



**World Boxing Code for the
Prevention of Manipulation of
Boxing Competitions**



Preamble

The purpose of this Policy is to uphold the integrity of Boxing by preventing, detecting, and enforcing regulations against the manipulation of Boxing competitions and related illegal sports betting activities.

World Boxing recognizes the serious threat posed to the sport by manipulation of bout results, competitions, and championships. It is fully committed to protecting the sport's integrity, including safeguarding clean athletes and fair competition, in alignment with the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Olympic Agenda 2020 and Olympic Agenda 2020+5.

World Boxing will collaborate with the IOC and public authorities, including law enforcement, betting regulators, and sports betting entities, to prevent and address manipulation in Boxing.

All stakeholders, members, and individuals associated with or working for World Boxing must adhere to the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (the OM Code PMC).

Definitions

- A **Benefit** means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money, material resources or positional gain or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager (this does not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other sports contracts). Sporting advantage or preferential treatment in respect to a Competition is also a benefit.
- **Code** means this Code for the Prevention of Manipulation of Boxing Competitions.
- **Competition** means any competition/bout or event, whether on a one-off basis or as part of a series or competition organized in accordance with the rules of World Boxing or its affiliates, and multisport competitions such as but not limited to the Olympic Games and Continental Games.
- **Inside Information** means any information relating to any bout or competition that a person possesses by virtue of his/her position in relation to a bout, competition or boxing generally that either cannot be known at that specific moment in time or is information not publicly accessible.
- A **Participant** means a boxer, training partner, coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, event guest, volunteer, business associate or other affiliate or associate of any boxer, or any other person who receives accreditation at an event or Championship.
- **Prohibited Conduct** means the conduct proscribed in this Code.

- **Official** means the elected officials, candidates for elections, executives, commission members, national federation members, continental confederation members, organisers, technical officials, judges and referees, staff (paid or unpaid) and volunteers.
- **Sports Betting, Bet or Betting** means any wager of a stake of monetary or material value in the expectation of a prize either of monetary or material value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.
- **Use of Inside Information** means using Inside Information for betting purposes.

In the event of conflict between this Code and any other World Boxing policies, rules and regulations, the provisions of this Code shall prevail.

This Code is in accordance with the OM Code PMC. Where this Code is silent, the OM Code PMC will prevail.

Application and Scope

Every Participant and Official is bound by this Code and will be deemed to have read and understood it.

Participants and Officials should be aware that Prohibited Conduct under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations and rules of World Boxing.

Prohibited Conduct

The following actions of Participants and Officials shall qualify as Prohibited Conduct under this Code:

- Gaining or using (whether by act or omission) Inside Information to influence Competitions or for the purpose of Betting.
- Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.
- Betting in a Competition, in which they are directly participating or attending.
- Betting in relation to any Competition.
- Facilitating, preparing or assisting with Betting on any Competition, including:
 - having any interest in a Bet, for example having someone else place a Bet on a Competition on their behalf;
 - allowing another person to place a Bet on a Competition;
 - facilitating, assisting, aiding, abetting, encouraging, inducing, covering-up a Bet on a Competition;
 - agreeing, conspiring, planning or attempting to engage in any conduct which could lead to a Bet on a Competition.

Manipulation of Competitions

The following actions shall also qualify as Prohibited Conduct under this Code:

- An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a Competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the Competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others. This includes boxers not using their best efforts to win a bout, or fail to complete a bout without good reason.
- A person providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition, or any other form of corruption, including making threats.
- Any form of manipulation of Competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant/Official or via another person and/or entity.

Failure to Report and Reporting Mechanism

Allegations of Prohibited Conduct should be reported to World Boxing (specifically ethics@worldboxing.org).

A failure to report Prohibited Conduct is a violation of this Code and occurs when:

- at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant or Official to engage in conduct or incidents that could lead to Prohibited Conduct, are not reported to World Boxing (specifically ethics@worldboxing.org) or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority; or
- full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant or Official (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another Participant or Official to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code, are not reported to World Boxing (specifically ethics@worldboxing.org) or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority.

Failure to Cooperate

Failure to cooperate is a violation of this Code and occurs when a Participant or Official:

- a) fails to cooperate with any investigation carried out by World Boxing or its affiliates in relation to a possible breach of this Code, including, without limitation, failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or access or assistance requested by World Boxing or its affiliates as part of such investigation; or

- b) is obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by World Boxing or its affiliates in relation to a possible violation of this Code, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

Determination of a violation

For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following circumstances are not relevant:

- Whether or not the Participant is participating or has participated in the championship concerned.
- The outcome of the bout or championships on which the Bet was made or intended to be made.
- Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
- The nature or outcome of the Bet.
- Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Bout or championship concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question.
- Whether or not the result of the bout/championship concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question.
- Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a competition rule of World Boxing.
- Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of World Boxing.
- The form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently.

