



Competition Rules Review 2026

Proposals for consideration by the World Boxing Congress as accepted by the Executive Board
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This paper presents 53 proposed amendments to the World Boxing Competition Rules arising from the 2026 rules review. Each proposal shows the proposed article text, the change proposed and the rationale. Where an existing article is amended, the new wording is shown in bold; where an article is reworded in full, the proposed text is shown without bold. Points from the review that are not yet ready for decision are listed in the Annex for information. The Board is invited to consider the proposals.

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49	13.2.6.1	Alternative finger tape for professional handwraps	New provision
50	13.5.1	Competition Uniform (Color)	Terminology
51	13.5.7, 13.5.8	Competition Uniform (Flag and logos)	Terminology
52	13.5.15/13.5.16.	Competition Uniform (WB Logo and Manual)	New Provision
53	All areas mentioned	Remove mention of "Event Rules".	Removal

A. Competitions, Rankings and Seeding

1. Article 1.3.3: International Competitions Calendar

Proposed text	1.3.3. World Boxing shall publish all International Competitions it recognises in the International Competitions Calendar on its official website. The Host National Federation shall promptly notify World Boxing of any changes to the published event details, including postponement or cancellation.
Proposal	Distinguish recognition from publication in the International Competitions Calendar, and require the Host National Federation to notify World Boxing promptly of changes to published event details, including postponement or cancellation.
Rationale	The current rule does not distinguish recognition from calendar inclusion and does not say who is responsible for reporting changes. The recognition procedure itself remains to be clarified separately.

2. Article 1.3.7: Minimum participation for International Competitions

Proposed text	1.3.7. To qualify for recognition by World Boxing as an International Competition, a minimum of thirty (30) Boxers representing at least four (4) National Federations must be included in the Official Draw. The Host National Federation shall count towards this minimum. Subsequent withdrawals shall not affect the competition's recognition.
Proposal	Measure the minimum of thirty (30) Boxers from four (4) National Federations at the Official Draw, count the Host National Federation towards the minimum, and make recognition by World Boxing (rather than confirmation of results) the consequence. Later withdrawals do not affect recognition.
Rationale	"Participate" and "results confirmed" are not defined in the current rule. The Official Draw gives a fixed and verifiable point at which to measure participation.

3. Article 1.4.1: Definition of National Competitions

Proposed text	1.4.1. National Competitions are boxing competitions held within the territory of a National Federation affiliated to World Boxing and organised by that National Federation, or by a World Boxing recognised partner with its approval. They fall under the authority of the relevant National Federation.
Proposal	Define National Competitions by the territory of the National Federation and place them under its authority. Competitions organised by a World Boxing recognised partner require the approval of the National Federation.
Rationale	"Without any involvement of World Boxing" is too absolute, and the territorial scope and the authority of recognised partners are unclear.

4. Article 1.6.3: Minimum participation: Continental Championships (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe)

Proposed text	1.6.3. For Continental Boxing Championships (Elite) in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe to be recognised by World Boxing as Continental Championships, at least ten (10) National Federations from the respective continent must each have at least one (1) Boxer included in the Official Draw. Subsequent withdrawals shall not affect the competition's recognition.
Proposal	Require at least ten (10) National Federations from the continent to each have at least one (1) Boxer in the Official Draw for the Championships to be recognised as Continental Championships. Later withdrawals do not affect recognition.
Rationale	"Considered valid" is not defined, and Final Entries do not confirm that teams will attend.

5. Article 1.6.4: Minimum participation: Continental Championships (Oceania)

Proposed text	1.6.4. For Continental Boxing Championships (Elite) in Oceania to be recognised by World Boxing as Continental Championships, at least four (4) National Federations from Oceania must each have at least one (1) Boxer included in the Official Draw. Subsequent withdrawals shall not affect the competition's recognition.
Proposal	Apply the same approach as Article 1.6.3 to Oceania, with a minimum of four (4) National Federations each having at least one (1) Boxer in the Official Draw.
Rationale	As for Article 1.6.3: "considered valid" is not defined, and Final Entries do not confirm that teams will attend.

6. Article 1.8.2: Competition Rules at Multi-Sport Games

Proposed text	1.8.2. Where World Boxing has technical responsibility for the boxing competition at Multi-Sport Games, these Competition Rules shall apply, subject to the overriding rules and policies of the Games owner referred to in Rule 1.8.1.
Proposal	Apply the Competition Rules where World Boxing has technical responsibility for the boxing competition at Multi-Sport Games, subject to the overriding rules and policies of the Games owner under Article 1.8.1.
Rationale	Clarifies technical responsibility and the priority of the Games owner's rules. The breadth of that priority remains a policy consideration for the Board.

