

WORLD BOXING RFP
Supply of Boxing Sport Equipment
LA28 Cycle Official Bidder Q&A Document

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Q&A window
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This document sets out World Boxing’s official responses to questions submitted by registered bidders during the question window specified in Section 2.2 of the RFP (27 July – 7 August 2026). Questions have been anonymised and, where substantially similar, consolidated into a single response.

This document forms part of the RFP and supplements it. Where any response below modifies, clarifies or supersedes a provision of the original RFP, this response takes precedence. All other terms of the RFP remain unchanged.

This document is published on the World Boxing website alongside the RFP and has been circulated by email to all bidders who submitted questions or registered interest during the question window.

RFP ADDENDUM – SCOPE AMENDMENT

Scales and calibration services are removed from the scope of this RFP with immediate effect. This applies to all Events and all sheets in Appendix 3. The organising committee for each Event will source competition scales and calibration services independently as part of venue operations. Bidders should disregard all references to scales and calibration in the RFP documentation and in Appendix 3.

A. Proposal Scope and Structure

Q1 May bidders submit a proposal covering only selected equipment categories, or only selected Events, rather than the full scope of the RFP?

Yes. Partial proposals are permitted. WB reserves the right to appoint different Suppliers for different Events or equipment categories (Section 2.5, instruction 4). Bidders submitting a partial proposal must clearly identify, at the front of their proposal, which Events and which equipment categories are included and which are excluded.

While partial proposals are accepted, World Boxing will give preference to comprehensive proposals covering the full scope of the RFP where they offer the best overall value. The evaluation panel will assess each proposal against the criteria in Section 4 on the basis of the scope actually offered.

Q2 Are consortium or joint bids permitted? Can two companies submit a joint proposal, for example with one covering gloves and headguards and another covering rings and heavy equipment?

Yes. Consortium and joint bids are permitted. A consortium bid must identify a single named lead entity that assumes full contractual responsibility for the entirety of the proposal. The roles and responsibilities of each consortium member must be clearly set out in the proposal, together with the registered trading name of each party (as required by Section 3.3).

Separately, WB may also choose to split the award between two independently submitted proposals, awarding different categories or Events to different Suppliers at its sole discretion. Bidders do not need to submit a joint proposal to benefit from a split award.

B. Equipment Licensing and Technical Compliance

Q3 Is a current World Boxing Equipment Licence mandatory for contract award? May certification be completed after proposal submission but before contract execution?

A current World Boxing Equipment Licence is not mandatory at the time of proposal submission. However, for competition equipment categories where a WB Equipment Licence exists — specifically gloves and headguards — the appointed Supplier will be required to hold the relevant licence before the Agreement is executed. Proposals from unlicensed bidders will be considered, provided the proposal demonstrates a credible and committed path to certification within the required timeframe.

Q4 Does the Equipment Licence requirement apply to all categories listed in Appendix 3, or only to competition gloves and headguards?

The Equipment Licence requirement applies to competition equipment only — specifically gloves and headguards. Other categories listed in Appendix 3 (including rings, training stations, protective equipment and consumables) are assessed against WB and IF technical specifications rather than the Licence programme.

Q5 Will technical test reports from internationally recognised independent laboratories be accepted in support of technical compliance during evaluation?

Technical test reports must be issued by the World Boxing designated laboratory or by another internationally recognised independent laboratory approved by World Boxing. Bidders should contact World Boxing to confirm the current list of accepted laboratories before relying on existing test reports.

World Boxing reserves the right to request additional testing or clarification on any submitted report during the evaluation process.

Q6 What is the application procedure for the World Boxing Equipment Licence Programme, including approved testing laboratories, indicative timeline and applicable fees?

Manufacturers seeking World Boxing Approved status must submit each product model for independent technical testing by TÜV Thüringen Anlagentechnik GmbH & Co. KG against WB performance and safety specifications. The applicable fee is CHF 2,500 per glove model and CHF 2,500 per headguard model. Products that meet WB's requirements will be granted World Boxing Approved status.

The right to use the World Boxing Approved mark and to be recognised as an Official World Boxing Licensed Manufacturer is subject to the execution of a separate licensing agreement with World Boxing.

For further information on the application process and testing requirements, please contact World Boxing directly at the contacts listed in Section 2.3 of the RFP.

C. Pricing and the Estimated Value Proposition

Q7 Should the Unit Price in Appendix 3 represent (a) the normal commercial market value of the equipment, or (b) the estimated cost to the Supplier?

The Unit Price should represent the normal commercial market value of the equipment (option a). The EVP is used to assess the total value of the Supplier's in-kind contribution to World Boxing. Artificially deflated or cost-price figures would undermine the purpose of the exercise and may be treated as non-compliant.

Q8 Should shipping, customs duties and other logistics costs be included in the Appendix 3 unit prices, given that these vary significantly between Suppliers?

The Unit Price in Appendix 3 should reflect equipment costs only. Logistics, shipping and customs costs are the Supplier's responsibility under the DDP delivery terms of the RFP and are part of the overall value being provided, but they should not be built into the Appendix 3 unit prices. Including logistics in unit prices would make proposals difficult to compare across Suppliers with different origins.

Bidders who wish to provide context on their logistics approach or cost assumptions may do so in a written note accompanying their proposal. This information will be considered by the evaluation panel but will not affect the scored EVP.

D. Delivery and Logistics

Q9 What does DDP cover in the context of this RFP? Does it include customs duties, import taxes, inland transportation, delivery to venue, unloading and on-site distribution?

Yes. DDP as specified in this RFP covers the full scope of delivery from point of manufacture to field of play, including: international freight, customs clearance, all applicable import duties and taxes, inland transportation to the event venue, delivery to the venue loading dock, unloading and on-site distribution. This is consistent with the Incoterms DDP definition and the supply conditions set out in Appendix 1, Part B.

Q10 Since the venues for OQ1 and OQ2 have not yet been confirmed, will WB accept reasonable commercial assumptions for logistics costs in the proposal?

Yes. Given that the venues for OQ1 and OQ2 are not yet confirmed, bidders should apply reasonable commercial assumptions for logistics costs when completing Appendix 3 and their delivery plan. All assumptions must be clearly stated. World Boxing will engage with the appointed Supplier in good faith to adjust logistics costs once venues are confirmed, and this will be reflected in the Agreement.

Q11

Can heavy equipment such as competition rings be reused across multiple Events — for example, transported from one qualifier venue to the next with new canvas and corner pad dressings?

Yes, and this approach is actively encouraged. Reuse of rings and heavy training equipment between Events is fully consistent with the sustainability and legacy principles of the RFP (Sections 2 and 7). Bidders proposing a cross-event reuse model should reflect the associated logistics in their delivery plan and, where relevant, note this in the written annex to their proposal. New dressings (canvas, corner pads, etc.) would be required per Event.

Next steps

Proposal submission deadline: 31 August 2026

Proposals to be submitted by email to the contacts listed in Section 2.3 of the RFP.

No further questions will be accepted after 7 August 2026. World Boxing will not respond to individual questions submitted outside the Q&A window.