight Category by 500 grams or less, both Boxers will be permitted to compete in the relevant Bout. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.



- 3.1.4. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their Weight Category by more than 500 grams, then the Bout will be declared as No Contest. The higher ranked Boxer will be positioned in the winner position in the ranking system and the lower ranked Boxer in the loser position. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.
- 3.2. In case of Title Bouts, the following Rules will apply:
- 3.2.1. If the Champion and/or the Official Challenger exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by up to 500 grams or less, the Boxer will be permitted to compete in the Title Bout. The Boxer will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.
- 3.2.2. If the Champion exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by more than 500 grams and less than 1000 grams, the Champion will be permitted to compete in the Title Bout. If the Champion wins the Bout, the Title will become vacant. The Champion will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules. **The Champion becomes the Official Challenger and waits for his next opponent to be determined by the ranking.**
- 3.2.3. If the Champion exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by more than 1000 gram, the Champion will not be permitted to compete in the Title Bout and the Title will become vacant. The Champion will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.
- 3.2.4. If the Official Challenger exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by more than 500 grams and less than 1000 grams, the Official Challenger will be permitted to compete in the Title Bout. If the Official Challenger wins the Bout, the Title will be Vacant. The Official Challenger will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.
- 3.2.5. If the Official Challenger exceeds or is under the weight limit of his Weight Category by more than 1000 grams, the Official Challenger will not be permitted to compete in the Title Bout and the Title will remain with the Champion. The Official Challenger will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.
- 3.2.6. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their Weight Category by more than 500 grams and less than 1000 grams, both Boxers will be permitted to compete in the Title Bout and will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules. The winner will win the Title.
- 3.2.7. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their Weight Category by more than 1000 grams, then the Bout will be declared as No Contest and the Title will be vacant. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions to be determined in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules.

## **RULE 4. DURATION AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS**

- 4.1. All National Regular Ranking Bouts will consist of six (6) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.2. All National Title Bouts will consist of ten (10) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.3. All Continental Regular Ranking Bouts will consist of eight (8) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.4. All Continental Title Bouts will consist of ten (10) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.5. All World Regular Ranking Bouts will consist of **a maximum** of eight (8) rounds of three (3) minutes each.



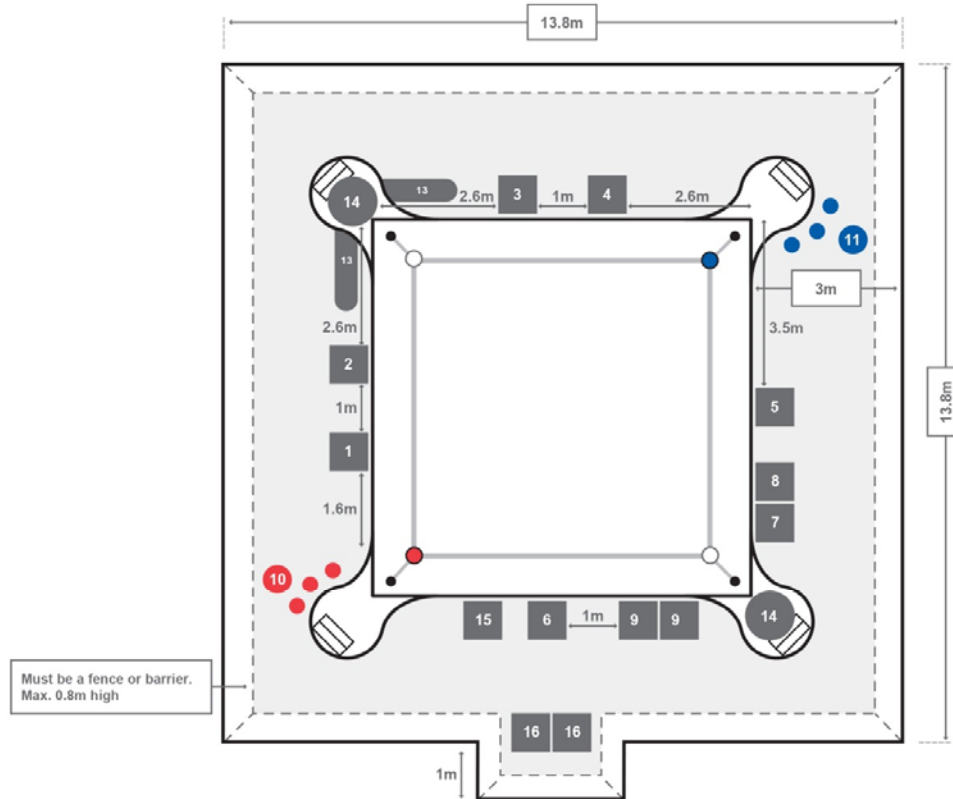
- 4.6. All World Title Bouts will consist of **a maximum** of twelve (12) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.7. In all Bouts one (1) minute of rest must be given to the Boxers between rounds.