7. Article 1.10.1: Use of World Boxing Rankings for seeding

Proposed text	1.10.1. World Boxing Rankings shall be used to determine seeding at Elite competitions where seeding has been approved by the World Boxing Executive Board in accordance with Rule 1.11.3. The seeding arrangements and the publication date of the applicable ranking list shall be specified in the Event Invitation.
Proposal	Link the use of World Boxing Rankings to seeding approved by the Executive Board under Article 1.11.3, and require the Event Invitation to state the seeding arrangements and the publication date of the ranking list used.
Rationale	The current rule does not identify the applicable ranking list or connect its use to the seeding decision.

8. Article 1.10.15: Ranking tie-break criteria

Proposed text	<p>1.10.15. Where two or more Boxers have the same total ranking points, their ranking order shall be determined using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Boxer with more ranking points earned at the highest competition tier, as set out in the table under Rule 1.10.11, shall be ranked higher. If the tie remains, each successive lower tier shall be compared. b) Where multiple competition results at the same tier require comparison, priority shall be given to the competition with the greater number of entries in the relevant Weight Category. c) If the tie remains, the final placing of the opponent who defeated each Boxer in the relevant competition shall be compared. The Boxer defeated by the higher-placed opponent shall be ranked higher. d) If the tie remains after applying these criteria and affects seeding, a random draw involving only the tied Boxers concerned shall take place before the Official Draw to determine their seeding order.
Proposal	Set out ordered tie-break criteria: points at the highest tier, then each lower tier; the number of entries in the Weight Category where several results at the same tier are compared; the final placing of the opponent who defeated each Boxer; and, where seeding is affected, a random draw among the tied Boxers before the Official Draw.
Rationale	The current rule does not explain how to compare several results at the same tier and has no final method to resolve a tie. The precise treatment of multiple results at the same tier remains a drafting point for implementation (see Annex).

9. Article 1.11.1: Competitions where seeding may apply

Proposed text	<p>1.11.1. Seeding may be applied at the following Elite competitions, subject to approval by the World Boxing Executive Board in accordance with Rule 1.11.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Olympic Games; b) World Boxing Championships; c) Continental Games, including African Games, Asian Games, European Games, Pan American Games and Pacific Games; d) Continental Boxing Championships; e) World Boxing Cup Finals; f) World Boxing Cup. <p>For Olympic Games and Continental Games, the application of seeding shall also be subject to the applicable rules and policies of the Games owner, in accordance with Rule 1.8.</p>
Proposal	Cross-refer to Executive Board approval under Article 1.11.3 and, for the Olympic Games and Continental Games, to the Games owner's rules under Article 1.8. The list of competitions and the Elite-only scope are unchanged.
Rationale	Aligns the list of competitions with the seeding approval process and with Multi-Sport Games requirements.

10. Article 1.11.3: Seeding decisions and timing

Proposed text	<p>1.11.3. The World Boxing Executive Board shall decide whether seeding applies and the number of Boxers to be seeded in each Weight Category, based on recommendations from the Sports and Competition Committee.</p> <p>Proposals for seeding arrangements shall be submitted either before a scheduled Sports and Competition Committee meeting for consideration at that meeting, or at least six (6) months before the relevant event.</p> <p>The Executive Board may vote on seeding arrangements for individual events, multiple events together, or an annual programme of events. The approved arrangements shall be specified in the respective Event Invitations.</p> <p>The seeded Boxers and their seeding order shall be determined in accordance with Rule 1.11.2 and the ranking and tie-break provisions under Rule 1.10.</p>
Proposal	Set when seeding proposals are submitted (before a scheduled Sports and Competition Committee meeting, or at least six (6) months before the event) and allow the Executive Board to decide on individual events, several events together or an annual programme of events.
Rationale	The current rule sets no timing for recommendations and implies event-by-event decisions. The two timing routes are alternatives; the six-month minimum does not apply to both.

11. Article 1.12.1: Medal eligibility

Proposed text	<p>1.12.1. To be eligible for a medal, a Boxer must have taken part in at least one (1) bout during the competition in which the opening bell signalling the start of the first round has sounded. Advancement by bye or walkover shall not count towards this requirement. A Boxer is not required to win a bout to be eligible for a medal.</p>
Proposal	Define a bout for medal eligibility as one in which the opening bell for the first round has sounded. Byes and walkovers do not count, and a Boxer is not required to win a bout.
Rationale	The current rule does not say what counts as competing in a bout.

12. Article 1.12.3: Timing of Medal Ceremonies

Proposed text	<p>1.12.3. Medal Ceremonies shall take place after completion of the relevant Weight Category, in accordance with the approved event schedule. The timing shall be communicated to the participating teams in advance.</p>
Proposal	Hold Medal Ceremonies in accordance with the approved event schedule and communicate the timing to teams in advance.
Rationale	“As soon as possible” is subjective and may conflict with the planned ceremony programme.

