

To:	World Boxing Executive Board
From:	Tom Dielen, Secretary General Julien Deux, Director of Governance, Integrity and Legal
Date:	22 October 2026
Subject:	Proposed amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules <i>Submitted by the Dutch Boxing Federation</i>

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

Please find below a memorandum concerning the proposals submitted by the Dutch Boxing Federation, co-signed by European Boxing and the Bulgarian, Polish, Finnish and Turkish Boxing Federations, for amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules for consideration at the World Boxing Congress in Panama on 20 November 2026.

Executive summary

- The proposals raise technical, sporting, medical, governance and equal-treatment issues that require detailed consideration by the relevant World Boxing committee(s), in accordance with their responsibilities under the World Boxing Statutes (hereinafter, *the Statutes*).
- It is therefore recommended that the Executive Board does not submit the five proposals for direct approval by Congress in Panama, but rather that they be presented to Congress for referral to the relevant World Boxing committee(s), including, as applicable, the Sports Committee and/or the Competition and Events Committee, for detailed review and consultation.
- Where appropriate, the relevant committee(s) should then prepare revised proposals for examination by the Executive Board.

1. The proposals

By letter dated 15 October 2026, the Dutch Boxing Federation, co-signed by European Boxing and the Bulgarian, Polish, Finnish and Turkish Boxing Federations, submitted five proposed amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules for consideration at the World Boxing Congress in Panama on 20 November 2026. The submitting federations request that each proposal be considered as a separate resolution and be subject to five separate votes at Congress.

The proposals, a copy of which is enclosed thereto, concern:

1. recognition of supplementary competition rules and structures for Continental Confederations;

2. allocation of ranking points to four international tournaments selected or sanctioned by each Continental Confederation;
3. limitation of continental ranking events to one per calendar year;
4. transfer of ownership and sanctioning of non-Elite Continental Championships to the Continental Confederations;
5. mandatory sanctioning by the relevant Continental Confederation of international competitions hosting at least five national federation teams.

2. Applicable statutory framework

In accordance with Article 7.15 of the World Boxing Statutes (hereinafter, *the Statutes*) Full Members may submit agenda items to the Executive Board no later than 30 days before Congress. The proposals were received within this timeframe.

In addition, Article 7.13 provides that the Executive Board sets the agenda for Congress. In that regard, the Executive Board is responsible to determine the merits of Member proposals (Article 9.20(ix) of the Statutes) and to review the Competition Rules on an ongoing basis, including proposals from Members, and to submit recommended amendments to Congress (Article 9.20(xi) of the Statutes).

Article 10.1(ii) of the Statutes assigns responsibility for the Competition Rules and other sport rules to the Sports & Competition Committee.

Finally, Article 7.12(xi) of the Statutes provides that amendments to the Competition Rules are approved by Congress by Special Majority.

3. Analysis

The five proposals are not minor drafting changes. They affect the allocation of responsibilities between World Boxing, Continental Confederations and National Federations, as well as the mechanisms for ranking, sanctioning and organising competitions.

They therefore require prior analysis at least in relation to:

- consistency with the Statutes (which are due to be amended by Congress on 20 November), Competition Rules, Medical Rules, policies and safety standards of World Boxing;
- the impact on the uniform application of the regulatory framework and the risk of fragmentation between continents;
- the consequences for the World Boxing ranking, including equal treatment of athletes and continents;
- criteria for the selection, sanctioning and oversight of continental tournaments;
- procedures, deadlines, fees, responsibilities and consequences where sanctioning is not obtained;
- interaction with the competition calendar, Continental Multi-Sport Games and Continental Championships; and

- implications for athletes, host federations, organisers, officials and safeguarding arrangements.

Given the scope and institutional implications of the proposed changes, including their potential impact on the respective roles of World Boxing, the Continental Confederations and National Federations, a detailed review by the relevant World Boxing committee(s) is necessary before any recommendation can responsibly be made to Congress.

At this stage, the proposals do not contain sufficient objective criteria, implementation procedures, oversight mechanisms or transitional provisions to allow a complete assessment and responsible adoption.

4. Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that the Executive Board:

- 1. notes that the proposals are timely under Article 7.15 of the Statutes;**
- 2. determines that the proposals raise technical, sporting, medical, governance and equal-treatment issues requiring further detailed review;**
- 3. decides not to recommend their approval in their current form;**
- 4. submits the proposals to the Congress in Panama with a recommendation that they be referred to the relevant World Boxing committee(s), including, as applicable, the Sports Committee and/or the Competition and Events Committee, for detailed review and consultation;**
- 5. requests the relevant World Boxing committee(s), responsible for competition rules, technical matters, competitions and events, to review the proposals and, where appropriate, prepare revised proposals for examination by the Executive Board.**



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WORLD BOXING COMPETITION RULES

PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION AS A CONGRESS AGENDA ITEM AND FOR FIVE SEPARATE VOTES

To Tom Dielen, Secretary General, World Boxing
Subject Proposed Amendments to the
World Boxing Competition Rules

Dear Tom,

The undersigned National Federations jointly submit the following five proposed amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules for consideration at the World Boxing Congress in Panama on 20 November 2026. Each proposed amendment is requested to be presented as a separate resolution for an individual vote, resulting in five (5) separate votes. The proposals are intended to strengthen the role of Continental Confederations, support coherent competition structures, and provide fair and practical ranking opportunities while maintaining World Boxing medical, safety and governance standards.

PROPOSAL 1: SUPPLEMENTARY COMPETITION RULES AND STRUCTURES FOR CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

Opening provision on the first page — “Compliance with World Boxing Competition Rules”

Proposed amended text

*These Competition Rules have been established to ensure fair, equal and safe competitions for boxers. The rules apply to all World Boxing Competitions and Boxing Competitions organised by World Boxing Members. National Federations may not develop their own Competition Rules that are contradictory to these rules. Nevertheless, National Federations may modify these Competition Rules for competitions under their jurisdiction to align with their respective national laws **and practices**. **Continental Confederations may provide for supplementary competition concepts and Continental Confederation competition structures under their respective Competition Rules**, provided that such modifications do not undermine the World Boxing Competition Rules, particularly concerning all medical and safety standards.*

Rationale. This amendment formally recognises the ability of Continental Confederations to provide supplementary competition concepts and structures suited to regional requirements, while preserving the primacy of World Boxing medical and safety standards.



PROPOSAL 2: RANKING POINTS FOR CONFEDERATION-SELECTED OR SANCTIONED INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Rule 1.10 - World Boxing Ranking

Proposed addition to the Ranking Event & Point Distribution Table

Competition category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Four International Tournaments per Continental Confederation, selected or sanctioned by that Continental Confederation	50	30	15	15

Rationale. The current point distribution provides 50, 30, 15 and 15 points for the World Boxing Challenge. As no World Boxing Challenges are being organised, the proposed category would create equivalent ranking opportunities through four established International Tournaments per Continental Confederation, selected or sanctioned by that Continental Confederation.

PROPOSAL 3: ONE CONTINENTAL RANKING EVENT PER CALENDAR YEAR

Rule 1.10 - World Boxing Ranking

Proposed new provision

Where a Continental Multi-Sport Games and a Continental Boxing Championships are both held within the same calendar year for the same continent, World Boxing ranking points may be awarded from only one of these two events.

For ranking purposes, an athlete may therefore receive points from a maximum of one event in this category per calendar year.

This limitation is intended to ensure equal ranking opportunities across all continents, irrespective of differences in their respective competition calendars.

The World Boxing Sports & Competition Committee shall determine which of the two events will be selected for ranking purposes.



Rationale. Continental calendars differ. Limiting ranking points to one event in this category per continent and calendar year ensures comparable ranking opportunities for athletes across all continents.

PROPOSAL 4: OWNERSHIP AND SANCTIONING OF NON-ELITE CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rule 1.2 - World Boxing Competitions

Proposed amended structure

Competitions owned and sanctioned by World Boxing:

- Continental Boxing Championships (Elite)

Competitions owned and sanctioned by the respective Continental Confederation:

- U17 Continental Boxing Championships
- U19 Continental Boxing Championships
- U23 Continental Boxing Championships
- Other non-Elite Continental Boxing Championships

Such competitions shall be organised and conducted by the respective Continental Confederation in accordance with the World Boxing Statutes, Competition Rules, Medical Rules and other applicable World Boxing rules and policies.

Rationale. This amendment places non-Elite continental development competitions under the ownership and sanctioning authority of the relevant Continental Confederation, while retaining the Elite tournament that will grant the ranking points under World Boxing.

