

JAPAN BOXING FEDERATION

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Self-Nomination Statement for the World Boxing Board Member Election

Dr. Tatsuya Nakama

My name is Tatsuya Nakama, and I am honored to stand as a candidate for election to the World Boxing (WB) Board. I currently serve as President of the Japan Boxing Federation (JABF), where I am entrusted with the comprehensive management of the sport in my country.

In addition to this role, I am a practicing medical doctor (cardiovascular specialist), working daily at the forefront of clinical medicine, performing numerous catheter-based procedures, training young physicians, and conducting medical research.

With this unique “dual career” in both boxing and medicine, I bring a perspective that is broad, balanced, and not confined solely to the boxing world. I believe this allows me to make meaningful contributions to the governance and future of our sport on a global scale. I would like to outline below the reasons and motivations for my candidacy.

1) A lifelong engagement with boxing: athlete, physician, scientist, and now federation president

I first encountered boxing as a junior high school student, and by high school I was competing at the top national level. After retiring from competition, I pursued medical studies and have since worked as a cardiovascular specialist for 20 years. Today, I am recognized as an international endovascular interventionist, performing complex interventions across Asia, training young doctors, and publishing extensively in peer-reviewed journals (over 20 first-author and 80 co-author papers).

For more than 15 years, I have also served as a ringside physician, gaining valuable experience in athlete safety. Since 2018, I have been a Board Member of the JABF, and in June 2024 I was elected President. One of my first decisions as President was to join WB—an important and correct step for our federation. Since then, Japan has demonstrated strong leadership, with a marked increase in both international participation and medal achievements.

This unique combination—as a former athlete, medical professional, and head of a national federation—gives me a rare and valuable perspective. The ability to analyze issues from outside the traditional boxing lens is critical in today’s world, where diversity and broad perspectives are essential for international governance. In particular, my expertise as a physician and clinical researcher allows me to contribute in areas where medical, ethical, and scientific considerations intersect with sport. For example, the recent introduction of mandatory SRY genetic testing at the World Championships illustrates the need for evidence-based, ethically sound decisions. I believe I can help guide WB responsibly in such matters.

2) Championing diversity and fairness from Asia to the world

WB has now grown to include member federations from many countries, firmly establishing itself as the sole legitimate international federation. However, at present, only one Board Member is from Asia. While this is understandable given the European origins of WB, moving forward it is essential to ensure diversity, fairness, and representation across all regions of the world.

As a physician who works not only in Japan but also across Asia and in collaboration with colleagues in Europe and the United States, I bring broad international experience and perspective. I am committed to ensuring that the voices of Asia are heard and respected within WB's leadership.

3) Leveraging Japan's experience as a host nation to contribute globally

Japan has hosted major international sporting events, including the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (held in 2021 under pandemic conditions) and the upcoming 2026 Asian Games. We fully recognize the power of sport to drive global development, economic growth, and peace, and we value investing in its future.

Building on this experience, we are now considering bidding to host the 2029 WB World Championships. Hosting such an event and welcoming athletes and officials from around the world would represent a significant contribution to global boxing. Importantly, my vision is not one of narrow national interest, but of contributing from Japan to the broader needs and future of the sport worldwide.

Conclusion

As a former athlete, physician (both clinician and researcher), and representative of Japan and Asia, I believe I am uniquely positioned to serve effectively as a Board Member of WB. I am deeply committed to contributing to the growth, fairness, and integrity of our sport at the global level. I respectfully ask for your support in this election.

Sincerely yours,

Tatsuya Nakama

President, Japan Boxing Federation

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Signature