13. Article 1.12.6: Conduct during Medal Ceremonies

Proposed text	1.12.6. Only persons and items authorised by World Boxing or the designated ceremony organiser may form part of the Medal Ceremony. Participants shall not display signs, deliver statements or conduct demonstrations outside the approved ceremony programme.
Proposal	Limit Medal Ceremonies to persons and items authorised by World Boxing or the designated ceremony organiser, and prohibit signs, statements and demonstrations outside the approved programme.
Rationale	“Objects”, “additional people” and “statements” are too broad and could capture authorised elements of the ceremony.

14. Article 1.14.1: Distribution of Event Invitations

Proposed text	1.14.1. For World Boxing Competitions other than Continental Boxing Championships, the World Boxing Sport Department shall send the Event Invitation to all National Federations eligible to participate and publish it on the official World Boxing website. For Continental Boxing Championships, the relevant Continental Confederation shall distribute the approved Event Invitation to eligible National Federations, and it shall also be published on the official World Boxing website. For International Competitions, the Host National Federation or organiser shall distribute the Event Invitation to eligible National Federations. These invitations may also be published on the official World Boxing website.
Proposal	Assign distribution of Event Invitations to the World Boxing Sport Department for World Boxing Competitions, the Continental Confederation for Continental Boxing Championships, and the Host National Federation or organiser for International Competitions, with publication on the World Boxing website.
Rationale	The current rule does not say who is responsible for sending Event Invitations.

15. Article 1.14.4: Approval of Event Invitations

Proposed text	1.14.4. Event Invitations for all World Boxing Competitions, including Continental Boxing Championships, must be approved by the World Boxing Sport Department before distribution or publication.
Proposal	Specify that the World Boxing Sport Department approves all Event Invitations for World Boxing Competitions, including Continental Boxing Championships, before distribution or publication.
Rationale	Identifies the approving department, covers Continental Championships explicitly and requires approval before release.

B. Eligibility and Seconds

16. Article 2.3.3: Refugee Boxers and the nationality requirement	
Proposed text	2.3.3. The nationality requirement under Rule 2.3.1 shall not apply to Boxers approved to compete under the refugee provisions of Rule 2.4. At World Boxing Competitions, these Boxers shall compete under the World Boxing flag as members of the Refugee Boxing Team (RBT), rather than representing their host country of residence. Their eligibility and entry shall be governed by Rule 2.4.
Proposal	Exempt Boxers approved under the refugee provisions of Article 2.4 from the nationality requirement, and confirm that they compete under the World Boxing flag as the Refugee Boxing Team (RBT).
Rationale	The current text duplicates Article 2.3.1 and could imply that refugees represent their host country. The matching cross-reference in Article 2.3.1 is listed in the Annex.

17. Article 3.1.1: Responsibility for Seconds	
Proposed text	3.1.1. Each National Federation shall ensure that the Seconds it appoints possess the skills and knowledge necessary to perform their duties safely and competently and comply with the World Boxing Competition Rules and Code of Conduct. All Seconds at World Boxing Competitions must be registered on the World Boxing Database before being accredited to act as a Second.
Proposal	Keep National Federation responsibility for the competence and conduct of Seconds, remove the reference to certification, and require registration on the World Boxing Database before a Second is accredited.
Rationale	World Boxing has no certification requirement for Seconds, while registration on the World Boxing Database is already required.

18. Article 3.1.5: Drinking water for Seconds	
Proposed text	3.1.5. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) shall provide drinking water in transparent bottles for use in the corners. Seconds shall use only this water when providing water to Boxers during Bouts, including the rest periods between rounds.
Proposal	Require the LOC to supply drinking water in transparent bottles for the corners, and limit Seconds to that water during Bouts and rest periods.
Rationale	Clarifies the type of bottle, the scope of use during Bouts and the LOC's supply obligation.

19. Article 3.1.8: Items carried by Seconds

Proposed text	3.1.8. In addition to items permitted or required elsewhere in these Rules, Seconds may carry ice bags, an enswell (a cooling implement used to manage swelling), gauze pads measuring four (4) inches by four (4) inches, and swabs. These items may only be used in accordance with the treatment restrictions under these Rules.
Proposal	State the gauze size in inches, explain what an enswell is, and preserve items permitted or required elsewhere in the Rules.
Rationale	The “4x4” measurement has no unit (confirmed as inches), and “Enswell” is not explained.

