

May 2024

Re: Membership Applications to World Boxing

Dear National Federation President and General Secretary, dear friends,

Recent months have seen significant developments in Olympic-style boxing and a clear picture emerge on pathway that National Federations now need to take to ensure that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement.

On 2 April 2024, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) upheld the decision of the Session of the IOC (22 June 2023) to withdraw recognition of IBA. This was a hugely significant moment as it made it absolutely clear that the IBA is no longer part of the Olympic Movement and will never again be allowed to organise a boxing tournament at the Games.

It was followed by a statement from the IOC ([HERE](#)) in which it expressed a desire to partner with a new International Federation that is committed to 'good governance, the integrity of competitions, transparency of finances and accounts, and autonomy' and has the support of National Federations.

Shortly after this, the IOC held its first meeting with World Boxing ([DETAILED HERE](#)) on 6 May 2024 where leaders from the two organisations began discussions about the pathway to ensuring that boxing remains a part of the Olympic Games.

With its public comments and its subsequent decision to engage directly with World Boxing, the IOC has sent a clear and unambiguous message to all National Federations (and their National Olympic Committees) that if they want boxers from their country to have the life-changing opportunity to continue to compete at future Olympic Games then they must now support and seek to join World Boxing. This is the only path that will see our sport remain in the Olympic Games after Paris 2024 and National Federations must act now if they want boxing to have any chance of boxing still being part of the programme at Los Angeles 2028.

In the first 12 months since it was publicly launched in April 2023, World Boxing has accepted 28 membership applications and, in light of the comments from the IOC, we urge and invite all National Federations to seek to join our organisation, which is the only hope of ensuring that boxing will remain on the Olympic programme after Paris 2024.

To begin the process of your National Federation joining World Boxing, we encourage you to fill out the membership questionnaire and e-mail it back for a [pre-screening](#) to save time to membership@worldboxing.org or simon.toulson@worldboxing.org.

World Boxing understands that the decision to join World Boxing by a National Federation must adhere to proper governance in your territory. The pre-screening process is an administrative task to speed up the process and will be strictly confidential. It is not an official action of the National Federation and no decision or commitment will be attached to the submission of a pre-screening of the application.



World Boxing will not move for approval your application until your National Federation has made the necessary changes to your statutes/bylaws and that you have formally notified us of your desire to join World Boxing after the pre-screening.

World Boxing aims to put the interests of boxers first and ensure that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic movement. We appreciate your involvement in shaping the future of our sport at the Inaugural Congress.

I remain at your disposal should you have any questions relating to membership of World Boxing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Toulson".

Simon Toulson
Secretary General
WORLD BOXING