

GENERAL GOVERNANCE TOOLS FOR WORLD BOXING NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

A. Introduction

National Federations (NFs) are key to the delivery of boxing in their countries. They are responsible for developing boxing from grassroots participation to elite international competition and for administering the sport in accordance with World Boxing rules and values.

Given the increasing complexity of sport governance, NFs should continuously modernise their structures and operations. Strengthening governance, professionalising administration, and improving organisational systems help NFs develop a culture of excellence that supports the growth of boxing nationally and internationally.

World Boxing recognises that there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Member NFs vary significantly in terms of history, size, resources, staffing, membership, number of clubs, coaches, officials, boxers, and competitions. These Governance Tools should therefore be applied with consideration for the specific circumstances of each NF. We also recommend that you check with other NF as well as with the tools available in the reference at the end of this document

B. Good Governance for NFs: Getting Started

The power to govern World Boxing is vested in its member National Federations acting through democratic representation.

It is therefore essential that the principles of good governance adopted by World Boxing are also implemented by its member NFs.

The main governance principles are:

1. Transparency
2. Integrity
3. Democracy
4. Development & Solidarity
5. Control Mechanisms

Governance should be regarded as a strategic priority. This priority should be understood and supported by elected officials, board members, staff, athletes, coaches, referees, judges and other stakeholders.

To support NFs, World Boxing provides governance tools including:

1. Governance Guidance Memo (this document)
2. Governance Self-Assessment Questionnaire
3. Minimum Elements for NF Constitutions
4. A sample NF constitution/statutes (under development will be published by the end of 2026)

These tools are intended to help NFs evaluate and strengthen their governance systems, structures and processes.

C. Benefits of Good Governance

Good governance:

- Reflects the values of fairness, respect, integrity and equality.
- Supports the sustainable development of boxing.
- Strengthens organisational autonomy.
- Reduces legal and governance risks.
- Enhances credibility with boxers, clubs, public authorities and sponsors.
- Protects against corruption, manipulation and abuse.
- Promotes responsible decision-making.
- Ensures fair allocation of resources.
- Supports World Boxing's strategic objectives.
- Builds trust among all stakeholders.

IN SUMMARY GOOD GOVERNANCE PROTECTS OUR SPORT AS AN OLYMPIC SPORT

For more information please look at

- [IPACS Sport Governance Benchmark and Guidelines](#)
- [IPACS TOOLS - Good Governance](#) with documentation in 5 languages
- ASOIF GTF Good practice examples
https://www.asoif.com/sites/default/files/documents/main/ASOIF_members_good_governance_practice_examples_2025-2026.pdf

These tools were based on the FEI NF Good governance tools that were given as model of best practice by the ASOIF GTF in their 2026 report