



Policy: Technical Officials or Referee & Judge Rejection, Acceptance and Withdrawal of Appointments

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the expectations of World Boxing Technical Officials and Referees & Judges related to rejecting, accepting and withdrawing from competition appointments to ensure professionalism and reliability.

2. Rejection of Appointment

An official is not obliged to accept any appointment offered by World Boxing. Declining an assignment does not count against an official and has no negative impact on future assignments.

Officials are encouraged to accept assignments they are fully confident they can fulfill. Fulfilling an assignment means being available for pre-competition meetings/seminars, all scheduled boxing sessions and all meetings/weigh-in sessions scheduled that require your attendance. Additionally, officials must be in physical condition to perform their duties.

If an official chooses not to accept an invitation, they may either formally decline or simply not respond. A non-response to an invitation is considered a rejection, and World Boxing will proceed to appoint the next available reserve official without penalty to the rejecting official.

Timely responses are appreciated, as they assist the organization in finalizing assignments efficiently.

3. Acceptance of Appointment

When an official accepts an assignment, they make a professional commitment to:

- Be available for the full duration of the event.
- Arrive on time and properly prepared.
- Uphold the organization's standards, rules, and code of conduct.
- Communicate promptly with World Boxing if issues arise.

Acceptance should only occur when the official is confident, they can fulfill the assignment.

4. Permitted Reasons for Withdrawal

After accepting an appointment, an official may withdraw only for legitimate reasons, including:

- Illness or injury.
- Family emergency.
- Work conflicts that could not reasonably be foreseen.
- Safety concerns.
- Other exceptional circumstances approved by World Boxing.

All withdrawals must be communicated as soon as possible to officials@worldboxing.org.

5. Late Withdrawal (Less Than Four (4) Weeks Before the arrival date)

Withdrawing less than **four (4) weeks** before the competition disrupts scheduling and competition integrity.

Consequences may include:

- Formal warning.

- Required to provide documentation that officially confirms the reasons for withdrawing.

Repeated late withdrawals may result in stronger disciplinary action with possible temporary suspension from the TO selection process.

6. Consistent or Repeated Withdrawals

Officials who consistently withdraw after accepting assignments may face:

- Review of eligibility for appointments.
- Temporary suspension from the TO selection process.

Reliability is a key factor in all appointment decisions.