20. Article 3.2.2: Seconds and spectators

Proposed text	3.2.2. While in the Field of Play, Seconds shall not use words or gestures to solicit cheering, chanting or other crowd reactions from spectators, or incite spectators to disruptive or hostile behaviour.
Proposal	Prohibit Seconds from using words or gestures to solicit crowd reactions or to incite disruptive or hostile behaviour.
Rationale	Clarifies that active solicitation of crowd reactions is the issue, and replaces “signs” with “gestures”.

21. Article 3.2.3: Conduct of Seconds during a Bout

Proposed text	3.2.3. During a Bout, Seconds shall not leave their designated area or touch the ring except as expressly permitted under these Rules. Seconds shall not use offensive language or address the Technical Officials, the opposing Boxer or the opposing Boxer’s Seconds.
Proposal	Remove the prohibition on clapping and keep exceptions for duties permitted elsewhere in the Rules, such as attending the Boxer between rounds and signalling retirement.
Rationale	The current wording could prevent Seconds from carrying out duties permitted elsewhere in the Rules.

22. Article 3.2.5: Cameras and devices in the Field of Play

Proposed text	3.2.5. Seconds shall not use cameras or electronic communication devices, or wear smartwatches, while in the Field of Play. Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to, smartphones, tablets, two-way radios, headsets and earpieces.
Proposal	Update the examples of prohibited devices and prohibit Seconds from wearing any smartwatch in the Field of Play.
Rationale	A prohibition on all smartwatches avoids checking each device function by function.

C. Entries and Event Administration

23. Article 5.1.6: Team entry documents

Proposed text	<p>5.1.6. National Federations shall ensure that all Team entries comply with the requirements specified in the Event Invitation and applicable World Boxing rules and policies. Required documents shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A copy of each Boxer's passport or, where applicable, refugee identification document; b) The World Boxing Code of Conduct and Conditions of Participation, signed by each Team Member. Both documents may be digitally signed and uploaded to the World Boxing Registration Database; c) A Medical Certificate for each Boxer, duly stamped and signed by the relevant medical authority and dated no more than ninety (90) days before the date on which the Boxer attends the Boxing Entries Check; d) A Declaration of Non-Pregnancy signed by every Woman Boxer, including those under eighteen (18), and dated no more than thirty (30) days before the date on which the Boxer attends the Boxing Entries Check. For Boxers under eighteen (18), the declaration must also be countersigned by a parent or legal guardian; and e) Any additional documents required under applicable World Boxing rules and policies. <p>The Event Invitation shall specify the submission deadlines, submission method and document verification requirements.</p>
Proposal	Add the Conditions of Participation and allow digital signature and upload; set the Medical Certificate at ninety (90) days and the Declaration of Non-Pregnancy at thirty (30) days before the Boxer attends the Boxing Entries Check; include Women Boxers under eighteen (18) explicitly, with countersignature by a parent or legal guardian.
Rationale	Measuring validity against the Boxer's Entries Check gives a fixed reference date. The amendment also reflects digital submission through the World Boxing Registration Database and protects Boxers under eighteen (18).

24. Article 5.1.14.2 / 5.1.15: Entry deadlines

Proposed text	<p>5.1.14.2. Final entries shall include the confirmed names of all Boxers and other Team Members participating in the event. All final entries must be submitted by the Final Entry Deadline stipulated in the Event Invitation, which shall specify the deadline date, time and time zone.</p> <p>5.1.15. World Boxing shall approve the Preliminary and Final Entry Deadlines in consultation with the LOC. The approved deadlines shall be specified in the Event Invitation. The Preliminary Entry Deadline may differ from that specified in Rule 5.1.14.1 where approved by World Boxing. All other entry requirements under these Rules shall continue to apply.</p>
Proposal	Remove the fixed seven (7) day Final entries requirement; the Final Entry Deadline is stipulated in the Event Invitation with date, time and time zone. World Boxing approves the Preliminary and Final Entry Deadlines in consultation with the LOC, and may vary the Preliminary Entry Deadline in Article 5.1.14.1.
Rationale	Clarifies the process currently in use: World Boxing, and not the LOC on request, sets the entry deadlines. This replaces the earlier proposal on these articles.

25. Article 5.1.17: Substitutions after the Final Entry Deadline

Proposed text	5.1.17. After the Final Entry Deadline stipulated in the Event Invitation, substitutions of Boxers may only be made with the express approval of the World Boxing Sport Department, in consultation with the Technical Delegate. The replacement Boxer must satisfy all applicable eligibility and entry requirements and complete the Boxing Entries Check before the Official Draw. No substitutions shall be permitted after the Official Draw.
Proposal	Keep the rule, but give approval of substitutions after the Final Entry Deadline to the World Boxing Sport Department, in consultation with the Technical Delegate. The replacement Boxer must meet all eligibility and entry requirements and complete the Boxing Entries Check, and no substitutions are allowed after the Official Draw.
Rationale	Deadlines should be managed by the World Boxing office, as with any registration deadline, and this avoids exposing the Technical Delegate to political pressure over substitutions. It replaces the earlier proposal to remove the rule, which would have left no approval route or cut-off. Alignment of reserve substitutions under Article 5.2.6 is listed in the Annex.

