

WORLD BOXING

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THIS MONTH'S HEADLINE



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World Boxing delivers its largest test yet at Glasgow 2026

Boxing at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games concluded on 1 August, marking World Boxing's largest operational test since its formation with 187 bouts, 201 boxers, and 43 competing nations across 14 weight categories.

The tournament was overseen by officials drawn predominantly from outside the Commonwealth, selected and appointed through World Boxing's certification and vetting process to remove the regional and national bias.

India produced its best-ever Commonwealth Games boxing campaign, winning seven gold and three silver medals, including five of the seven women's titles. Scotland,

Lesotho and Pakistan won their first-ever women's boxing medal at Commonwealth Games, with Tuvalu claimed its first-ever Commonwealth Games medals in any sport.

DECISIONS & GOVERNANCE IN BRIEF

- **New commissions established.** The Executive Committee has created three new commissions — Para Boxing, Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Remuneration with two further commissions, Governance and Ambassadors & Global Impact, to follow. Full details are available on the website.
- **Tender opens for LA2028 boxing equipment.** World Boxing has opened a public tender for the supply of boxing equipment at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The open, published process is available on the World Boxing website.
- **Panama Congress registration now open.** Registration is now open for the World Boxing Congress 2026, to be held on Friday, 20 November in Panama City. This is an elective Congress, with seven Executive Board positions up for election. Nominations have now closed and the vetting process is under way. [List of candidates](#) is available on the website.

SECRETARY GENERAL'S UPDATE

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Tom DIELEN
Secretary General

August has been a month of building momentum across several fronts, from our path toward the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games to the governance work that underpins it and the preparations now underway for our Congress in Panama.

STRENGTHENING OUR GOVERNANCE

Our work under the ASOIF Governance Review Action Plan is progressing steadily, and we look forward to seeing the improvements of the past year reflected once the re-evaluation results are published.

DRIVING GENDER EQUITY ACROSS BOXING

World Boxing continues to monitor progress on gender equity across competition, governance and technical roles. Women now account for approximately 40% of athlete entries across major World Boxing events held so far in 2026, while several governance bodies, including the Sport & Competition Committee, Ethics Committee

and Athletes Committee, have achieved or exceeded parity. The data also shows where further progress is needed, particularly in coaching, technical officiating and elected leadership. The Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Commission will work with World Boxing's leadership and relevant stakeholders to identify practical initiatives that help more women remain involved in boxing beyond competition and progress into coaching, officiating, administration and leadership roles.

A PATHWAY FOR PARA BOXING TAKES SHAPE

The newly established Para Boxing Commission has been tasked with building World Boxing's adaptive boxing programme from the ground up, with a roadmap running from national pilot and demonstration events in 2027 and 2028 through to regional and continental championships in 2029 and 2030, and a first World Championship envisaged from 2031, alongside work toward recognition within the Paralympic Movement. It marks the start of a long-term commitment to making boxing accessible to a wider range of athletes and to widening participation in the sport.

FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON THE REINTRODUCTION OF HEADGEAR FOR MEN

Following the Commonwealth Games, World Boxing has begun gathering members' views on the possible reintroduction of headgear for men's competition. The same questionnaire will be issued at the European and Pan-American Championships and at the Asian Games, so that a clear, sport-wide picture can be presented to the World Boxing Congress in November.

RUSSIAN BOXING FEDERATION STATUS

Following the IOC's decision, World Boxing has lifted restrictions on Russian athletes competing as neutrals. The Russian Boxing Federation now holds the same rights and obligations as any other endorsed member, including the Code of Conduct that binds all boxers and officials during World Boxing events, under which no boxer or official, regardless of federation, may make political statements at competitions.

IN THE MOVEMENT

ROAD TO LOS ANGELES 2028 OLYMPIC GAMES

A qualification calendar for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games has been established, built around eight qualifying events: the 2027 World Championships in Astana, five continental qualification tournaments, and two world qualification tournaments in 2028. The European qualifier will take place within the 2027 European Games in Istanbul. Across these events, boxers will compete for named quota places secured by the individual athlete rather than the country with confirmed hosts announced as the remaining agreements are finalised.

MEET THE WORLD BOXING TEAM

Our team is growing, and we want you to know people behind it.

David LLAURADO · Integrity & Education Director

David joined World Boxing from the International Olympic Committee, where he spent five years working at the heart of the Olympic Movement. He brings extensive experience in international boxing development and Olympic sport integrity, and will lead World Boxing's work on integrity and education.

