

WORLD SERIES OF BOXING (WSB) COMPETITION RULES

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DEFINITIONS

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

“**AIBA Competitions**” means all competitions of AOB, APB and WSB;

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

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

“**Boxer**” means any person employed by a Franchisee who participates in a competition under a Boxer Employment Agreement;

“**Coaches**” means persons who are licensed as such by their National Federation, certified by AIBA and registered in AIBA Coaches Database.

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

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

“**Field of Play (FOP)**” means the competition area which extends for at least 2 meters outside the platform of the ring;

“**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;

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

“**Judge**” means the person who allocates points during a Bout based on each Boxer’s performance on the ring in respect of the AIBA Technical Rules and of these WSB Competition Rules;

“**Match**” means any Bout that takes place consecutively on the same day and in the same location;

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

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

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

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

“**Play-Off Match**” means any Play-Off Match between 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 to it in the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;

“Prohibited Substance” has the meaning given to it in the AIBA Anti-Doping Rules;

“Referee” means the person who ensures that the AIBA Technical Rules and these WSB Competition Rules are followed by the Boxers during their Bouts in the ring;

“Season” means the period of time in each Competition Year during which the World Series of Boxing do take place, commencing one month before the first Match of the World Series of Boxing and ending fifteen days after the last Match of the World Series of Boxing;

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

“Squad” means a Squad of Boxers employed from time to time by a Franchisee from which the Team is selected;

“Supervisor” means the person who is appointed by WSB to be responsible for all technical related issues in any WSB Competition and who is certified in all AIBA Competitions (AOB, APB and WSB).

“Team Officials” mean the Team Managers, Coaches and Doctors of a Team entered by a Franchisee in any competition but does not include the Boxers;

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

“Venue” means the Venue at which the Match takes place.

“Weigh-In” means the registration of Boxers, official Weigh-In and Medical Examination which takes place before any Match in accordance with these WSB Competitions Rules;

“Weight Category” means the weight classification in 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 multiple Franchisees and taking place once during each Competition Year.

“WSB Olympic Qualifying Competition” means the competition taking place after the conclusion of the Play-Off Matches in the year preceding the Olympic Year and which will determine the Olympic quota places in each Weight Category of the World Series of Boxing;

“WSB Scoring System” means the electronic system recording the decision of a Judge created by WSB for its use in the World Series of Boxing;

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

Rule 1 - CLASSIFICATION OF BOXERS

1.1. Age Classification

- 1.1.1 Only Boxers aged from nineteen (19) to forty (40) may compete in the World Series of Boxing. The age of a Boxer is determined by his year of birth.
- 1.1.2 Notwithstanding Rule 1.1.1, WSB or any Franchisee may sign a Boxer Employment Contract with a Boxer aged seventeen (17) or above provided that such Boxer does not start to compete in the World Series of Boxing until reaching the age of nineteen (19).

1.2. Weight Categories

- 1.2.1 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)
Fly	47	52
Light	54	60
Welter	62	69
Light Heavy	73	81
Heavy	81	91
Super Heavy	91	---

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

Rule 2 - ELIGIBILITY OF BOXERS

2.1. General Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Any Boxer participating in any Match must be a member of a National Federation which will be confirmed by WSB.
- 2.1.2 Prior to the start of each Season, each Franchisee must notify WSB of the nationality of all Boxers employed by the Franchisee. Any change to the nationality of a Boxer during a Season may only take place with WSB's consent.

2.1.3 Any Boxer participating in any 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 professional combat sport is not eligible to compete in the World Series of Boxing with the following exceptions:

2.1.4.1. He has signed a contract to compete in the AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) Competition.

2.1.4.2. A Franchisee is allowed to recruit a maximum of five (5) current professional Boxers with a record of a maximum of fifteen (15) professional Bouts.

2.2. Registration

2.2.1 Each Franchisee has to submit its Team roster of six (6) Boxers to WSB at the latest one hundred and twenty (120) hours prior to the start time of the upcoming WSB Match.

2.2.2 Each Franchisee 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 AIBA Disciplinary Commission and may lead to disciplinary sanctions.