## **RULE 5. REGISTRATION OF BOXERS FOR COMPETITIONS**

### **5.1. Required Documents**

- 5.1.1. A Boxer must present his passport and APB License Card at the registration for all Bouts. The name, nationality and date of birth of the Boxer must match the Boxer's APB License Card and be checked prior to competition.

## RULE 6. FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)



Must be a fence or barrier.  
Max. 0.8m high

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| ① Judge 1            | ⑨ Ringside Physicians      |
| ② Judge 2            | ⑩ Red Corner Seating Area  |
| ③ Judge 3            | ⑪ Blue Corner Seating Area |
| ④ Judge 4            | ⑫ Neutral Corners          |
| ⑤ Judge 5            | ⑬ Photographers' Area      |
| ⑥ Supervisor         | ⑭ Hand-held Cameras        |
| ⑦ Official Announcer | ⑮ Scoring Operator         |
| ⑧ Timekeeper         | ⑯ TV Commentators          |

# RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

## RULE 7. APB SUPERVISOR

- 7.1. The APB Supervisor **must be certified as AIBA Supervisor.**
- 7.2. For all Events, AIBA will appoint the APB Supervisor.
- 7.3. The APB Supervisor will ensure that the Event complies with the APB Operational Manual and APB Competition Rules.
- 7.4. For the World and Continental Level Bouts, the APB Supervisor can be from the same country as either Boxer. However, the APB Supervisor must be from a different country than the country in which the Event is being held.
- 7.5. No person holding office in any other world boxing organization than AIBA will be eligible to serve as APB Supervisor in any Event.
- 7.6. The duties of the APB Supervisor are cited in the **AIBA Technical Officials Manual.**

## RULE 8. COMPETITION MANAGER

- 8.1. For all Level Bouts, the Competition Manager must be appointed by the Host National Federation and approved by AIBA.
- 8.2. **The duties of the APB Supervisor are described in the AIBA Technical Officials Manual.**

## RULE 9. RINGSIDE PHYSICIANS

- 9.1. Ringside Physicians have the authority and responsibilities given to them under the APB Medical Rules.

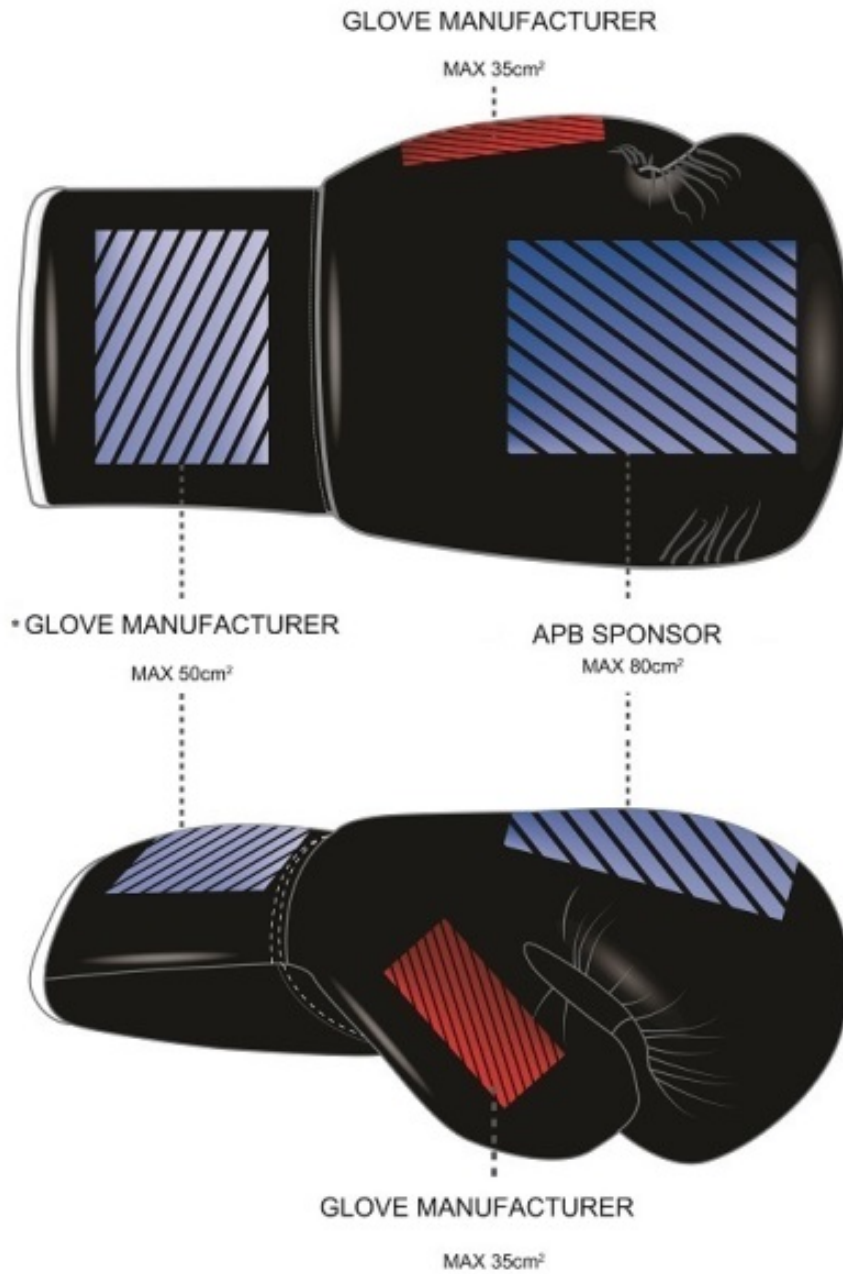
## RULE 10. ELIGIBILITY OF REFEREES & JUDGES