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A NOTE TO MEMBERS

- Member federations directory review. Please check your listing in the **World Boxing Directory** and submit any changes to directory@worldboxing.org
- Membership fees. Payment of any outstanding fees is required to participate in any Q4 2026 competition (deadline: 20 September 2026).
- Congress visa support letters. Requests must be submitted by 30 August 2026 to the Panama Organising Committee: Luis CESAR cesaresinc@gmail.com / Amabelis CAMAÑO yanycar3126@hotmail.com



Registration now open for World Boxing 2026 Congress, Panama City

Registration is now open for the 2026 Congress, an elective one at which seven positions on the Executive Board will be decided.

The Congress concludes a week of meetings in Panama: the Executive Board meets on 18 November, followed by the Pan-American Boxing Congress and the Official Welcome Gala Dinner on 19 November, with Congress convening on 20 November and departures on 21 November.

Under World Boxing Statutes, each Full Member may be represented by up to three delegates (a third only where of a different gender to the first two), and must nominate one Voting Delegate. Delegate names must be submitted to the Secretary General at least 30 days prior to Congress. Please note that **only members in good standing 30 days before the Congress** are eligible to vote, present motions or have candidates stand for election.

The venue for both the Congress and accommodation is Hotel El Panamá by Faranda Grand, Av. Central España 111, Panama City. Registration, accommodation, transport and visa-letter requests are all completed through the online entry system.

Deadlines to be aware of

- Visa support letter requests: 30 August 2026
- Pre-entry hotel reservation: 14 September 2026
- Final hotel reservation: 28 September 2026
- Delegation registration and proposals to the Agenda: 21 October 2026

[Register to the Congress 2026 →](#)

IN THE RING — INVESTING IN OFFICIATING — WORLD BOXING'S R&J CERTIFICATION COURSES



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World Boxing has launched a Continental-level Referee and Judge (R&J) Certification Course programme, giving National Federations the opportunity to develop and certify their officials to international standard. The courses are held alongside live competitions and delivered under World Boxing Competition Rules, with World Boxing Evaluators overseeing certification throughout. The first hosting round has now closed, but the programme will continue, with further opportunities for Federations to host courses and put their officials forward. Federations interested in future courses can find full details in the hosting pack at the [Education section](#) of the World Boxing website, or contact officials@worldboxing.org

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES 2026 IN TARANTO



Boxing at the Mediterranean Games takes place in Taranto, Italy, from 22 to 27 August, with 129 boxers from 18 national federations entered across 14 weight categories — seven men's and seven women's, giving full gender parity at the Games. The competing federations are Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Türkiye. Hosts Italy field a 12-strong team including Paris 2024 Olympian Sirine Charaabi, who took 54kg bronze at the World Boxing Championships 2025 in Liverpool and silver at the World Boxing Cup Finals in Greater Noida. Spain's Rafael Lozano Serrano, a World Championships silver medallist and Paris 2024 Olympian, competes at 55kg. Taranto is the second major multi-sport event of 2026 to feature boxing, following the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, with the Asian Games and the Youth Olympic Games still to come.

[Boxing events schedule & results](#) →

ASIAN GAMES, AICHI-NAGOYA 2026



Boxing at the 2026 Asian Games runs from 21 September to 2 October, with 11 weight categories contested — six men's (55kg, 60kg, 70kg, 80kg, 90kg, +90kg) and five women's (51kg, 54kg, 60kg, 65kg, 75kg). Preliminary rounds take place from 21 to 28 September, followed by the semi-finals on 29 and 30 September. The finals will be held across two sessions on 2 October, when all 11 gold medals will be decided. The Asian Games bring together boxers from across the continent that has become the strongest force in the sport, and mark one of the major dates on the World Boxing calendar ahead of the qualification pathway to Los Angeles 2028.

[Aichi-Nagoya 2026 official website](#) →

ACROSS WORLD BOXING MEMBERS

■ **Join Boxing Ireland.** Boxing Ireland is seeking applications for the role of National Head Coach within its High Performance Unit — a senior leadership role directing the technical and tactical delivery of its High Performance Programme, developing athletes and coaches, and driving success at Olympic, World and European level. Please check the **full role description** and submit your applications to hr@boxingireland.ie by 17:00 GMT on 4 September.



World Boxing 2026 Calendar

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