2.2.3 Each Boxer who represents a Franchisee as a competitor during a WSB Season must be registered within any of the two (2) WSB registration periods set out below. However, each Franchisee will be allowed five (5) exceptions to the registration periods, but this only to register national Boxers. In order to register a Boxer, the Franchisee must send the following documents to WSB:

- Copy of the passport of the Boxer;
- Copy of the Boxer Employment Agreement, duly signed by all parties;
- Copy of the Annual Medical Examination and Special WSB Medical Test, duly signed and stamped by the Doctor who examined the Boxer.

2.2.4 Registration periods are the following:

- From four (4) months before until one (1) month before the first Match of the WSB Season with exceptions being allowed in an Olympic Year;
- Mid-season break: the exact dates will be notified to the Franchisees before the start of each 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 and with WSB's consent.

2.2.5 Any transfer of Boxers between two Franchisees must be completed in accordance with the WSB Transfer Rules.

2.2.6 No Boxers may compete in successive Matches unless a period of at least ten (10) days or more has passed between such Matches.

2.3. Release of a Boxer for other permitted competitions

2.3.1 The Franchisee must release the Boxer to participate in the following competitions:

2.3.1.1. Any boxing tournament which is a pre-requisite to the Boxer's qualification for a participation in the Olympic Games such as:

2.3.1.1.1. National Championships prior to the World Championships provided that such World Championships are recognized as an official Olympic Qualifying Competition by AIBA;

2.3.1.1.2. World Championships provided that such World Championships are recognized as an official Olympic Qualifying Competition by AIBA;

2.3.1.1.3. Continental Olympic Qualifying Competition(s).

2.3.1.2. The Boxer is allowed to participate in external competitions per Season as agreed between the Franchisee, the Boxer and the National Federation.

2.3.2 Travel costs, accommodation and food:

2.3.2.1. The National Federation calling for the release of a Boxer will be responsible for the travel costs incurred by this Boxer as a result of the release request and relevant accommodation and food whilst the Boxer is on international duty as arranged by such National Federation;

2.3.2.2. A Boxer requesting to be released to participate in an external competition will be responsible for his own travel costs, accommodation and food from the start to the end of the release period.

Rule 3 - WEIGH-IN

In all Matches and Exhibition Matches:

3.1. All Boxers must attend the Weigh-In the day before the day of the Match or Exhibition Match. The Weigh-In must 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 Supervisor reserves the right to relax this condition, if unavoidable circumstances occur.

3.2. The Weigh-In must be conducted by the Supervisor and Officials authorized by WSB. A Team Official of the Franchisee which the Boxer represents may be in attendance at the Weigh-In; however, and under no circumstance is the Team Official allowed to interfere in the process of the Weigh-In.

3.3. 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 should be used. The Supervisor will certify the official scale.

- 3.4. 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 official Weigh-In.
- 3.5. Test scales will be officially open for two (2) hours before the start of the Weigh-In.
- 3.6. Upon arrival of the away Team to the hotel in the host city, the local Team must provide an electronic scale, which must be of the same manufacture and calibration as the scales used at the Weigh-In.