- 10.1. **All Referees & Judges must be members of their respective AIBA National Federation and be listed in the AIBA Database. AIBA will nominate R&Js from this list.**
- 10.2. All candidates must meet the requirements of the AIBA Medical Rules in respect of their physical fitness to officiate.
- 10.3. **APB Referees & Judges are not permitted to officiate in any non-AOB/APB/WSB Competition without AIBA consent.**
- 10.4. **An APB Referee & Judge certification is valid for a period of four (4) years;** after that period, the Referee & Judge must take part in further examinations.
- 10.5. For World and Continental Level Bouts, the **APB Judges** must not be from the same country as any of the Boxers competing in such Bouts, unless AIBA otherwise consents.

# RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

## RULE 11. BOXING GLOVES' SPECIFICATION

- 11.1. All APB Bouts must be contested using new boxing gloves that meet the requirements of Rule 12.6 below and that are manufactured by one of the APB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.
- 11.2. The padding of the gloves must not be displaced or broken.
- 11.3. At Continental and World Level Bouts, APB will be responsible for providing identical pairs of new gloves to the Boxers to use in the Bout. At National Level Bouts, the National Federation will be responsible for providing identical pairs of officially licensed APB gloves to the Boxers for use in the Bout.
- 11.4. Boxers must put on their gloves in the respective locker rooms in the presence of an authorized APB Inspector.
- 11.5. The gloves must be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced.
- 11.6. Specifications
  - 11.6.1. The gloves must have tolerance of 5% up or downwards of which the skin portion must not weigh more than half of the total weight;
  - 11.6.2. Only APB approved gloves with a lace closure system must be used;
  - 11.6.3. The skin portion of the gloves must be made of high quality leather such as cowhide leather, Grade- A leather or other materials of equivalent quality subject to approval by APB.
  - 11.6.4. The thumb of the gloves must be fixed to the main body of the gloves with a maximum gap of 10 mm.
  - 11.6.5. No logos, otherwise than those authorized by APB, must be placed on the gloves.
  - 11.6.6. The logo of the APB Official Boxing Equipment Licensee must be displayed in accordance with the APB Official Boxing Equipment branding guidelines.



\* The logo might not be visible when the tape is wrapped around the wrist on the gloves.

Figure 1 Boxer's Gloves

## RULE 12. BANDAGES

12.1. All APB Bouts must be contested using new bandages that are manufactured by one of the APB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees and are provided by APB at World and Continental Levels and by National Federation at the National Level.

### 12.2. Use of Bandages (Gauze)

12.2.1. Bandages must be applied in the locker room, in the presence of authorized APB Inspectors. The APB Inspectors will sign off directly on the bandages verifying their compliance as outlined below.

