Motions for amendments to the World Boxing Statutes

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Following the ASOIF Governance review and the continued growth of World Boxing, it became necessary to revise and rationalise the World Boxing Statutes (hereinafter: *the Statutes*).

The Executive Board therefore submits to the Congress for approval a revised version of the Statutes.

A summary of the main proposed amendments is set out below. The full text of the revised Statutes, including a marked-up version of the proposed amendments, is attached.

Overview of the proposed amendments

The proposed amendments constitute a substantial revision of the Statutes, combining structural reorganisation with substantive changes. They are intended to strengthen World Boxing's constitutional framework while improving the clarity and readability of the text.

In essence, the amendments:

- reorganise the Statutes around clearer institutional themes;
- establish a clearer framework governing the full membership lifecycle, from application to withdrawal or expulsion;
- clarify and further define the framework for Continental Confederations, elections, committees and sanctions; and
- incorporate into the Statutes several concepts that presently sit in election, ethics and judicial-procedure materials.

Building on the recent ASOIF Governance Review, the proposed amendments reinforce alignment with IOC, ASOIF and broader Olympic Movement expectations on governance, integrity, athlete representation and transparency and will support World Boxing's further progress in the next ASOIF governance evaluation. They therefore support World Boxing's long-term recognition strategy, strenghten its credibility with key stakeholders and help safeguard its position in the Olympic Movement.

A detailed explanation of these changes is presented below.

1. A more readable and coherent constitutional text

The proposed amendments aim to offer a more readable, coherent and accessible structure for the Statutes. More specifically, they rationalise and clarify key definitions, reduce numerous circular references and standardise the terminology used across the Statutes.

In addition, the former dispersed structure is consolidated by subject with a more logical structure throughout:

- Membership is now grouped in one article;
- Congress includes electoral provisions;

- sanctions, finances and binding commitments are given stand-alone articles; and
- transitional provisions are updated to reflect the new structure.

Finally, provisions currently set out in the *Election Process and Voting Regulations* and the *Ethics and Judicial Procedure Rules* are incorporated into the Statutes where they concern core constitutional safeguards, including election conduct, candidate eligibility, voting mechanics, Independent Committees and Ethics Chief functions.

These changes make the Statutes easier to navigate for Members, officials and external stakeholders, while ensuring that fundamental safeguards are set at the constitutional level and detailed operational rules remain in the appropriate subordinate instruments.

2. Reinforced purpose and principles

World Boxing is defined as the international federation responsible for governing, administering and developing Boxing internationally. English is established as the sole official language, while French, Spanish and Russian may be used as working languages.

A principle of political and religious neutrality is introduced, subject to a narrowly framed exception permitting the Executive Board to depart from that principle where necessary to protect World Boxing's integrity, autonomy or statutory objectives.

The Mission and Values are strengthened through express Athlete-rights, equality, safeguarding and welfare commitments. The Purpose and Objectives now expressly cover protection of minors and vulnerable persons, education and continuing professional development, international technical, medical, safety, integrity and eligibility standards, and continental multi-sport events.

The integrity mandate is expanded to cover competition manipulation, in addition to doping and match-fixing. Environmental responsibility and sustainable development are stated more broadly.

These amendments give World Boxing a clearer institutional identity and place athlete protection, integrity and responsible development at the centre of its statutory mandate.

3. A complete and transparent membership framework

The proposed amendments clarify the entire membership pathway, providing a clearer distinction between Full Members and Associate Members and introducing the notion of Endorsed Members.

A. Structured admission and compliance process

The draft replaces a relatively short application regime with an end-to-end framework, including:

- a structured application process involving the World Boxing administration, the Executive Board and Congress;
- clear eligibility requirements, which apply both at the time of admission and throughout membership, with sanctions available for Members that fail to comply.
- mandatory disclosure of relevant relationships with other Boxing-related organisations; and
- prior written agreement to be obtained from each relevant Full Member for the proposed area of responsibility of applicant Associate Members.