Rule 4 - NON COMPLIANCE OF WEIGHT LIMIT

4.1. If a Boxer exceeds the official weight limit at the Weigh-In, then:

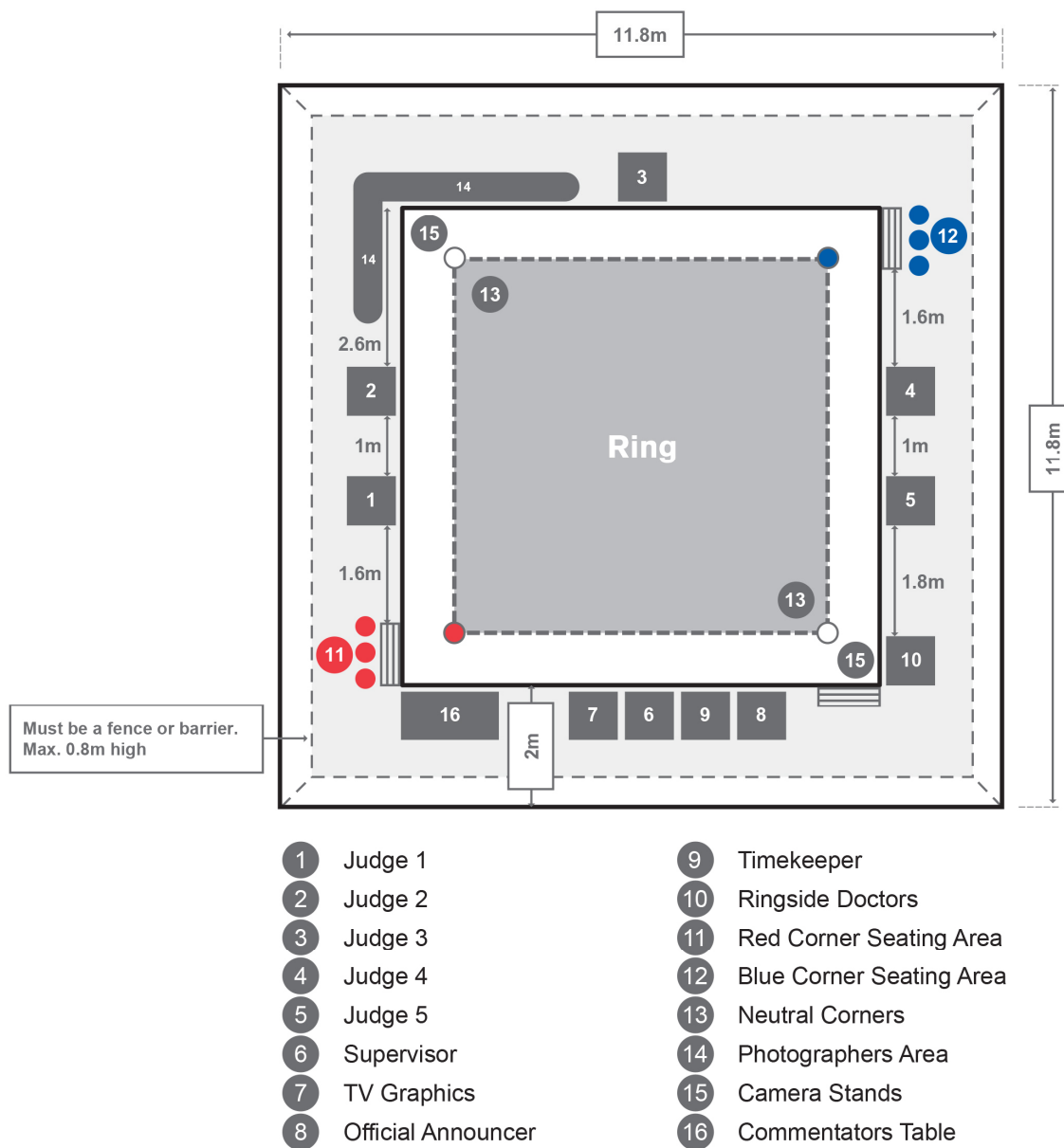
- 4.1.1. If the Boxer exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category by 500 grams or less – the Boxer will be permitted to compete in the relevant Match and points for the Bout will be awarded normally; the Boxer and the relevant Franchisee will be subject to a fine determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules for violating the AIBA Technical Rules and these WSB Competition Rules; or
- 4.1.2. If a Boxer exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category 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 AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules for violating the AIBA Technical Rules and these WSB Competition Rules.

- 4.2. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit by 500 grams or less – both Boxers will be permitted to compete in the relevant Match. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the AIBA Technical Rules and these WSB Competition Rules;
- 4.3. If both Boxers in any Bout exceed or are under the weight limit of their category by more than 500 grams as specified in Rule 4.1.2, then the Bout must be declared as No Contest.

Rule 5 - DURATION AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS

- 5.1. In all Regular Matches and Play-Off Matches, the Bouts will consist of five (5) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 5.2. Franchisees can submit a request to WSB for an exception to Rule 5.1 for an Exhibition Match. Such request must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the Exhibition Match.
- 5.3. In all Matches, one (1) minute of rest must be given to the Boxers between rounds.