### 12.3. Specifications

12.3.1. In all categories, the bandages for each hand must be made of:

**12.3.1.1. Gauze: a maximum fifteen (15) meters length and five (5) centimeters width may be used to cover the hand and an additional five (5) meters length and ten (10) centimeters width to cover the knuckles;**

12.3.1.2. Surgeon's Tape: a maximum 5 meters length and 2.50 centimeters width.

12.3.1.3. Surgeon's tape of no more than **a maximum** five (5) millimeters width may be applied between the fingers.

12.3.1.4. A Boxer may apply his bandages on his hands as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.

12.3.1.5. Gauze padding may be used to cover the knuckles.

12.3.1.6. The use of any substance on the bandages is prohibited.

## RULE 13. COMPETITION UNIFORM

- 13.1. Boxers must box in light boots or shoes (without spikes or heels) and socks (not to be worn higher than knee length).
- 13.2. Boxers must have two sets of trunks in different colors which must be approved by APB two months in advance.
- 13.3. The length of the shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh and cannot cover the knee; and may not be worn above the belt line. The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips and must not cover the navel.
- 13.4. Logos and designs of shorts and/or robes must comply with the APB Branding Guidelines and must be approved by APB before being produced.
- 13.5. Referees & Judges must wear only the official APB attire.
- 13.6. Referees & Judges may use white or transparent surgical gloves when officiating.



