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Candidate to the position of World Boxing Medical & Anti-Doping
Committee Chair

Candidature nomination form - sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

Section 5 –Qualifications and professional background

This section asks about your qualifications and professional background.

Your answers will help Members assess your knowledge, skills and experience and how they support your ability to perform this role.

List your relevant qualifications

Sports Medicine
General Practitioner
Chairman Dutch MedCom
Member of the MedCom European Boxing
Member of the World Boxing MedCom
Former Chairman MedCom AIBA

List any governance or board training.

No specific training.

List any professional memberships or licences.

Medical certification
Sports Medicine certification

Explain how your background will help you in this role.

Extensive experience (more than 40 years) in boxing as a doctor. I have been part of 4 Olympic Games as a ring doctor and chairman of the Doping Commission (AIBA).

Extensive experience as a chairman of the Medcom internationally and in the Netherlands.

Section 6 –Boxing and sport experience

This section asks about your experience in boxing and insport. Your answers will help Members assess your knowledge of the sport and how your experience supports your ability to contribute to WorldBoxing.

Your experience in boxing

Extensive experience (more than 40 years) in boxing as a doctor. I have been part of 4 Olympic Games as a ring doctor and chairman of the Doping Commission (AIBA).

Extensive experience as a chairman of the Medcom internationally and in the Netherlands.

Your experience in sport

I have also experience in MedCom's in other sports: triathlon and cycling.

Your knowledge of international sport.

Extensive experience (more 40 years) in boxing as a doctor. I have been part of 4 Olympic Games as a ring doctor and chairman of the Doping Commission (AIBA).

Extensive experience as a chairman of the Medcom internationally and in the Netherlands.

Your experience at events

I have extensive experience as a ring doctor in national and international events such as championships and the Olympic Games.

Explain how this experience helps you in this role.

I know all the ins and outs of the field of play, doping rules and issues, and medical situations inside and outside the ring, especially regarding boxing.

Section 7 –Governance experience and capability

Good governance is important to ensure that World Boxing is well managed, makes sound decisions and acts in the best interests of the sport. The questions below help show your experience and ability to contribute to this.

List your board or committee roles including with World Boxing

Chairman Dutch MedCom
Member of the MedCom European Boxing
Member of the World Boxing MedCom
Former Chairman MedCom AIBA

Areas of knowledge or expertise (tick as many as apply or None)

Strategic planning

Governance

Finance and budgeting

Policy development

Stakeholder engagement

Risk management

Operations

Communications

Give examples of your governance work if applicable, including a difficult decision you have had to deal with:

Governance example 1

Rejecting athletes because of doping, for example during the Olympic Games.

Governance example 2

Advising a boxer to not participate in the Olympic Games because of medical reasons.

Governance vs Operations

I always respect the opinion of the colleagues and I always try to find a common accepted solution, with the main focus on the athletes.

Describe what you think this role involves:

Safeguarding the safety for boxers in World Boxing through clear and transparent policies and training.

Section 8 –Motivation for nomination

This section asks why you are seeking this role and what you would bring to World Boxing. Your answers will help Members assess your motivation, judgement and ability to contribute to the leadership of World Boxing.

Why do you want this role?

I want to secure the safety of the boxers concerning medical aspects.

What will you contribute?

A lot of experience, uniformity with rules and regulations in the international context. Optimisation of the safety for boxers and transparency of policies and governance.

What experience or judgement do you bring

Please see previous answers

Section 9 –Candidate statement

This is your principal statement in support of your campaign for election. This will be published as you write it. It will not be edited. You are responsible for its content. If you have used AI tools or other external assistance in preparing this statement, you must disclose this so that Members can make an informed assessment of your candidature. Failure to disclose the use of AI tools, or presenting AI-generated content as your own, may constitute a breach of the World Boxing Code of Ethics and may result in action being taken under the World Boxing Rules and Policies.

Candidate statement

Esteemed colleagues, delegates, and members of World Boxing,

It is with commitment to the sport we love and the athletes who define it that I announce my candidacy for Chair of the Medical Committee. Boxing currently stands at a critical juncture in its history. As we strive to secure its Olympic future and foster sustainable global growth, our medical and ethical standards must be more than just adequate—they must be exemplary.

My mission is clear: To build a robust medical infrastructure that fiercely protects our fighters, instills absolute confidence in our stakeholders, and sets the global gold standard for combat sports.

If entrusted with this vital role, my leadership will be anchored by three unshakeable pillars:

1. Uncompromising Athlete Safety

The physical and mental well-being of our boxers is our paramount responsibility. I will champion proactive, evidence-based medicine. This means modernizing our ringside protocols and integrating the latest clinical research on concussion management and traumatic brain injury (TBI) prevention. Furthermore, we must actively tackle the dangers of extreme weight-cutting through widespread education and stricter physiological monitoring. Because safety does not end when the final bell rings, I will also mandate comprehensive post-fight care and rigorous long-term recovery tracking for all competitors.

2. Transparency and Strong Governance

A world-class medical commission must operate completely in the light. Trust within World Boxing will be earned through clear accountability. I will ensure absolute transparency in our medical decision-making processes, guaranteeing that all member federations understand the rationale behind every health policy. We will establish accessible, unambiguous guidelines for medical clearances, tournament regulations, and injury reporting. Good governance demands rigorous oversight; therefore, I will advocate for independent audits of our medical procedures to guarantee we consistently meet the highest international sporting standards.

3. Absolute Fairness and Integrity

Every boxer—regardless of nationality, background, or the financial resources of their home federation—deserves equal medical protection and impartial evaluation. Fairness is the bedrock of clean sport. I guarantee that all medical suspensions, fitness-to-box assessments, and anti-doping support protocols will be handled with strict, unwavering neutrality. Crucially, medical decisions will be driven exclusively by clinical science and medical ethics, remaining entirely insulated from sporting, financial, or political pressures.

World Boxing was founded on the promise of a better, cleaner, and more honorable sport. The Medical Committee must serve as the vanguard of that promise. By prioritizing uncompromising safety, enforcing transparent governance, and operating with unquestionable fairness, we can safeguard our athletes' futures.

I respectfully ask for your support, your trust, and your vote to lead this vital mission. Together, we can build a safer future for World Boxing.