Rule 6 - FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)



RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Rule 7 - SUPERVISOR

- 7.1. The Supervisor must be certified in all AIBA Competitions.
- 7.2. For all Matches, WSB will appoint a Supervisor.
- 7.3. The Supervisor will give directions to the Franchisee to ensure that the Franchisee will comply with the Match Staging Regulations and to all WSB Rules.
- 7.4. The detailed duties of the Supervisor are listed in Appendix A.

Rule 8 - COMPETITION MANAGER

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

Rule 9 - REFEREES & JUDGES

- 9.1. Eligibility
 - 9.1.1. Only Referees & Judges with a WSB/APB R&J Certification may officiate in WSB Competitions.
 - 9.1.2. Persons who referee and/or judge in professional boxing matches are ineligible to act as a Referee and as a Judge. Any Referee and Judge who officiates in a non-AIBA Match will automatically be disqualified;
 - 9.1.3. All candidates must meet the requirements of the WSB Medical Rules in respect of their physical fitness to officiate;
 - 9.1.4. All candidates must speak one of the following languages fluently: English, French, Spanish, Russian or Arabic.

RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

Rule 10 - BOXING GLOVES SPECIFICATIONS

- 10.1. All Matches must be contested using new gloves that meet the requirements of Appendix C and that are manufactured by one of the WSB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.
- 10.2. The Franchisees will have the right to customize the look of their Boxers' gloves in accordance with the Franchisee's Agreement.
- 10.3. The Franchisees will be responsible for bringing gloves for their Boxers to all Matches.
- 10.4. During the Technical Meeting, the Franchisees will give their competition gloves to the Supervisor who will check them and give them back to the Coaches right before the Boxers enter the ring.
- 10.5. The Boxers must put on their gloves in the ring after having their bandages approved by the Referee.
- 10.6. The gloves must be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the decision is announced.
- 10.7. The padding of the gloves must not be displaced or broken.
- 10.8. Specifications
 - 10.8.1. Ten (10) oz gloves will be used for the Bantamweight and the Lightweight Categories;
 - 10.8.2. Twelve (12) oz gloves will be used for the Welterweight, Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight and Super Heavyweight Categories.

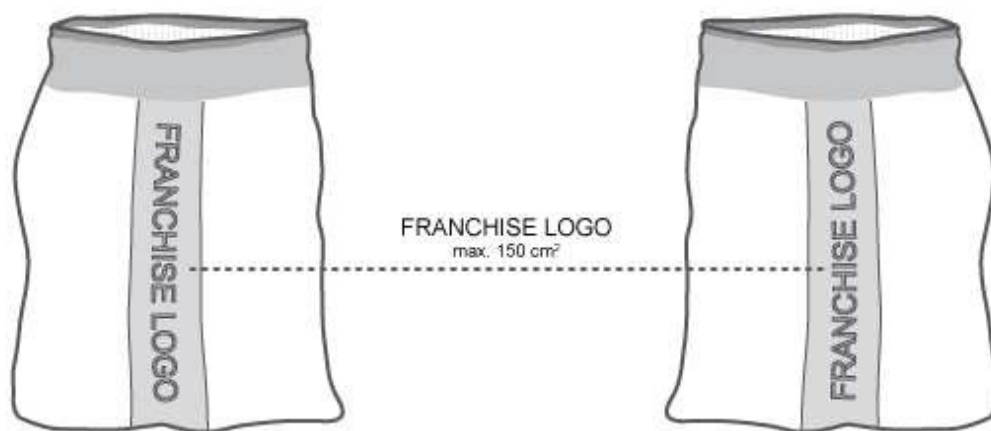
Rule 11 - BANDAGES

- 11.1. All WSB Bouts must be contested using new bandages that are manufactured by one of the AIBA Official Boxing Equipment Licensees and are provided by the local Franchisee for both teams.
- 11.2. Use of Bandages (Gauze)
 - 11.2.1. Bandages must be applied in the dressing room and cross checked and signed off by the opponent's Second.
- 11.3. Specifications
 - 11.3.1. The home Team will provide bandage packages for all Boxers including Boxers from the away Team. The packages will be provided by an AIBA Official Licensee;

