



## **World Boxing Competition Calendar FAQs**

### **Why has World Boxing created a competition calendar?**

The calendar has been produced to ensure that a variety of high-quality, competition opportunities are available to boxers from National Federations (NFs) that are members of World Boxing and those that have an interest in joining.

It includes two new competition formats and a new annual addition to the international boxing calendar that will be held in Great Britain.

### **Who is eligible to compete at these events?**

Boxers from countries that are members of World Boxing are eligible to take part in all of the competitions. Prior to the 2024 Olympic Games, countries that are not members can make a request to participate which will need to be approved by the Executive Board of World Boxing.

### **Are boxers from National Federations that compete at IBA sanctioned events able to compete at World Boxing events?**

World Boxing is an inclusive organisation and prior to the 2024 Olympic Games, countries that are not members can make a request to participate which will need to be approved by the Executive Board of World Boxing.

### **What role will World Boxing play in staging these competitions?**

As is common practice in Olympic sport, the National Federation (NF) or Local Organising Committee (LOC) will be responsible for the delivery of the event. World Boxing will set the parameters for the competition (such as determining the weight classes and setting the rules) and provide practical support and supervision in helping to deliver it.

World Boxing will also ensure that independent, third-party scrutiny of the processes for selecting technical officials, including referees and judges, to ensure sporting integrity and deliver fair competition for the boxers

At multi-sport events World Boxing will provide help and support to the organisers where required with a view to demonstrating that it has the capability, expertise and commitment to sporting integrity required to be the International Federation (IF) that can organise boxing competitions at future multi-sport events.

### **How are the events being funded?**

The majority of the costs of delivering the events in which World Boxing is a partner will be borne by the NFs or LOC as is usual in Olympic sport, however we will seek to provide support where possible through a fair split of any revenues generated from sources such as sponsorship and television rights.

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### **What is the World Boxing Cup?**

The World Boxing Cup is a new, annual competition series in which elite male and female boxers will accrue ranking points over several stages of competition throughout the year. It will culminate in a year-end Finals event in which the stage winners and other top-ranked boxers will compete for the main trophy.

The first two World Boxing Cup events will be held this year in Germany in October and England in December. The event in England will be a new, annual addition to the international boxing calendar delivered by GB Boxing and England Boxing in association with World Boxing. Following this, three more rounds of the World Boxing Cup will take place next year and culminate in the first World Boxing Cup Finals in Great Britain in November 2024.

### **What is the World Boxing Challenge?**

The World Boxing Challenge will launch in the early part of 2024 and is designed to provide a structure to the existing network of smaller competitions delivered by National Federations. Ranking points will be awarded to boxers based on their performances at these events which will count towards their eligibility to compete and seedings in the World Boxing Cup and at major tournaments including Continental and World Championships.

### **Why have these new competition formats been created?**

The World Boxing Cup and World Boxing Challenge will offer better structure and meaning to the current calendar in Olympic-style boxing by bringing a common standard to existing international tournaments. Making these existing events part of a wider, more meaningful, competition structure with longevity over the course of the year will enhance their profile and prominence.

The events have been designed in the interests of boxers. The World Boxing Cup is an annual series that builds towards a year-end Finals, which will be a major event in the World Boxing calendar. The World Boxing Challenge provides meaningful rewards to boxers for their performances at events throughout the year in the form of ranking points that will contribute towards their eligibility to compete and seedings at the World Boxing Cup and other major championships.

### **Where will the events scheduled to take place in 2024 be held?**

Two of the World Boxing Cup events are already confirmed to take place in England in January 2024 and the USA in April 2024.

We are in discussions with potential hosts for other World Boxing Cup and World Boxing Challenge events in 2024 and expect to be able to make announcements on some of these shortly. The bidding process for the U19 World Championships is open and expressions of interest are welcomed.

### **Does World Boxing intend to host World or Continental Championships?**

We will hold a biennial World Championships from 2025 and expressions of interest to host this are open, as they are for the U19 World Boxing Championships that will take place in 2024. Potential hosts can request further information by emailing [info@worldboxing.org](mailto:info@worldboxing.org).

Once we have established confederations, they will be tasked with delivering biennial Continental Championships.



**What will be the weight classes for these events?**

In the build-up to Paris 2024, the weight categories at World Boxing's elite competitions will mirror the 13 classes that will be used at the Olympic Games. There will be a review of weight classes after Paris.

**Some of the events in the calendar have existed for some time - what will be different?**

The events will be integrated into the World Boxing Cup or World Boxing Challenge series, which will give them greater meaning and make them more prestigious.

Events that become part of the World Boxing Cup will form part of a new, annual competition that builds towards a year-end Finals. Events that are part of the World Boxing Challenge series will award boxers ranking points that count towards their eligibility to compete and seeding in the World Boxing Cup and at major tournaments including Continental and World Championships.

**Why does the calendar include events (such as the World Combat Games and the Olympic qualifiers) that World Boxing is not involved in?**

These events have been included for reference as World Boxing members are eligible to compete in them and we wanted to produce a calendar that showcased the full range of competition opportunities open to boxers. The calendar is clear in stating which organisation is responsible for organising and delivering each event.

**When will World Boxing be putting on more events for age groups below elite?**

World Boxing will host an U19 World Championships in the second half of 2024 and the bidding process for this is underway. Potential hosts can request further information by emailing [info@worldboxing.org](mailto:info@worldboxing.org).

Beyond this, we will be working to establish confederations and provide a framework to deliver other age category continental championships. This approach has proven to be effective for the development of boxers in Europe and Asia.

At the same time, we will also continue to support, facilitate and encourage our members to host international tournaments for age groups below elite.

Given the importance of ensuring competition integrity, we believe that having an IF that is focused on elite and U19 and creating a framework for confederations to deliver continental championships for ages below is the wisest approach at this stage.

**Do you have a set of rules for these events?**

The competition rules will be based on those developed by the Paris 2024 Boxing Unit and currently being used at the Olympic qualifiers, as stated in the World Boxing statutes.

**Will officials, R&Js and technical staff at your events only be from World Boxing countries?**

To ensure the highest level of officiating, officials from all over the world will be able to apply to be certified by World Boxing.

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