26. Article 5.1.19: Withdrawals and fines

Proposed text	5.1.19. National Federations may withdraw a Boxer without a fine by notifying the World Boxing Sport Department in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the Official Draw. After this deadline, a National Federation shall be fined EUR 50 for each Boxer confirmed in its final entries who withdraws or fails to attend, unless World Boxing accepts a valid reason supported by evidence where requested. The exact withdrawal deadline shall be specified in the Event Invitation.
Proposal	Allow National Federations to withdraw a Boxer without a fine up to fourteen (14) days before the Official Draw, with the exact deadline in the Event Invitation. After that, the EUR 50 fine per Boxer applies to late withdrawals and no-shows unless World Boxing accepts a valid reason.
Rationale	Gives National Federations a clear withdrawal window and allows for genuine reasons, while keeping the fine for late withdrawals and no-shows.

27. Article 5.2.2: Failure to present documents

Proposed text	5.2.2. Failure to provide the required valid documents at the Boxing Entries Check may result in the exclusion of the Team Member concerned from the Competition.
Proposal	Refer to the exclusion of the Team Member concerned, keeping “may” so that discretion is retained.
Rationale	Identifies the affected individual while keeping the rule concise.

28. Article 5.2.5: Documents at the Boxing Entries Check

Proposed text	<p>5.2.5. To confirm entries at the Boxing Entries Check, teams must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A passport or refugee identification document for each Boxer; b) A duly completed Boxer's Record Book for each Boxer; c) Signed Conditions of Participation and World Boxing Code of Conduct for each Team Member. Both documents may be digitally signed and uploaded to the World Boxing Registration Database; d) A Medical Certificate for each Boxer, duly stamped and signed by the relevant medical authority and dated no more than ninety (90) days before the date on which the Boxer attends the Boxing Entries Check; e) A Declaration of Non-Pregnancy signed by every Woman Boxer, including those under eighteen (18), and dated no more than thirty (30) days before the date on which the Boxer attends the Boxing Entries Check. For Boxers under eighteen (18), the declaration must also be countersigned by a parent or legal guardian; f) Sex certification as required under the World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy; g) One set of Boxers' uniforms; and h) Any additional documents or items required by the Event Invitation.
Proposal	Align the list with Article 5.1.6, keep the Conditions of Participation, and add the World Boxing Code of Conduct and sex certification under the World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy.
Rationale	Keeps the entry documents consistent across Articles 5.1.6 and 5.2.5 and reflects the World Boxing Sex Eligibility Policy dated 20 August 2025.

29. Article 5.3.1: Technical Meeting

Proposed text	<p>5.3.1. The Technical Meeting shall be led by the Technical Delegate and provide an opportunity for World Boxing and the LOC to present key event and competition information, and for team representatives to ask questions and address event-related issues. It will take place after the Boxing Entries Check and before the Official Draw.</p>
Proposal	Name the Technical Delegate as the meeting lead and require the meeting to take place after the Boxing Entries Check and before the Official Draw, removing the default-timing exception.
Rationale	Removes ambiguity about who runs the meeting and when it takes place.

30. Article 5.4.2: Timing of the Official Boxers' Draw

Proposed text	<p>5.4.2. The Official Boxers' Draw shall take place after the Technical Meeting and be completed no later than the day before the first day of competition. The date and time shall be specified in the Event Invitation.</p>
Proposal	Require the Draw to be completed no later than the day before the first day of competition, with the date and time specified in the Event Invitation, and remove the Event Invitation exception.
Rationale	"By the evening prior to the first Bout" is vague.

31. Article 5.5.1: Publication of the Competition Schedule

Proposed text	5.5.1. Following the Official Boxers' Draw, the Technical Delegate shall approve the Competition Schedule, which shall then be published by the official scoring provider.
Proposal	Assign publication of the Competition Schedule to the official scoring provider rather than the LOC. Technical Delegate approval is retained.
Rationale	Aligns the rule with the intended publication route while keeping Technical Delegate approval.

32. Article 5.6.4: Weigh-in attire and Boxers under 18

Proposed text	5.6.4. Boxers shall weigh in wearing only underwear or naked. Boxers under eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the weigh-in must wear underwear and shall not weigh in naked. The weight displayed on the scales shall be the Boxer's official weight.
Proposal	Prohibit naked weigh-ins for Boxers under eighteen (18) years of age, using the Boxer's actual age on the date of the weigh-in.
Rationale	Safeguarding of minors.