Figure 2 Boxer's Shorts Front





Figure 3 Boxer's Shorts Back

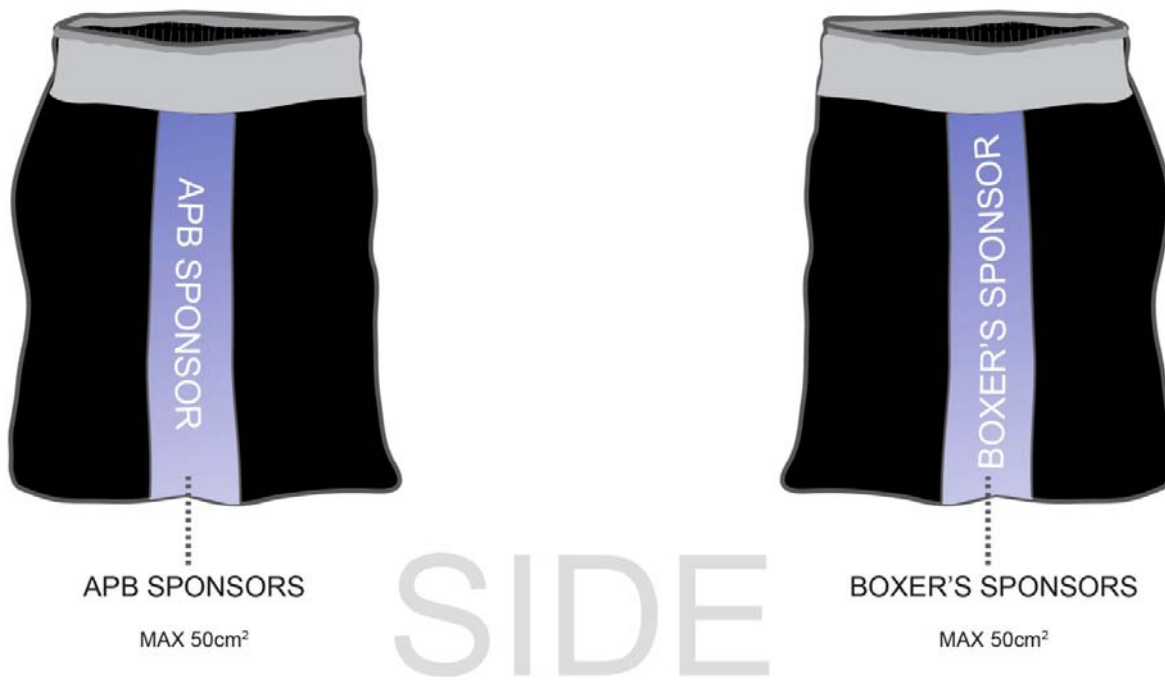


Figure 5 Boxer's Shorts Side

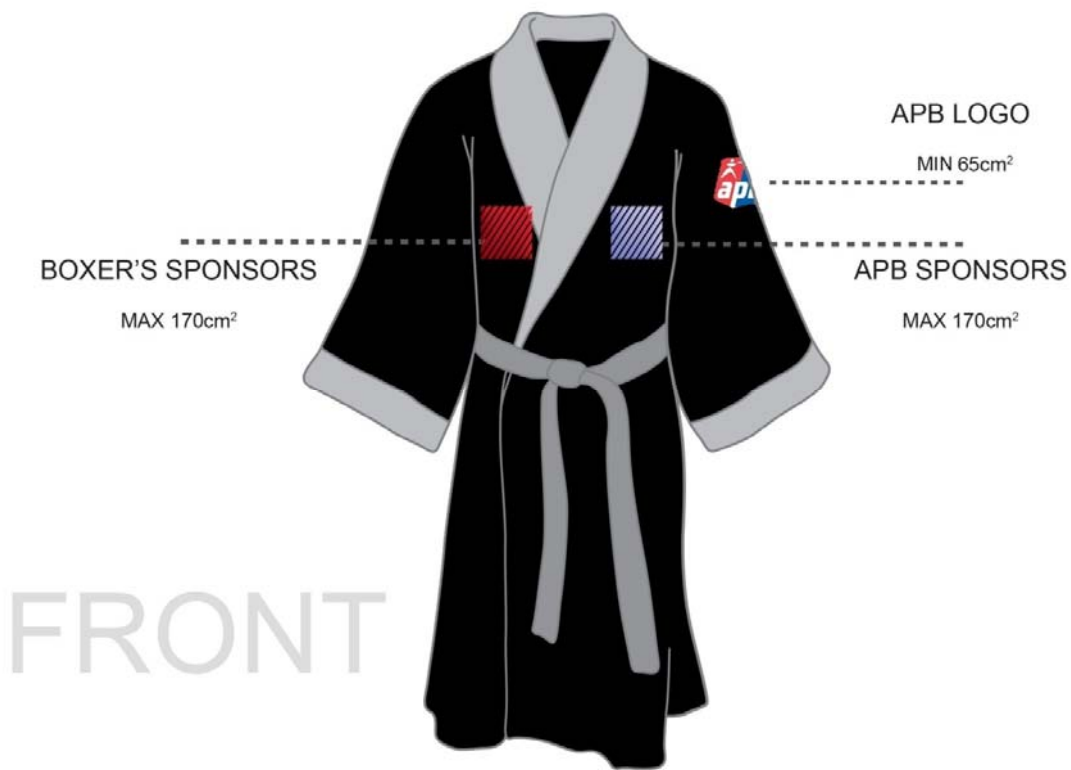


Figure 6 Boxer's Robe Front

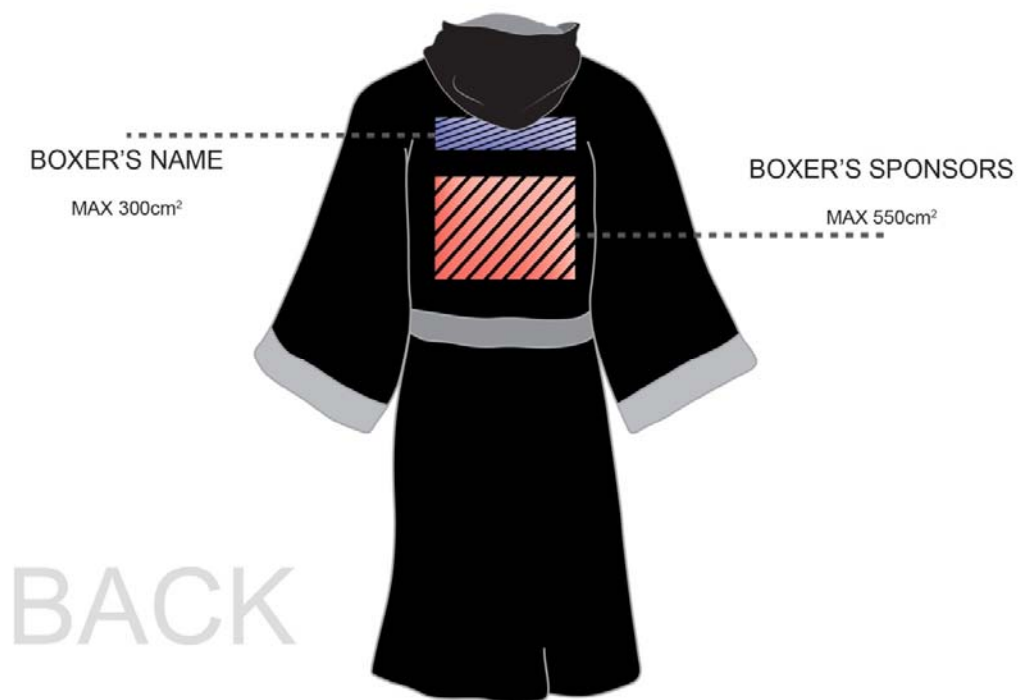


Figure 7 Boxer's Robe Back

# COMPETITION STRUCTURE SPECIFICATIONS

## RULE 14. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

### 14.1. APB World Level - Regular Cycle

14.1.1. **There will be eighty (80) boxers in total for the 2014 Pre-Ranking Competition and 2014 Cycle 1. There will be ninety (90) boxers in total at the World Ranking Level as of the 2015 Cycle 1.**

14.1.2. **In the regular Cycle Matches, the Boxers will be divided into two (2) Tiers of four (4) Boxers:** positions from one (1) to four (4), positions from five (5) to eight (8), plus the Champion who is not part of these groups.