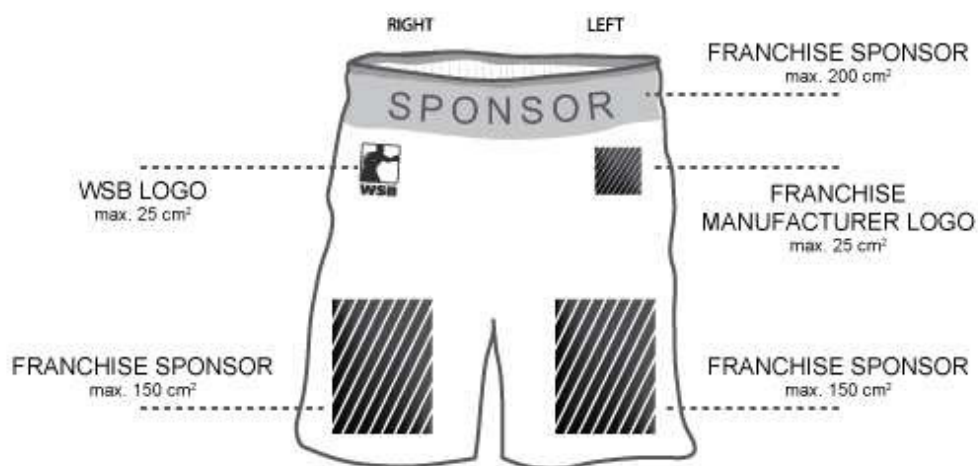
- 11.3.2. In all Weight Categories, bandages must be made of a maximum twelve (12) meters length and five (5) centimeters width of Gauze;
- 11.3.3. In all Weight Categories, surgeon's tape of a maximum two and half (2.50) meters length and 2.50 centimeters width may be used for each hand.
- 11.3.4. In all Weight Categories, surgeon's tape of no more than five (5) millimeters width may be applied between fingers.
- 11.3.5. A Boxer may use bandages as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hand are not covered by the surgeon's tape.
- 11.3.6. Gauze padding is allowed to be used to cover the knuckles.
- 11.3.7. The use of any substance on the bandages is prohibited.

Rule 12 - COMPETITION UNIFORM

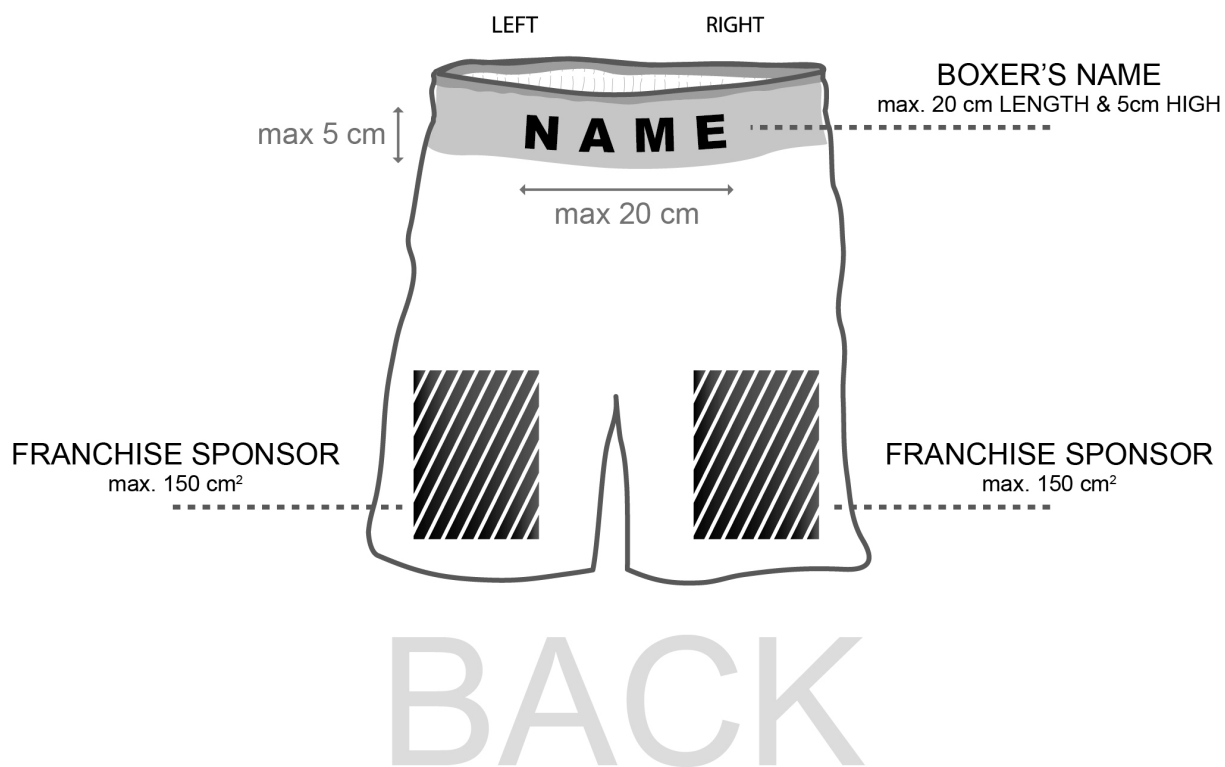
- 12.1. Boxers must box in light boots or shoes (without spikes or heels), socks (not to be worn higher than knee length) and shorts.
- 12.2. The length of the shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh and cannot cover the knee; and must not be worn above the belt line. The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips and must not cover the navel.
- 12.3. Teams must have trunks of two different colors which must be approved by WSB before the start of the Season.