33. Article 5.6.7: Calibration of scales

Proposed text	5.6.7. Electronic scales shall be used for all Test Scales and Daily Weigh-ins. All scales shall be calibrated in their operating location and checked for accuracy and consistency before each weigh-in session. Scales moved after calibration must be recalibrated before further use.
Proposal	Require scales to be calibrated in their operating location, checked for accuracy and consistency before each weigh-in session, and recalibrated if moved.
Rationale	The current rule does not require routine checks or say what happens if scales are moved after calibration.

34. Article 5.6.10: Witnessing and cross-checking weights

Proposed text	5.6.10. Each Boxer's weigh-in must be witnessed, and the final weight cross-checked, by two (2) individuals appointed by the Technical Delegate.
Proposal	Require both individuals appointed by the Technical Delegate to witness the weigh-in as well as cross-check the final weight.
Rationale	Strengthens the integrity of the official weight.

D. Officiating and Bout Procedures

35. Article 7.4.6: Defective Scoring System

Proposed text	7.4.6. If at any time during the course of a Bout, the Scoring System becomes defective, the Judges must use a scorecard to manually input their score after each round. The Referee will collect all five (5) Judges' scorecards with the names of the Judges and will give them to the Deputy Technical Delegate after each round.
Proposal	Update the wording for clarity.
Rationale	Clarifies the process that is currently in use.

36. Article 8.2.3: Referee check of uniforms and equipment

Proposed text	8.2.3. Once the Boxers have entered the ring, the Referee checks if the Boxers are wearing appropriate uniforms and boxing equipment per these Rules.
Proposal	Grammatical adjustment ("Boxer" corrected to "Boxers").
Rationale	Grammatical adjustment.

37. Article 8.3.15: Injury where the cause was not seen

Proposed text	<p>8.3.15. If a Boxer incurs an injury and the Referee did not see the cause of injury, the Referee requests the opinion of each of the five (5) Judges to see whether all or a majority have seen a foul or a scoring blow. The Referee then makes one of the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen a scoring blow, the decision will be Referee Stops Contest – Injury (RSC-I). • Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an intentional foul, the decision will be Disqualification (DSQ). • Where all or a majority of the Judges have seen an unintentional foul, the decision will be in accordance with the Judges’ scorecards – Winner on Points (WP). • Where all or a majority of the Judges have not seen the cause of the injury, the Referee must consult the Ringside Doctor to determine if this is a self-inflicted injury or not. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If it is determined by the Ringside Doctor that this injury is self-inflicted, the decision will be Referee Stops Contest – Injury (RSC-I). – If it is determined by the Ringside Doctor that this injury is not self-inflicted, the decision will be in accordance with the Judges’ scorecards – Winner on Points (WP). • If World Boxing approved video technology is available, any cause of injury not seen by the Referee must be validated via video.
Proposal	Add a procedure for the scenario in which none, or not a majority, of the Judges have seen a scoring blow or an intentional or unintentional foul. The Referee consults the Ringside Doctor to determine whether the injury is self-inflicted, and the decision follows from that determination. Wording is also added to cover future video technology.
Rationale	It is a likely scenario that neither the Referee nor the Judges can determine what caused an injury, and the current rule has no process for it. It is fair that, if the cause cannot be determined, the boxer ahead on points wins the contest. Video technology wording prepares the rule for future use of approved technology.

38. Article 8.10.3 / 8.10.4: Recovery time after a low blow

Proposed text	<p>8.10.3. The Referee gives a maximum of one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds (ninety (90) seconds) for the offended Boxer to recover if the Boxer is unfit to continue following the initial Eight Count.</p> <p>8.10.4. After a low blow, if the Referee conducts an Eight Count due to complaints by the offended Boxer about the severity of the low blow, then gives one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds (ninety (90) seconds) for the Boxer to recover, the Referee will have two further (2) options: <i>(options unchanged)</i></p>
Proposal	Express the time limit consistently, with numerals in brackets: “one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds (ninety (90) seconds)”.
Rationale	Consistency.

39. Article 8.11.8: Fouls not seen by the Referee

Proposed text	8.11.8. If the Referee has any reason to believe that a foul has been committed that the Referee has not seen, the Referee may consult the ringside Judges. If World Boxing approved video technology is available, any foul that has not been seen by the Referee must be validated via video.
Proposal	Add wording to cover future video technology.
Rationale	Prepares the rule for the future use of World Boxing approved video technology.

40. Article 9.1.4.1: Tie-break after a point deduction

Proposed text	9.1.4.1. If a Judge's total scores are tied at the end of a Bout because of a point deduction, the Judge must award the Bout to the boxer who won the majority of rounds on their own scorecard.
Proposal	Create a rule to clarify how a Judge breaks a tie when it results from a warning (point deduction).
Rationale	There are no official rules explaining how a Judge should break a tie whenever a warning has been given by the Referee.