This framework provides greater transparency and consistency in the admission process, while ensuring that membership standards remain meaningful throughout the membership lifecycle.

B. Formal recognition of Endorsed Members

A new statutory category of Endorsed Member is introduced to formalise the already existing status corresponding to the period between Executive Board endorsement and Congress admission.

An Endorsed Member is not a Member and does not have voting rights, but may attend Congress, participate in competitions subject to eligibility, receive information and exercise other expressly granted rights. It must pay the applicable fee, maintain eligibility, satisfy conditions and comply with Member obligations. The Executive Board may suspend or withdraw an endorsement, including after an evidence-based objection by a Continental Confederation or Full Member.

This change gives legal certainty to a status that already operates in practice and establishes clear rights, obligations and safeguards for the entities concerned.

C. Defined rights, obligations and good standing

The core rights of Members are harmonised, while additional governance and voting rights are reserved to Full Members.

Obligations are also materially strengthened: Members and Endorsed Members must maintain governance and administrative capacity, align their own constitutional documents with those of World Boxing, cooperate with World Boxing, inform World Boxing of any material constitutional changes, uphold autonomy and avoid **relationships or conduct** damaging to World Boxing or Boxing.

Clarification is also provided regarding "good standing": good standing is defined by payment of all amounts due, with annual membership fees being payable by Members and Endorsed Members by 28 February and, for Endorsed Members whose admission is to be considered by Congress, payment required before that Congress. A Member that is not in good standing may **not** participate in World Boxing-recognised events or meetings and may not exercise its Congress voting rights. Non-payment for two consecutive years results in automatic suspension, and continued default may lead to expulsion by Congress.

These provisions strengthen mutual accountability between World Boxing and its Members, while making the consequences of non-compliance clear and predictable.

D. A clearer framework for measures applicable to Members

Suspension grounds and alternative measures are expanded and clarified. Congress retains sole expulsion power by Special Majority. New express grounds include persistent breach, serious damage, prolonged fee default after automatic suspension and failure of a fundamental affiliation condition.

The withdrawal process is clarified, while liabilities accrued before withdrawal remain payable.

Any sanctions imposed by the Executive Board on Members must take into account the principle of proportionality and the impact on Athletes.

The revised framework balances the need for effective enforcement with procedural fairness, proportionality and protection of Athletes.

4. A clarified status and governance framework for Continental Confederations

The proposed draft removes Continental Confederations from the list of World Boxing's bodies. They would instead be recognised as continental organisations responsible for promoting and developing Boxing at regional level, while remaining legally distinct from World Boxing and its organs. This clarification is intended to strengthen alignment between World Boxing and the Continental Confederations and to support consistent governance standards at regional level.

Their recognition, areas of competence and relationship with World Boxing are therefore governed by the Statutes and the applicable Rules and Policies.

In particular, the Continental Confederations must have aligned constitutions, governance, integrity, anti-doping, safeguarding and disciplinary processes; organise and develop Boxing and continental events within their competence; assist with multi-sport continental events; report to World Boxing; and support Member development.

Minimum governance requirements are being introduced for Continental Confederations, including requirements that their constitutions provide for a biennial general assembly, democratic elections every four years, gender representation on their executive board, and term limits for their president and executive board members.

This framework clarifies the respective roles of World Boxing and the Continental Confederations, strengthens alignment across all continents and supports good governance at regional level.

5. A more precise and reliable Congress framework

Congress remains the highest authority, but its powers are now set out more precisely. Congress appoints and removes the chairs and members of the Independent Committees; elects and removes certain Committee Chairs; confirms, rather than "approves", the Strategic Plan; approves the principles governing the setting of membership fees; and approves amendments to the Statutes and the Code of Ethics. Amendments of the Competition Rules are entrusted to the Executive Board, consistent with its general authority over World Boxing's Rules and Policies.

