



# 2025 Extraordinary World Boxing Congress Minutes

Saturday, 1 March 2025 –online  
1300 (1 pm) CET

## Congress Agenda

### 1. Welcome

World Boxing Acting Secretary General Mike McAtee welcomed everyone to the 2025 World Boxing Extraordinary Congress. On behalf of over 430,000 boxers, 34,000 coaches, and 78 countries, we applaud your attendance at this call.

### 2. President's Speech

World Boxing President Boris van der Vorst welcomes all members of the growing World Boxing family to this Extraordinary Congress. Earlier in the week, the International Olympic Committee granted provisional recognition for World Boxing as the International Federation for Olympic Boxing. This milestone is a confirmation of the hard work that everyone involved in World Boxing has made worldwide.

World Boxing has grown to 78 National Federations from all five (5) continents. 58% of all the boxing medals at the Olympic Games in Paris are part of the World Boxing Federation.

We stand one step closer to restoring boxing's place at the LA2028 Olympic Games. Many thanks go to all the dedicated members of the executive team and the Olympic Commission for their part in getting us to this stage.

Four (4) continental confederations have been established that create new competitive and development opportunities for the boxers and their federations.

World Boxing has partnered with Exceed Boxing. The agreement guarantees financial security for World Boxing and opens new commercial opportunities in the near future. Exceed Boxing will take the lead in commercializing and managing the organizational side of World Boxing events.

Nevertheless, while we celebrate today's achievements, we must remain focused on our ultimate goal: securing boxing's place at LA28 and achieving full IOC recognition. The work is not over—we must continue demonstrating transparency, good governance, and sporting excellence – all of us, at international and national level - together.

We have made history by creating World Boxing and earning IOC recognition. We are certainly on the path to a great comeback for the sport of boxing in the Olympic Movement. We will do it together

### **3. Approval of Congress Agenda**

No new items were raised, so the Congress Agenda was approved.

### **4. Roll Call of participants**

52 of the National Federation members were present at the roll call at the start of the Congress.

### **5. Update about World Boxing, including membership**

The Extraordinary Congress was called to include 23 members of World Boxing to become full members. These members were approved by an email vote before the congress.

Len Huard, President of the Dutch Boxing Federation, and Dinah Glykidis, Vice president of World Boxing, present the updated statutes and World Boxing policies. The new statutes are a proposal to be approved at the next World Boxing Congress. The proposed statutes are published online for all members to review. Many of the World Boxing policies have been updated online and are published for members' consumption.

Acting Secretary General Mike McAtee presented the documentation and work that went into earning AIMS and Sport Accord recognition. Additionally, World Boxing is now also a signature of WADA. This will advance our education and testing of anti-doping. All these steps culminated in the provisional recognition of the IOC.

The World Boxing membership update includes 78 official World Boxing membership countries. World Boxing's membership is expected to continue growing in the coming days and weeks. In reviewing the upcoming applications, World Boxing has approved a flagging criteria policy. The flagging criteria will allow the executive board to review further the countries that meet the flagging criteria.

World Boxing vice-president Ryan O'Shea presented World Boxing's four (4) year commercial partnership deal with Exceed Boxing. World Boxing is expecting to receive a multi-million dollar distribution of funds over the next four (4) years. World Boxing will receive 30% of all revenues generated from World Cup and Championship events.

Finance and Audit Committee Chair Julia Felton presented on World Boxing's finances. The Committee approved new and updated World Boxing's finance policies. These policies can be found on the World Boxing website for members to review. The 2024 audit is completed and posted on the World Boxing website for review.

Sport and Competition Committee Chair Hernan Salvo presented the status and composition of the Sport and Competition Committee and department. The World Boxing Cup calendar is set for 2025, and the committee is building the bidding process for the 2026 calendar.

World Boxing Medical Committee Chair Armando Sanchez disclosed the work that is being done to create a Ringside Physician's manual and update the sex, age, and weight policy.

World Boxing has achieved the milestone of opening a new office in Lausanne, Switzerland.

## **6. Any other business**

In closing, Boris van der Vorst wishes the World Boxing Cup in Brazil good luck with the preparations and looks forward to the World Championships in Liverpool. World Boxing is paving the way for Boxing's Olympic future. Be proud. The work is not done, and everyone at World Boxing is committed to working together to ensure a sustainable future. Together, we are building a united global boxing community with a shared Olympic mission. Towards a successful year ahead – let us realize our mission, together!

The Congress was officially closed.