

Motivational Letter of Candidacy

Vision and Perspective for World Boxing

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Candidate for the Presidency of World Boxing

Dear representatives of World Boxing,

World Boxing was born out of the need for transparency and a new direction and, from its very first steps, it has demonstrated courage and determination. I hold in the highest regard the efforts that laid the foundation for this institution, which today stands as the international guardian of Olympic boxing. With a deep sense of duty and honor, I submit my candidacy for the Presidency of World Boxing, with the aim of consolidating these achievements and expanding them further, leading the organization into a new era of unity, integrity, and progress.

My candidacy is rooted in a life journey that combines the competitive experience of the athlete, the responsibility of the trainer, and the determination of the administrative leader. I feel profound pride in representing Greece – the country that gave the world both the Olympic Ideal and boxing – and I present my candidacy with the firm commitment to serve the sport with integrity, transparency, and an international perspective.

As President of the Hellenic Boxing Federation, I worked with dedication to rejuvenate the sport in my country. I implemented governance reforms with a strong focus on transparency, strengthened international partnerships, and established athlete-centered programs. Under my leadership, Greece achieved historic distinctions with 157 medals in international competitions, emerging as a rising force in world boxing. This progress demonstrated that with clear vision, strategic consistency, and administrative boldness, success is not only possible but historically recorded.

My Vision for World Boxing

Boxing was born in Greece and was among the first Olympic sports. From ancient Olympia to the modern Games, it has never ceased to teach the values of strength, endurance, and fair play. These values form the core of my vision for World Boxing. World Boxing now faces the mission of reinforcing boxing's stature within the Olympic Movement and across global sport. I envision an organization of integrity, unity, and international reach, founded on transparency and inspired by a modern, global spirit, with strategic pillars that will make it a worldwide standard.

☞ Governance with Integrity and Transparency

World Boxing must stand as a global model of fairness and accountability. I am committed to clear procedures and to strengthening the fight against corruption, doping, and manipulation. Every nation must have an equal voice, so that the Federation inspires trust among athletes, coaches, and fans worldwide.

☞ Development of New Generations and Athlete Support

The future of boxing belongs to the youth, and my commitment is to always place the athlete at the center. I propose international programs, training camps, and scholarships for children and young athletes, with emphasis on equality and inclusion.

☞ Development of Coaches & Referees

The quality of boxing depends not only on athletes but also on those who guide and judge the sport. I am committed to international standards of education, continuous training, and fair evaluation, ensuring credibility and fairness in competition.

☞ Olympic Perspective

Boxing's Olympic presence is the foundation of its global recognition but cannot be taken for granted. I pledge to secure its participation in 2028 and work for its permanent inclusion, through strategic cooperation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), transparency, and institutional credibility.

☞ Outreach and International Unity

Boxing is a universal sport that must serve as a bridge between nations and cultures. I envision a family of national federations that share knowledge, support the weaker links, and provide equal opportunities for all to participate in top-level competitions.

☞ Culture & Heritage

Boxing is part of the world's cultural heritage, and World Boxing must connect this legacy with the future. I propose international events, educational programs, and cooperation with Olympic institutions, so that every new generation recognizes itself as the bearer of a tradition spanning millennia.

Leadership with Purpose

My candidacy does not stem from personal ambition but from a profound sense of duty: a duty to serve world boxing with respect for its history and a steadfast vision for its future. I envision a World Boxing that honors tradition, strengthens today's reality, and inspires generations to come – always with the athlete at the center. I do not seek personal victories; I pledge unwavering dedication to the principles of transparency, dignity, and cooperation. With these values, I ask for your trust, so that together we may

build a united global boxing community and leave a lasting legacy of integrity, unity, and progress.

With respect,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Harilaos Mariolis', with a stylized, flowing script.