SIDE



FRONT



12.4. Referees & Judges must wear only the official AIBA attire for Referees & Judges.

12.5. Referees & Judges may use surgical gloves when officiating.

APPENDIX A - DUTIES OF THE SUPERVISOR

1. To hold an inspection visit (or visits) the day prior to the Match. During the course of these visits, the Supervisor must examine the plans and programs for the Match, check the expected number of participants and the provision of suitable personnel to manage the various locations. He must ensure that all arrangements conform to the Match Staging Regulations and the WSB Rules and inspect all Venues and facilities to be used, including medical facilities, Weigh-In facilities, media support and transport arrangements as well as inspect boxing and ringside equipment to be used.
2. To keep WSB informed on the progress of Match preparations;
3. To arrive in good time for the Match in order to monitor and assist the organizers with the final preparations. The Supervisor will intervene in the work of the organizers only if the Match Staging Regulations or the WSB Rules are being infringed or where the Supervisor has been requested to offer assistance;
4. To supervise and monitor the arrangements for the Weigh-In and Medical Examination;
5. To monitor the progress of the Match from the start to the conclusion and to assist in resolving any difficulty that arise;
6. To liaise and cooperate with the Competition Manager, Referees & Judges, Ringside Doctors, Timekeeper and Official Announcer;
7. To meet the Referees & Judges before and after the Match for comments and feedback;
8. To meet the Competition Manager and Venue Manager before and after the Match for comments and feedback;
9. To supervise and operate the WSB Scoring System;
10. To be responsible for the correct application of the WSB Rules and decisions;
11. To interpret the WSB Rules insofar as they are applicable or relevant to the Match or to decide to take action on any circumstance of the Match which is not covered by the WSB Rules;
12. To enter deductions into the WSB Scoring System following any warning given by the Referee in accordance with the rules;
13. To inform the Official Announcer about any official decision;
14. To approve the scores before sending them to the broadcasters;
15. To conduct a Technical Meeting the day before the Match with the Team Officials, Seconds, and Ringside Doctors;
16. To give out the bandages during the Technical Meeting;
17. To receive and verify the competition gloves during the Technical Meeting and keep them until right before the start of the respective Bout;