14.1.3. The highest ranked Boxer will fight against the lowest ranked Boxer within the Tier (Initial Bout). The two Boxers ranked in the middle of the Tier will fight against each other. The winners of these two first Bouts will fight against each other (Finals A); as well as the losers of the two first Bouts will fight against each other (Finals B).

14.1.4. For the Tier 1 (ranked 1 to 4), the winner of the Finals A will become the Official Challenger to the Champion.

14.1.5. At the end of each APB Cycle, the record of wins and losses of each Boxer will be considered to establish the next Cycle ranking. The ranking positioning will be defined in the following order.

14.1.5.1. The Winner of the Title Bout will be declared Champion; and the loser of the Title Bout goes to position number one (1);

14.1.5.2. In Tier 1, the Loser of the Finals A of the group of Boxers positioned from one (1) to four (4) will go to position number three (3);

14.1.5.3. In Tier 2, Boxers who have two (2) wins and no loss will go up to position number two (2) of Tier 1;

14.1.5.4. In Tier 3, Boxer who has two (2) wins and no loss will go up to position number five (5) of Tier 2;

14.1.5.5. Boxers who have one (1) win followed by one (1) loss, will take the third position in their initial groups – positions seven (7) and twelve (12);

14.1.5.6. In Tier 1, Boxers who have one (1) loss followed by one (1) win will take positions six (6) of Tier 2;

14.1.5.7. In Tier 2, Boxers who have one (1) loss followed by one (1) win will take positions ten (10) of Tier 3;

14.1.5.8. In Tier 3, Boxer who has one (1) loss followed by one (1) win within the last group will go down to Continental Level.

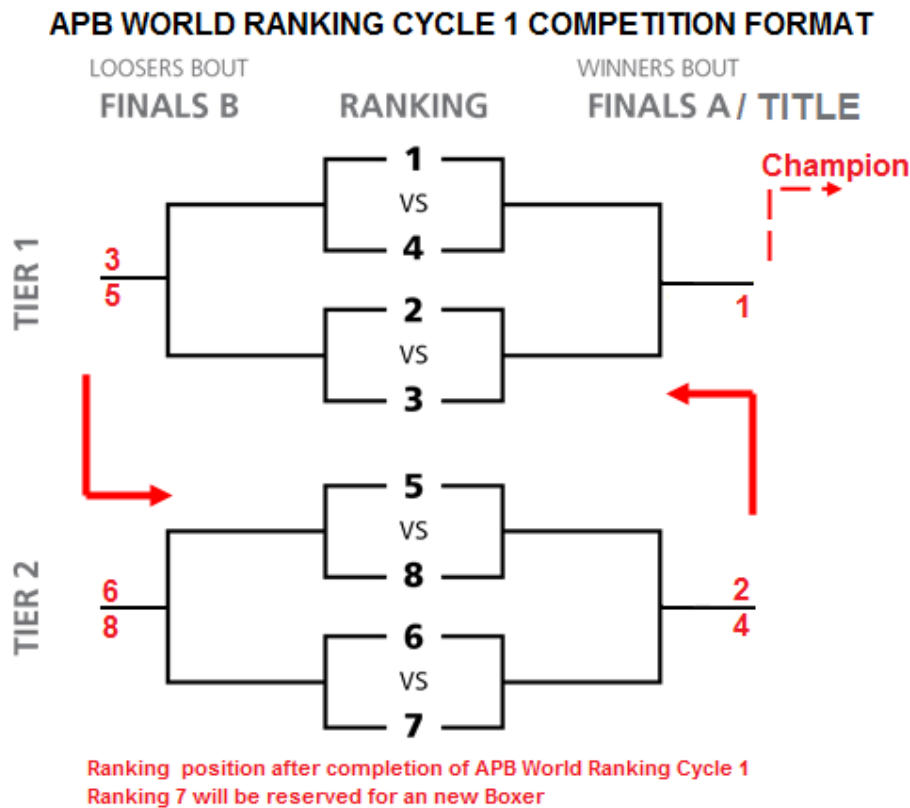
14.1.6. Principle of moving down to Continental Level

14.1.6.1. In Tier 1, Boxers who have two (2) losses will go down to position four (4) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking;