Disciplinary Procedures

The principles outlined within articles 3-5 of the OM Code PMC (these articles have been included in **Annex 1** hereto), including but not limited to a disciplinary process, rights of the concerned person, burden and standard of proof, admissibility of evidence, confidentiality, appeals, provisional measures and sanctions, shall be followed by the competent disciplinary body of World Boxing.

Mutual Recognition

Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by any other sporting organisation will be recognized and respected by World Boxing.

World Boxing will recognise and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not a sporting organisation as defined under this Code.



World Boxing will extend sanctions imposed by a national federation to all other national federation members, unless World Boxing has valid grounds to doubt such a sanction or the process leading to it.

Implementation

Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Olympic Charter, all Sports Organisations bound by the Olympic Charter agree to respect this Code. World Boxing is bound by the Olympic Charter and therefore agrees to respect the Code. World Boxing commits to the implementation of the present Code within its own jurisdiction, including educational measures.

Review details

World Boxing reserves the right to amend the World Boxing Code for the Prevention of Manipulation of Boxing Competitions from time to time.

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Annex 1:

Articles 3-5, Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions

Article 3

Disciplinary Procedure

The contents of this Article are minimum standards which must be respected by all Sports Organisations.

3.1 Investigation

1 The Participant who is alleged to have committed a violation of this Code must be informed of the alleged violations that have been committed, details of the alleged acts and/or omissions, and the range of possible sanctions.

2 Upon request by the competent Sports Organisation, the concerned Participant must provide any information which the Organisation considers may be relevant to investigate the alleged violation, within a reasonable time frame, including but not limited to records relating to the alleged violation (such as betting account numbers and information, itemised telephone bills, bank statements, internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices), and/or a statement setting out the relevant facts and circumstances around the alleged violation.

3 Sports Organisations shall coordinate with the law enforcement authorities' investigations on the same facts.

3.2 Rights of the concerned person

In all procedures linked to violations of the present Code, the following rights must be respected:

- 1 The right to be informed of the charges; and
- 2 The right to a fair, timely and impartial hearing either by appearing personally in front of the competent Sports Organisation and/or submitting a defence in writing; and
- 3 The right to be accompanied and/or represented.

3.3 Burden and standard of proof

The Sports Organisation shall have the burden of establishing that a violation has been committed. The standard of proof in all matters under this Code shall be the balance of probabilities, a standard that implies that on the preponderance of the evidence it is more likely than not that a breach of this Code has occurred.

3.4 Admissibility of Evidence

The Disciplinary Body shall review any evidence and facts submitted, including but not limited to, admissions, evidence of third parties, witness statements, betting monitoring reports, expert reports, documentary evidence and other analytical information.

3.5 Confidentiality

The principle of confidentiality must be strictly respected by the Sports Organisation during all the procedure; information should only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis. Confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is public disclosure of the case.

3.6 Safe Reporting Mechanism

Sports Organisations shall ensure that an appropriate and safe reporting mechanism is available and that this is duly made known to athletes, athletes support personnel and officials. Sports Organisations shall ensure that the information received is promptly transmitted in a secure and confidential manner to the organisations having competence/jurisdiction to handle the case.

3.7 Appeal

- 1 The Sports Organisations shall have an appropriate dispute resolution mechanism in place.
- 2 The general procedure of the appeal framework shall include provisions such as, but not limited to, the time limit for filing an appeal and the notification procedure for the appeal.

Article 4

Provisional Measures

4.1 The Sports Organisation may impose provisional measures, including a provisional suspension, on the participant where there is a particular risk to the reputation of the sport, while ensuring respect for Article 3 of this Code.

4.2 Where a provisional measure is imposed, this shall be taken into consideration in the determination of any sanction which may ultimately be imposed.

Article 5

Sanctions

5.1 Where it is determined that a violation has been committed, the competent Sports Organisation shall impose an appropriate sanction upon the Participant from the range of permissible sanctions, which may range from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of life ban.

5.2 When determining the appropriate sanctions applicable, the Sports Organisation shall take into consideration all aggravating and mitigating circumstances and shall detail the effect of such circumstances on the final sanction in the written decision.

5.3 Substantial assistance provided by a Participant that results in the discovery or establishment of an offence by another Participant or Participants may reduce any sanction applied under this Code.