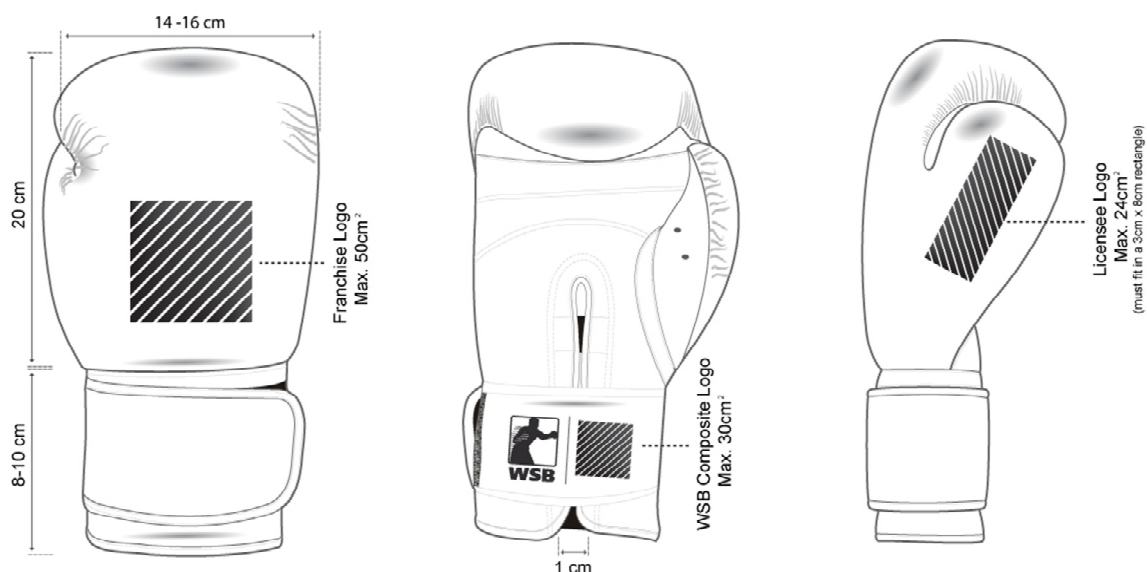
18. To assign the selected Referees & Judges to the respective Bouts on the day of the Match.
19. To have the power to revoke assignments based on performance during the Match;
20. To inform the Referees & Judges in due time on the matchday about their assignments;
21. To submit a report form, including the evaluation of the Referees & Judges, to WSB in due time;
22. To check the accreditation of the Seconds present in the FOP in order to ensure that only official Seconds are present in the FOP;
23. To caution, remove and disqualify a Second who has infringed the WSB Competition Rules;
24. To fill out and sign each Boxer's AIBA Competition Record Book;
25. To fill out and sign each R&J's Record Book;”
26. To watch the replay of the video: If in some extreme cases (for example, when a Bout has been stopped and had not been resumed), when the Referee is unsure which decision to take, he must then ask the Supervisor to review the video. After reviewing the video, the Supervisor will inform the Referee about the correct decision.

APPENDIX B - DUTIES OF THE COMPETITION MANAGER

1. To oversee the running of the Match and provide the focal point for contact between the Supervisor and the Franchisee in relation to all issues related to the Match;
2. To register all competition officials (Competition Manager, Official Announcer, Timekeeper, Ringside Doctors) in the entries system no later than one hundred and twenty (120) hours prior to the start of the Match;
3. To present himself to the Supervisor no later than the day before the Match;
4. To ensure that the competition is organized and conducted in accordance with the AIBA Technical Rules and these WSB Competition Rules under the guidance of the Supervisor;
5. To liaise with other functional areas to ensure a coordinated delivery of support services such as accreditation, security, transport, medical, media, venue facilities, venue operations, host broadcaster and volunteers;
6. To report to WSB and to the Supervisor about the preparations for the Match;
7. To ensure the presence and functionality of the equipment required for the Match;
8. To organize and conduct orientation and briefing sessions for all staff and volunteers prior to the start of the Match;
9. To ensure that the Match Staging Regulations and the WSB Rules are followed, venue emergency procedures are in place and related issues (e.g. ambulance, discipline, security, working conditions, etc.) are properly enforced, documented and irregularities reported;
10. To attend any meeting and undertake any liaison as may be necessary as Competition Manager, reporting and taking action as required.

APPENDIX C - EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES (GLOVES)

1. The gloves must weigh ten (10) ounces and twelve (12) ounces, with a tolerance of 5 % up or downwards, of which the leather portion must not weigh more than half of the total weight, and the padding portion not less than half of the total weight. The margin of 5% must also apply downwards and upwards, respectively.
2. The size of the gloves must respect the measurements as described in the graphic below.
3. Only gloves with a Velcro closure system may be used.
4. The leather portion of the gloves must be made of high quality leather such as cowhide leather, Grade A leather or other leathers of equivalent quality subject to approval by WSB.
5. The thumb must be fixed to the main body of the gloves with a maximum gap of 10 mm.
6. The logo of the Franchisee may be displayed in a maximum size of fifty (50) centimeters squared on the front top part of each glove.
7. The logo of the AIBA Official Licensee must be displayed in a maximum size of thirty (30) centimeters squared on the wrist of each glove.



