



Proposed Amendment to Section 2 — Eligibility of Boxers (Adoption of the World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy)

Current Rule:

The World Boxing Competition Rules currently address eligibility criteria based on **age, weight, and general membership requirements**, but do not contain a formal rule governing **sex eligibility** for competition participation.

Proposed Amendment:

Article 2.6 – Sex Eligibility

2.6.1 World Boxing shall maintain a **Sex Eligibility Policy** which governs the eligibility of all athletes to compete in World Boxing owned or sanctioned competitions based on biological sex at birth.

2.6.2 World Boxing recognizes two categories determined by sex: a **Men's Category** and a **Women's Category**.

- To be eligible for the Men's Category, a competitor must be **male at birth**.
- To be eligible for the Women's Category, a competitor must be **female at birth**.

2.6.3 All athletes aged 18 years and over who wish to participate in World Boxing owned or sanctioned competitions must, prior to competition, undergo a **once-in-a-lifetime PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test** or an approved equivalent genetic test to confirm their sex at birth, as outlined in the **World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy (August 2025)**.

2.6.5 National Federations shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with World Boxing's Sex Eligibility Policy for all athletes under their jurisdiction.

2.6.6 Transgender athletes are welcome to participate **in the category of their birth sex**, subject to compliance with all World Boxing rules and the World Boxing Anti-Doping Code.

Rationale

The adoption of the *World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy* into the Competition Rules ensures that eligibility criteria related to sex are formally codified and applied uniformly across all World Boxing competitions.

This change provides **clarity, consistency, and enforceability** for National Federations and athletes while promoting **fairness, safety, and the integrity** of competition.

Key Justifications:

- **Fairness:** Maintains equal competitive conditions between male and female athletes.
- **Safety:** Reflects medical evidence that physiological differences between male and female athletes are material to safety in combat sports.
- **Integrity:** Establishes a standardized, transparent process for sex verification and eligibility certification.



- **Implementation Readiness:** The policy has been approved by the World Boxing Executive Board (May 2025)
- **Alignment:** Consistent with the governance role of World Boxing as the international federation for Olympic-style boxing, ensuring compliance with IOC and WADA frameworks.

Conclusion

Adopting this amendment will:

1. Integrate the *World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy* directly into the Competition Rules.
2. Establish clear, objective eligibility standards based on sex at birth.
3. Protect the safety and fairness of competition for all athletes.
4. Provide National Federations with a consistent regulatory framework for certification and enforcement.

For these reasons, Congress is urged to **approve the inclusion of Article 2.6 — Sex Eligibility** in the *World Boxing Competition Rules (Approved November 2024)*.