

Dear Simon

I am delighted to submit my application for Chair Medical and Anti-doping Committee for World Boxing. The challenges faced by WB in taking over governance of the sport and addressing the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) longstanding concerns are considerable. As chair of the Medical and Anti-doping Committee, I will fully support and commit to the World Boxing Code of Ethics.

I believe that my vision for the Medical and Anti-doping Committee aligns perfectly with the World Boxing (WB) vision and five pledges. In combination with my considerable skills and experience in the boxing world, I am the right candidate for this role. I envisage the following to ensure that not only is WB's vision achieved but that WB excels beyond what is currently imagined:

### **My vision**

The Medical and Anti-doping Committee makes World Boxing's medical care for boxers the gold standard in international sport. World Boxing is held up as the shining example for how medical care should be run in international sport. We will achieve this by creating a culture where medical decisions are made using evidence based medicine to protect the boxers.

Specifically, we will:

1. Ensure all ringside doctors from around the world are trained to a good standard (it is not currently the case.) We will make the training available online, regular and documented. This makes it both sustainable and accessible. It gives all countries remote access, saving everyone time and money.
2. Raise both the standard and consistency of medical care at all boxing competitions so that boxers who take part can be assured that the medical care will be of the highest standard. In the unfortunate situation of a serious injury, any boxer will be dealt with to the highest level. The care will be monitored and evaluated to ensure it is of the highest standard and feedback from the boxers will be measured.
3. Create a computerised medical record system so that medical records are consistent, accurate and fully up to date for all boxers.
4. Continue the relationship with independent anti-doping organisation which demonstrates openness and transparency of our commitment to being a clean sport. I would apply the penalty for any instances of doping using the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) code.
5. Utilise technology such as instrumented mouthguards to improve the welfare of the boxers in competition and training.
6. Ensure the members of the committee have full input into medical decisions where their expertise lies and hold them to the highest levels of ethics and integrity.

### **My approach**

The Medical and Anti-doping Committee that I will chair will be honest about all issues discussed, the members will act with integrity will comprise of those who excel in their domain, approach and ethics.

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The committee I will chair will enable a strong future for boxing to be built by putting the boxers at the heart of its decision-making. By operating in this fashion, we will remove inequality and support sustainable, inclusive and transparent international boxing.

### **My experience**

I have the skills and experience that will bring my vision for World Boxing Medical and Anti-doping Committee to life. Boxing has been a huge part of my life since 1991. I have been involved at all levels from ringside doctor to Chief Medical officer, from local to national and international committees so I am fully aware of the issues and challenges involved.

I have worked at five Olympic events as team doctor, as ringside doctor and as Chief Medical Officer for the IOC boxing task force. I have attended five Commonwealth Games as ringside doctor, CMO for the England team and as CMO of the IOC working as head ringside doctor. I have been the Chief Medical Officer for GB Boxing for 25 years. I know where the issues and challenges lie and what needs to be addressed.

Further, having worked closely with boxers for many years in such competitions around the world, I fully understand the medical issues they face and what they need the medical committee to provide for them. Medical decisions will be made from a strong evidence base to remove any discrepancy or inequality.

I have chaired my national boxing medical committee for 8 years, I chaired the International Medical Federation for two years and I have also worked with the IOC as chair of the medical organisation setting up the Olympic qualifiers for Tokyo qualifiers, Tokyo Games and for the Paris qualifiers and Paris Games. I know what needs to be in place to establish an effective committee.

With regard to anti-doping, I been on the UK Anti-doping committee and UK Anti-doping therapeutic use exemption committee. I have a clear process in place to allow a decision to be made to issue any exemption or to ensure any doping is dealt with effectively and efficiently.

I have also researched widely in different aspects of the sport and have published multiple research papers on various boxing injuries. My PhD was on the pathophysiology of boxing injuries. My current research is around concussion, specifically looking at combat sports, in particular, Olympic boxing.

As a doctor, my behaviour at all times must adhere to the code of ethics and oaths we swear and I take great pride in adhering to this. I am not afraid to make difficult decisions such as removing a boxer with concussion in the medal stages of a tournament. I will bring the same standards of integrity to bear for the role of Chair and I agree to adhere to the World Boxing Code of Ethics.

I hope I have demonstrated that I am the right candidate for the role of Chair of the World Boxing Medical and Anti-doping Committee. I want to make boxing the gold standard for international sport – to have World Boxing held up as the example for how you run medical care in international sport.

I look forward to becoming involved in this exciting new venture.

Yours sincerely

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