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 6-0, 5-1, 5-0, 4-2, 4-1, 4-0, 3-0, 2-0, 1-0: the winning Team will get three (3) points and the losing Team will get zero (0) points;
- Score 3-2, 3-1, 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 Franchisee agreement) will be automatically deemed to have lost by 6-0 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.

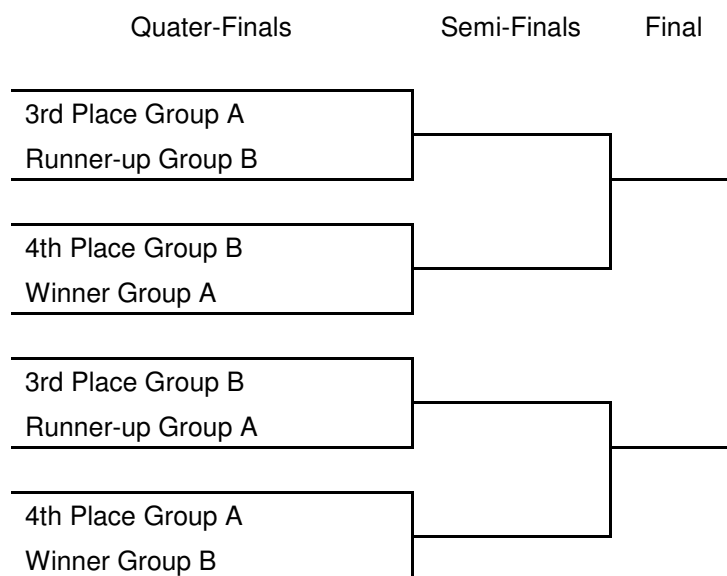
2.1.3. Where the cancellation of a Match is for a reason other than the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Franchisee responsible for the cancellation will, in addition to the consequences of article 2.1.1. above, have 3 points deducted from its Team ranking. In addition to this sanction, the infringing Franchisee will have to pay a financial penalty of fifty thousand (50,000) US Dollars. The relevant Franchisee will also be subject to a sanction to be determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules.

2.1.4. For each Walkover given by a Franchisee during the Regular Season, one (1) point will be deducted from its Team ranking. In addition to this sanction, the infringing Franchisee will have to pay a financial penalty of ten (10,000) US Dollars per Walkover during the Regular Season and Play-Offs. Where more than one (1) Walkover is given by a Franchisee during the same Match, the relevant Franchisee will be subject to a sanction to be determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules. If the reason for the Walkover is an injury that has occurred onsite and the neutral Ringside Doctor certifies the injury, this article will not apply.

2.2. Tie in the Play-Off Matches

2.2.1. The eight (8) qualified Franchisees 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 a 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 Franchisees of the semi-finals contest in the finals in two (2) consecutive evenings with their two (2) Teams of six (6) Boxers in the six (6) 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 a 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 an 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 Knockout, 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 Quotas

4.1. The Champion of the Individual Championships of the year prior to the Olympic Games will automatically be qualified.

4.2. A WSB Olympic Qualifying Competition will take place the year prior to the Olympic Games. The eight (8) best ranked Boxers, except the Champion, in each Weight Category at the end of the Regular Season will take part in a box-off competition. The four (4) best Boxers will qualify.

4.3. In circumstances where the National Federation has confirmed the winning Boxer's Weight Category prior to the WSB Olympic Qualifying Competition, 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 AIBA Disciplinary Commission and the Boxer defeated by the WSB Olympic Boxer in the finals of the WSB Individual Championships (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 Competition.

4.4. In circumstances where neither the National Federation of the Individual Champion or of the Runner-Up has confirmed such Boxers' Weight Categories prior to the WSB Olympic Qualifying Competition, the Olympic qualification will be provisionally given to the next highest ranked Boxer in the respective Weight Category, based on the results of the WSB Olympic Qualifying Competition, until the Weight Category of the Winner or the Runner-Up (as the case may be) is confirmed by his National Federation.