PROPOSAL 5: CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATION SANCTIONING OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Rule 1.3 - International Competitions

Proposed amendment to Rule 1.3.2

*An International Competition is owned by the Host National Federation, which is responsible for all aspects of the competition. **When an International Competition is hosted with five (5) or more registered National Federation Teams, it must be sanctioned by the relevant Continental Confederation.***

Proposed new Rule 1.3.8

All International Competitions sanctioned by a Continental Confederation must comply with the Continental Confederation competition structure and Continental Confederation Competition Rules.

Rationale. This amendment establishes a clear Continental Confederation sanctioning threshold



for larger International Competitions and supports alignment with the applicable Continental Confederation competition structure and Competition Rules.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

The undersigned National Federations respectfully request that these five proposed amendments be evaluated and processed in accordance with the amendment procedure and included within the relevant agenda item for the World Boxing Congress in Panama on 20 November 2026. Each proposed amendment should be presented as a separate resolution for an individual vote. Accordingly, Congress is requested to conduct five (5) separate votes, one on each proposed amendment.

We believe these amendments will support a clearer distribution of responsibilities, stronger continental competition pathways and fairer ranking opportunities, while maintaining the authority and standards of World Boxing.

Yours sincerely,

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Board Member and Voting Delegate Dutch Boxing Federation
(Interim) Chairman Sports & Competition Committee of European Boxing

PROPOSED CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 — Supplementary Competition Rules and Structures for Continental Confederations

***The World Boxing Congress hereby resolves** to approve the proposed amendment to the opening provision on the first page of the World Boxing Competition Rules, titled “Compliance with World Boxing Competition Rules”, so that Continental Confederations may provide supplementary competition concepts and Continental Confederation competition structures under their respective Competition Rules, provided that these do not undermine the World Boxing Competition Rules and, in particular, all applicable medical and safety standards.*

Resolution No. 2 — Ranking Points for Continental Confederation-Selected or Sanctioned International Tournaments

***The World Boxing Congress hereby resolves** to approve the addition to Rule 1.10 and the Ranking Event & Point Distribution Table of a category covering four International Tournaments per Continental Confederation, selected or sanctioned by that Continental Confederation, awarding 50 points for first place, 30 points for second place, and 15 points for each of third and fourth place.*

Resolution No. 3 — One Continental Ranking Event per Calendar Year

***The World Boxing Congress hereby resolves** to approve the proposed addition to Rule 1.10 under which, where a Continental Multi-Sport Games and a Continental Boxing Championships are both held*



for the same continent in the same calendar year, ranking points may be awarded from only one of those events. An athlete may receive points from a maximum of one such event per calendar year, with the World Boxing Sports & Competition Committee determining which event is selected for ranking purposes.

Resolution No. 4 — Ownership and Sanctioning of Non-Elite Continental Championships

The World Boxing Congress hereby resolves to approve the proposed amendment to Rule 1.2 so that Continental Boxing Championships at Elite level remain owned and sanctioned by World Boxing, while U17, U19, U23 and other non-Elite Continental Boxing Championships are owned and sanctioned by the respective Continental Confederation and conducted in accordance with the World Boxing Statutes, Competition Rules, Medical Rules and all other applicable World Boxing rules and policies.

Resolution No. 5 — Continental Confederation Sanctioning of International Competitions

The World Boxing Congress hereby resolves to approve the proposed amendments to Rule 1.3, requiring any International Competition hosted with five or more registered National Federation Teams to be sanctioned by the relevant Continental Confederation, and requiring all International Competitions sanctioned by a Continental Confederation to comply with that Continental Confederation's competition structure and Competition Rules.

PROPOSED CONGRESS AGENDA ITEM — FIVE COMPETITION RULE AMENDMENTS

AGENDA ITEM

Consideration of Five Proposed Amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules

DECISION REQUESTED

Congress is requested to conduct five (5) separate votes, with one vote held on each of the five proposed amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules, pursuant to Article 7.12(xii) of the World Boxing Statutes:
Vote 1 — Supplementary Competition Rules and Structures for Continental Confederations; Vote 2 — Ranking Points for Continental Confederation-Selected or Sanctioned International Tournaments; Vote 3 — One Continental Ranking Event per Calendar Year; Vote 4 — Ownership and Sanctioning of Non-Elite Continental Championships; and Vote 5 — Continental Confederation Sanctioning of International Competitions.

SUBMISSION

SUBMITTED BY

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