14.1.6.2. In Tier 2, Boxers who have two (2) losses will go down to position eight (8) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking;

- 14.1.6.3. In Tier 3, Boxers who have one (1) loss followed by one (1) win will go to position nine (9) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking;
- 14.1.6.4. In Tier 3, Boxers who have two (2) losses will go to position eleven (11) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 14.1.7. At the end of each Cycle, four positions (numbers 4, 8, 9, 11) will be vacant for the inclusion of four (4) new Continental Champions. For this inclusion, an Intercontinental Championships will be organized to define the position of each Continental Champion in the World Ranking as explained in APB Competition Rule 15.2.2.1.
- 14.1.8. In order to define transparent ranking and competition structure for the first regular Cycle, three development stages of competition will take place as described in Appendix B.
- 14.1.9. Bouts Location
  - 14.1.9.1. AIBA will only authorize and certify Bouts held in those locations where the APB Rules are respected;
  - 14.1.9.2. The World and Continental Titles Bouts must be held in a Venue designated by APB with the approval of AIBA.

**The table below shows the mechanism for the 2014 Cycle 1 Competition**



## 14.2. APB Continental Level

- 14.2.1. APB Continental Level will be organized with the same format as APB World Individual Ranking Competition.

14.2.2. Principle of moving up to World Level

14.2.2.1. APB rewards boxers who become Continental Champions by elevating them into the world level rankings;

14.2.2.2. An Intercontinental Championship will be organized to define the ranking of the Continental Champions in the following Cycle of the APB World Individual Ranking Competition;

14.2.2.3. All four (4) Continental Champions will be randomly drawn.

14.2.3. Principle of moving down to National Level

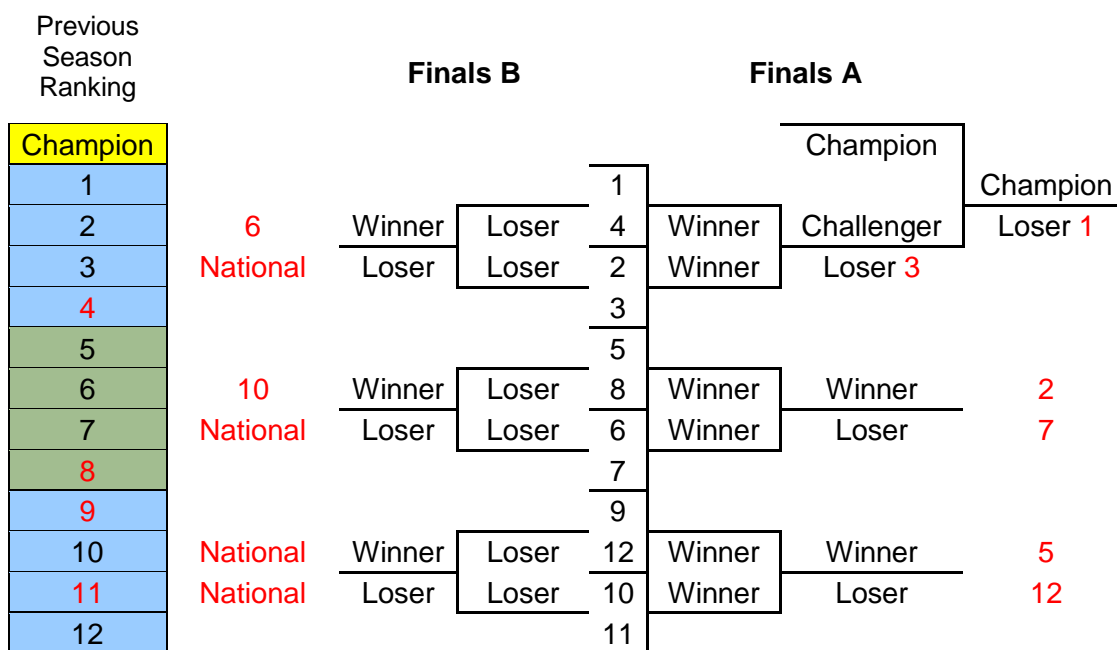
14.2.3.1. In Tier 1, Boxers who have two (2) losses will go down to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking;

14.2.3.2. In Tier 2, Boxers who have two (2) losses will go down to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking;

14.2.3.3. In Tier 3, Boxers who have one (1) loss followed by one (1) win will go to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking;

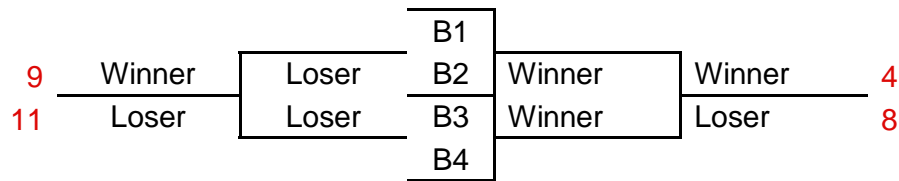
14.2.3.4. In Tier 3, Boxers who have two (2) losses will go to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking.