With regard to the organisation of the Congress:

- Incompatibilities for Voting Delegates are introduced. A Voting Delegate may not be a member of the Executive Board, a member of World Boxing staff, or a person suspended, expelled or ineligible to hold office;
- The appointment and status of Delegates are clarified, including the maximum number of Delegates per Member, eligibility requirements, replacement procedures and applicable deadlines;
- The notice period for Congress is increased to 150 days;
- The threshold for Full Members to request an Extraordinary Congress is reduced from one third to one fifth, in order to comply with the requirements of the Swiss Civil Code;
- Congress meetings are presumed to be public unless Congress decides otherwise;

- General Congress resolutions continue to be adopted by Simple Majority. Where a resolution remains tied after a second vote, the President has a casting vote;
- Elections are governed separately by the detailed election provisions.

These amendments preserve Congress's role as the highest authority while making its composition, procedures and decision-making processes clearer, more inclusive and more operationally reliable.

6. Reliable and transparent election processes

The proposed amendments relocate the principal electoral framework into the Congress article and align it with the voting regulations.

Elections are staggered:

- in the Summer Olympic Games year, Congress elects the President, First Vice-President and two ordinary Executive Board members;
- two years later it elects the other two Vice-Presidents, two ordinary Executive Board members and relevant Committee Chairs.

This staggered approach maintains continuity within the Executive Board while allowing regular renewal of its composition.

At each electoral cycle, at least one person elected to each of the positions specified for that cycle, excluding Committee Chairs, must be of each gender. If this requirement cannot be met, the relevant seat remains vacant pending subsequent filling by a candidate of the under-represented gender.

The following independence and procedural safeguards are transferred from the election regulations and further developed in the Statutes:

- The Vetting Panel, nomination and campaign process, scrutineers, ballot order, majority requirement, successive elimination rounds, tied-election procedure and result publication are set out statutorily;
- The order of election and potential incompatibilities are clarified;
- The Ethics Committee Chair chairs the election part of Congress.

These amendments strengthen the credibility, transparency and predictability of World Boxing's electoral processes.

7. A strengthened governance architecture

The proposed amendments introduce several material enhancements compared with the current Statutes.

A. Executive Board and office holders

The Executive Board's role is further defined.

In urgent circumstances where an Extraordinary Congress cannot reasonably be convened, the Executive Board may adopt temporary measures necessary to protect integrity, reputation, safety or legal compliance. Such measures must be notified and, where appropriate, brought to the next Congress.

The composition of the Executive Board is also clarified:

- The First Vice-President role is expressly introduced. This provides statutory clarity regarding the seniority and succession arrangements among the Vice-Presidents. It ensures that there is an identifiable senior office holder to act where the President is temporarily unavailable or unable to act; it removes ambiguity in succession and chairing arrangements, particularly for Congress, Executive Board meetings, urgent measures and external representation; and it distinguishes the statutory seniority of the First Vice-President from the collective role of the Vice-Presidents, without creating an additional Executive Board position or an additional vote.
- Continental representatives must be elected by their own Continental Confederation and then formally appointed by Congress.
- A person may not hold two Executive Board positions simultaneously.
- The limit of two Executive Board members from the same Member is narrowed to the President, Vice-Presidents and ordinary Executive Board members, with an automatic withdrawal rule for subsequent candidacies.
- The Executive Board must still include at least three persons of each gender.
- Term limits become more structured: no more than two full terms in the same position and no more than four full terms overall as an Executive Board member. Partial vacancy arrangements and specified transitional service do not count as full terms.

The rules on the operation of the Executive Board are also adjusted:

- The minimum number of Executive Board meetings per year is reduced from four to two.
- Executive Board votes are, by default, conducted openly rather than by secret ballot. A secret ballot is required if requested by three Executive Board members.
- Succession rules give the First Vice-President priority to act as Acting President and preserve same-gender replacement for a Vice-President vacancy.

