



# Congress Report

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World Boxing President Report**

Dear Members of World Boxing,

I am pleased to provide this report summarizing the key developments and initiatives that World Boxing has undertaken since our last congress. The strides we have made together reflect our collective commitment to growing the sport of boxing globally, enhancing diversity, and building a strong, financially sustainable organisation. Below, I outline the significant progress we have achieved and the path forward for World Boxing.

## **1. Growing Membership and Active Engagement**

World Boxing has significantly expanded its global footprint through active collaboration with National Federations (NFs). Our membership has grown to 48 NFs, and we expect to welcome additional members by the time of this congress. This growth is a testament to our dedication to fostering a united boxing community worldwide. The expansion of our membership base not only strengthens our organization but also broadens our reach and the impact of Olympic boxing worldwide.

## **2. Enhancing Diversity and Global Representation**

Promoting greater diversity within World Boxing is one of our top priorities. We are actively working to recruit and engage representatives from all continents and regions, ensuring that our leadership accurately reflects the global nature of our sport. This commitment to diversity will help us address the unique needs and perspectives of our global boxing community.

## **3. Commercial and Marketing Policy**

Securing funding for World Boxing's activities is crucial for our ongoing success and independence. In collaboration with the Secretary General, Marketing Committee, and other stakeholders, we are focused on diversifying revenue streams. We are actively exploring various sources such as host fees, licensing, sponsorships, donations, and partnerships daily to ensure that World Boxing can stand on a solid financial foundation. This approach is critical for sustaining our operations and supporting the sport's development at all levels.

## **4. Establishing a Robust Competition Calendar**

We are proud to announce the formation of a comprehensive competition calendar that will serve as the backbone of our sporting activities. A highlight of this calendar is the upcoming Elite Male and Female World Championships, scheduled for September 2025 in Liverpool, England. This event marks a significant milestone for World Boxing, providing a platform for athletes to showcase their talents on the global stage and elevating the sport's profile worldwide.

## **5. Provisional Recognition Progress**

World Boxing formally engaged with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on May 6, 2024. Since then, our relationship has developed through observer status in Paris and ongoing knowledge transfer sessions. We are on track to receive provisional recognition from the IOC in early 2025. Achieving this milestone will be pivotal, as it signifies our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of governance, athlete welfare, and competition integrity.

## **6. Formation of an Olympic Commission**

In pursuit of excellence and recognition, World Boxing has established an Olympic Commission, chaired by Gennady Golovkin. This commission focuses on integrating boxing into the Olympic movement and ensuring our sport aligns with Olympic values and standards. The commission is driving our efforts toward achieving IOC recognition, which will unlock new opportunities for funding, global engagement, and diversity within our organization.

In closing, this report underlines World Boxing's progress, strategic initiatives, and future aspirations. Our efforts continue to build an inclusive, dynamic global boxing community. I thank each of you for your dedication and look forward to our ongoing work together in advancing the sport of boxing worldwide.