41. Article 9.6.3: Medal eligibility after disqualification for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

Proposed text	9.6.3. If a Boxer is disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, the result will render the boxer ineligible to receive a medal. If both Boxers are disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour, neither Boxer will be eligible for a medal.
Proposal	Update to clarify that a Boxer disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behaviour is ineligible to receive a medal, as is the case when both Boxers are disqualified.
Rationale	The Competition Rules only mention the consequences of Unsportsmanlike Behaviour when both boxers are disqualified, and do not state the same consequences when one boxer is disqualified.

E. Technical Officials and R&J Procedures**42. Article 6.4.1: Dress code for Referees and Judges**

Proposed text	6.4.1. Referees and Judges must wear the following attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White, short-sleeved, sport collared shirt, tucked into trousers; • Black trousers (no denim); • Black sport shoes (no heels); • Surgical gloves.
Proposal	Removal of the bow tie and the button-down formal collared shirt (including the exception for long sleeves) from the dress code.
Rationale	World Boxing has purposely used sport (polo) shirts for R&Js, to distinguish itself from other organizations. Bow ties are no longer used, and long-sleeved shirts have never been used (the long-sleeve provision was an old rule put in place to hide tattoos).

43. Article 10.3.2: Neutrality of the Technical Delegate

Proposed text	10.3.2. The TD may not be a national of the country where a World Boxing Competition is taking place and must be from a different continent in Elite Continental Qualifiers or Elite Continental Championships.
Proposal	Make the Technical Delegate the most neutral of the Technical Officials.
Rationale	Broader neutrality for the Technical Delegate. Currently, in the Technical Official selection process, this is a criterion for Elite Continental Championships.

44. Article 10.4.2: Neutrality of the Deputy Technical Delegate and Draw Commissioner

Proposed text	10.4.2. The DTD may not be a national of the country where a World Boxing Competition is taking place. The DTD must also hold a different nationality and a different place of birth than the appointed TD and Draw Commissioner, unless specified otherwise by Event Rules. <i>Note: a separate proposal is to remove all references to “Event Rules” from the Competition Rules (26 mentions), as no Event Rules or definition currently exist. See proposal 53 in the summary of proposals.</i>
Proposal	Add the Draw Commissioner position to the neutrality requirements.
Rationale	Together with Article 10.3.2, the TD, DTD and Draw Commissioner should hold different nationalities. This group of Technical Officials works closely together (with the DTD as a back-up whenever there is a conflict) and should be balanced for neutrality. The DTD and all other Technical Official positions are overseen by the TD, so the same neutrality restrictions need not be as strict for them. In addition, the current DTD selection pool is not large enough to enforce these filters.

45. Article 10.7.9: Lead R&J Evaluator

Proposed text	10.7.9. The Lead R&J Evaluator is an R&J Evaluator selected to be the spokesperson of the R&J Evaluators. This position is responsible for ensuring the group is following guidelines, communicating feedback on behalf of the group during all meetings with R&Js and other TOs.
Proposal	Grammatical adjustment (“meeting” corrected to “meetings”).
Rationale	Grammatical adjustment.

46. Article 11.1.2: R&J Sanctions & Filters Meeting

Proposed text	11.1.2. Prior to the start of each Session during the daily R&J Sanctions & Filters Meeting, the Draw Commissioner and Technical Delegate will be informed by the Lead R&J Evaluator of any names to be withdrawn from the R&J pool for the Sessions of the current day.
Proposal	Grammatical adjustment (“the” added before “start”).
Rationale	Grammatical adjustment.

47. Article 11.1.6: R&J draw timing: first Session of the day

Proposed text	11.1.6. Ninety (90) minutes before the start of the first Session of the day, and no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) minutes , the Scoring System Operator will input all requested filters and withdrawals, and then draw the R&Js for that Session.
Proposal	Set the earliest time to start the draw at 120 minutes and the latest at 90 minutes before the Session.
Rationale	Safeguards against an R&J draw being produced too early in the day. For example, in a competition with three Sessions, the draw for the last Session should not be produced during the first Session of the day.

48. Article 11.1.9: R&J draw timing: subsequent Sessions

Proposed text	11.1.9. For all subsequent Sessions the same day, the Scoring System Operator will input all requested filters and withdrawals that were communicated in advance of the first Session of the day, and will then draw the R&Js for the next Session at least ninety (90) minutes before the start and not earlier than one hundred twenty (120) minutes before the start of the Session .
Proposal	Set the same standard for all R&J draws, as in Article 11.1.6, replacing the previous timing of fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the previous Session.
Rationale	Applies one consistent timing standard to all R&J draws.