These changes are intended to provide clearer leadership continuity and a more predictable framework for the management of World Boxing.

B. A purpose-driven Committee system

The proposed amendments establish a clearer Committee architecture, with each standing Committee having a defined remit based on its subject matter. This avoids overlapping mandates, clarifies reporting lines and ensures that technical, medical, legal and athlete-related matters are addressed by the appropriate body.

Two new standing committees are introduced (Technical Officials Committee and Legal Committee).

The Ethics Committee and the newly created Disciplinary Committee are established as Independent Committees. Their Chairs and members are appointed by Congress, serve fixed terms and are subject to independence and conflict-of-interest requirements. The Ethics Committee focuses on ethical standards, complaints, referrals and recommendations, while the Disciplinary Committee is responsible for adjudicating disciplinary matters within its conferred jurisdiction.

This structure provides World Boxing with a more coherent and fit-for-purpose Committee system, combining subject-matter expertise with independent oversight in the areas where it is most needed.

C. A strengthened sanctions and dispute-resolution framework

The sanctions framework is clarified and expanded. It now sets out the available measures and applies broadly to Members, Continental Confederations, Executive Board members, Officials, Athletes and other persons or entities under World Boxing jurisdiction.

The proposed amendments also consolidate the framework for dispute resolution. Unless otherwise provided in the Statutes or applicable Rules and Policies, final decisions, orders or measures adopted by World Boxing may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Appeal Arbitration Division within 21 days of notification.

The expanded framework ensures that World Boxing has proportionate and effective means to address misconduct, while preserving due process and access to independent judicial review.

D. Clearer administration and authority to bind World Boxing

The operational role of the administration under the Secretary General is stated expressly. The Secretary General remains responsible for day-to-day management and staff, within the authority of the Executive Board and approved policies.

Financial administration is aligned with applicable Swiss law, and the Auditor's report is expressly sent to Congress together with the annual accounts.

A new framework for the execution of documents distinguishes...

- non-financial commitments, which may be signed individually by the President, Secretary General or an authorised person; and
- financial commitments, which ordinarily require the joint signatures of two authorised signatories.

The Executive Board may determine document categories, thresholds, approval procedures and authorised signatories. The Secretary General and designated officers may bind World Boxing individually within delegated authority.

This framework improves financial control, clarifies who may bind World Boxing and reduces operational and legal risk in the conclusion of commitments on its behalf.

E. Tax-related provisions

The proposed amendments also expressly provide that:

- Executive Board members serve on a voluntary basis, subject to reimbursement of their actual and properly documented expenses; and
- upon dissolution of World Boxing or transfer of its registered office abroad, any remaining assets, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be assigned to a Swiss institution exempt from tax by reason of its public utility or public service purpose.

These provisions, included at the request of the Swiss tax authorities, reflect the requirements applicable to non-profit associations under Swiss law and support World Boxing's compliance with the conditions applicable to its tax treatment.

8. Transitional provisions

The proposed amendments include transitional provisions to ensure the orderly implementation of the new governance framework. In particular, they address the sequencing of elections in 2026 and 2028, the treatment of current terms of office for the purpose of the new term-limit rules, as well as the establishment and initial composition of the newly created Committees.

Finally, other provisions of the Statutes have been updated for consistency, terminology and drafting purposes without substantive change to their underlying policy.

Note on quorum

The quorum requirements set out in the current Statutes are retained in the revised Statutes. The Executive Board is nevertheless considering possible adjustments to the quorum framework. Any resulting proposal will be considered by the Executive Board ahead of Congress and, if appropriate, submitted to Congress as a separate amendment. Any such amendment may therefore be the subject of a separate vote at Congress.

Voting on the proposed amendments

It is proposed that the revised Statutes be approved in a single vote, as consideration of each individual amendment would be unduly time-consuming.

In accordance with Article 16.1 of the current Statutes, approval of the present motion to amend the Statutes requires a Special Majority of two thirds of the votes cast.