



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Matthew HOLT

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Nominated by GB Boxing to the position of
World Boxing Vice President, Executive Board Member.

PROFILE

Mr Matthew Holt is Chief Executive of GB Boxing and has served as Vice President of World Boxing since 2023. He brings more than 16 years of senior leadership experience in boxing and has played a central role in the establishment, development and governance of World Boxing from its earliest stages.

EXPERIENCE

He holds an MBA in Football Industries from the University of Liverpool, a Master's degree in Modern History from the University of Oxford, and a First Class Honours degree in Politics and Modern History from the University of Edinburgh. His professional development includes UK Sport's Leading Edge programme for governing body CEOs and its International Leadership Programme for International Federation representatives.

As Chief Executive of GB Boxing, Matthew Holt leads a high-performance programme of more than 70 athletes, coaches and support staff, overseeing strategy, finance, competition management, logistics, stakeholder relations, communications and commercial activity. Under his leadership, Great Britain has achieved sustained success across multiple Olympic cycles, with more than 100 medals won at major international competitions since 2010.

Matthew Holt was one of the co-founders of World Boxing, served on its Steering Committee and interim Executive Board, and was elected Vice President at the inaugural Congress in 2023. He contributed to the organisation's governing documents, early funding, membership growth, international launch and engagement with the IOC.

His international experience includes work with the IOC Boxing Task Force and Boxing Experts Group, involvement in Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, and leadership roles in major event delivery, including the 2020 European Olympic Qualifier, World Boxing Cups in Great Britain and the 2025 World Boxing Championships in Liverpool.

PRIORITIES

As a candidate for re-election, Matthew Holt has identified full IOC recognition, strong governance, financial integrity, athlete-centred leadership, innovation, technology and global development as key priorities. His stated objective is to help guide World Boxing through the period to LA28 while strengthening its credibility, sustainability and long-term position within the Olympic Movement.