F. Equipment

49. Article 13.2.6.1: Alternative finger tape for professional handwraps

Proposed text	13.2.6.1. Alternative finger tape provision: in the event that 1.25 cm × 13 m zinc oxide tape is unavailable, 2.5 cm zinc oxide tape may be used in its place only where the tape is split longitudinally to approximately 1.25 cm width. This substitution is permitted solely with the prior inspection and approval of both the Equipment Manager and the appointed Cut Technician.
Proposal	Add an option to use 2.5 cm tape where the 1.25 cm × 13 m tape specified in Article 13.2.6 for use between the fingers is unavailable.
Rationale	Suppliers do not always have 1.25 cm tape. World Boxing orders 2.5 cm tape and splits it back of house. The update clarifies and allows the steps that are currently taking place.

50. Article 13.5.1: Competition Uniforms Specifications

Proposed text	13.5.1. At least seventy-five per cent (75%) of the visible outer surface of each garment, being the vest and shorts or skirt, must be red or blue, corresponding to the Boxer's allocated corner, unless otherwise specified in a World Boxing sanctioned Event Invitation. The contrasting waistband is excluded from this calculation.
Proposal	Specify the amount of color on the competition uniform.
Rationale	To make the uniform color requirement clearer and more consistent at boxing entries check.

51. Article 13.5.7 13.5.8: Competition Uniforms Specifications

Proposed text	<p>13.5.7. The country flag or National Federation emblem may be displayed only once on the vest, on either side of the chest, and only once on the shorts or skirt, on either front leg. Each marking must not exceed 50 cm². The manufacturer's identification may be printed, embroidered or sewn onto the vest, shorts or skirt, socks and footwear, and must not interfere with the other elements identifying the National Federation, such as the flag. For the purposes of these Rules, a National Federation emblem is the official logo or crest of a National Federation affiliated to World Boxing, as submitted to the World Boxing Registration Database. These requirements apply unless otherwise specified in a World Boxing sanctioned Event Invitation or superseded by the applicable uniform and advertising regulations of the Olympic Games or another multi-sport Games.</p> <p>13.5.8. The manufacturer's identification may be displayed only once on the vest, on either side of the chest, and only once on the shorts or skirt, on either front leg. Each marking must not exceed 30 cm². Where both the manufacturer's identification and country flag or National Federation emblem are displayed, they must occupy opposite sides of the chest or opposite front legs respectively. These requirements apply unless otherwise specified in the Event Rules or superseded by the applicable uniform and advertising regulations of the Olympic Games or another multi-sport Games.</p>
Proposal	Allow the flag/NF emblem and manufacturer logo to switch sides of the chest and front legs of the shorts/skirt. Where both appear, they must be on opposite sides. Each may appear only once per garment.
Rationale	Create flexibility for teams that deal with different uniform manufactures.

52. Article 13.5.15 13.5.16: Competition Uniforms Specifications

Proposed text	<p>13.5.15. The World Boxing logo may be displayed once on the waistband, at either the centre front or centre back. Display is optional. Where displayed, the logo must retain its official proportions, fit entirely within the waistband and not obscure its contrasting appearance. Its dimensions must comply with the World Boxing Uniform Guidelines.</p> <p>13.5.16. Teams may refer to the World Boxing Uniform Regulations Manual, when published, for illustrations and guidance on applying these Rules. The Manual must be consistent with these Rules. In the event of any discrepancy, these Rules prevail.</p>
Proposal	To create a World Boxing Uniform Regulations Manual.
Rationale	<p>Prevent NF's from failing uniform checks at competitions but also enhance the opportunities to create new designs of uniforms whilst keeping within the rules.</p> <p>Give NF's the opportunity to display the World Boxing logo on the uniform and clearly represent World Boxing.</p>

53. Articles with the mention of Event Rules	
Proposed text	Remove “Event Rules”
Proposal	<p>Remove “Event Rules” wherever mentioned. “Event Invitation” can be used in some areas where flexibility is acceptable.</p> <p>Update with “Event Invitation” to the following articles:</p> <p>1.1.1. World Boxing Competitions generally use a single-elimination format. Where suitable, different competition formats can be considered by the World Boxing Executive Board (such as double elimination or reperchage, round robin, plate, YOG format, etc.), the details of which are to be specified in a World Boxing sanctioned Event Invitation.</p> <p>5.1.5. Only one Boxer per Weight Category per country is allowed to compete, unless otherwise specified in a World Boxing sanctioned Event Invitation.</p> <p>5.2.3. The dates of the Boxing Entries Check Meetings are communicated closer to the Competition dates in accordance with a World Boxing sanctioned Event Invitation.</p>
Rationale	Event rules don’t exist and only competition rules are used to determine regulations.