**The table below shows the mechanism for the Continental Level**



*The table below shows the mechanism for Intercontinental Championships*

### Random draw from 4 Continental Champions



Red colored number : Position in the New World Individual Ranking Competition

#### 14.3. APB National Level

14.3.1. APB National Level will be organized with the alliance of APB World and Continental Level format.

14.3.1.1. Minimum five (5) boxers per Weight Category must compete to establish National Rankings for the next Continental Level Cycle;

14.3.1.2. National Federations can decide whether to keep the previous ranking to the following Cycle or to draw randomly for the next Cycle.

14.3.2. Principle of moving up to Continental Level

14.3.2.1. Each Boxer takes position by his records according to the APB Scoring System after National Level Cycle;

14.3.2.2. Each Continental Level has minimum one and maximum five positions available after previous Cycle

14.3.2.2.1. Maximum positions: Continental ranking four (4), eight (8), nine (9), eleven (11) and twelve (12);

14.3.2.2.2. Minimum position: Continental ranking twelve (12).

## **RULE 15. ELEVATION OF BOXERS (REPLACEMENT IN THE COMPETITION)**

- 15.1. In case the following occurs in respect to the World Level Boxers, Boxers will be lowered to National Level:
- 15.1.1. Withdrawing from the competition for more than one (1) year (two (2) Cycles) due to medical reasons;
  - 15.1.2. Voluntarily retiring from the competition for more than one (1) year (two (2) Cycles);
  - 15.1.3. Suspension for disciplinary issue or doping positive test for more than one (1) year (two (2) Cycles).
- 15.2. In respect of the Rule 15.1., Boxers will be automatically elevated by one position and the last position will be declared as vacant **and will be filled by a Reserve Boxer.**
- 15.3. In the case of a full retirement or **indefinite retirement** of a World Ranking Level Boxer (except the Champion), lower ranked Boxers will be automatically elevated by one position and the last position of the ranking will be declared as vacant. At the discretion of the APB Ranking Commission, a Wild Card will be proposed to a **Reserve Boxer.**

## **RULE 16. BOUT POSTPONEMENT**

- 16.1. For Regular Ranking Bouts **and for 2014 Cycle 1 Title Bouts**, no postponement by a Boxer will be allowed.
- 16.2. For Title Bouts:
- 16.2.1. A Title Bout may be postponed by a Boxer by providing a minimum of 30 days' notice in accordance with the APB Medical Rules;
  - 16.2.2. Either the Champion or the Official Challenger will be allowed to ask for the postponement of a Title Bout. However, it will only be allowed only one (1) time.
  - 16.2.3. After tis 30-day period and one (1) postponement:
    - 16.2.3.1. In the case of the Champion being unable to take part in the rescheduled Title Bout, the Official Challenger will compete against the Final A loser of Tier 1. The ex-Champion will go to position number one (1) in the future ranking and the loser of the Title Bout will be replaced at number two (2) in the future ranking.
    - 16.2.3.2. In the case of the Official Challenger being unable to take part in the rescheduled Title Bout, the loser of the Final A of the top ranked group will be declared as the new Official Challenger and will fight for the Title Bout.
    - 16.2.3.3. The APB Ranking Commission will rule on all issues of ranking not specifically addressed in Rules 15, 16 and 17 above.



## **RULE 17. PURSES**

- 17.1. For each Ranking Bout, the purse will be divided as follows: 60 percent to the winner and 40 percent to the loser.
- 17.2. For Title Bouts, the purse will be divided as follows: 70 percent to the Champion and 30 percent to the Official Challenger regardless of the Bout's result.
- 17.3. In case of 16.2.3.1., the purse will be divided as follows: 60 percent to the winner and 40 percent to the loser.

## **RULE 18 NATIONAL FEDERATION OFFICIALS' HIRING**

- 18.1. The National Federations are responsible for hiring an Official Announcer for all National Level Bouts.
- 18.2. The Official Announcer for all Continental Level Bouts and World Level Bouts will be hired by APB.
- 18.3. The Timekeeper for all National Level Bouts will be appointed by the National Federations.
- 18.4. The Timekeeper for all Continental Level and World Level Bouts will be appointed by AIBA.