

Final Report
of the
Vetting Panel
2026 World Boxing Elections

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Members of the Vetting Panel

The Vetting Panel (“VP”) was established in accordance with Article 11.5 of the World Boxing Statutes:

“The Vetting Panel is made up of up to three (3) persons appointed by the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. Members of the Vetting Panel must not have any link with Boxing and the candidates. The Vetting Panel will act in accordance with the Rules for Electoral Voting.”

Prior to beginning the vetting work, the three (3) members signed a declaration of independence in relation to the sport of Boxing and the candidates.

The VP was composed of the following members:

Ms Ana Tuiketui (Vetting Panel Chair)
Mr Jonny Gray
Dr Dominic Katter

Background

In November 2026, World Boxing (“WB”) will hold a Congress in Panama, which will include elections for the open Office-Bearing Positions of the Vice President, the Executive Board, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, Chair of the Sports and Competition Committee, Chair of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee. The Office-Bearing Positions for the WB elections are:

Two (2) Vice Presidents
Three (3) Executive Board Members
One (1) Chair - Audit and Finance Committee
One (1) Chair - Sports and Competition Committee
One (1) Chair - Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.

Article 11.4 of the WB Statutes (adopted and put into effect on 1 July 2026) provides that to be eligible for election to an Office-Bearing Position, appointment as an official, or continuation in office, a candidate must meet all eligibility requirements and comply with the Conduct of Candidates for Election Rules.

Article 11.4 additionally provides that determination as to whether individual candidates are eligible is to be made by the VP which shall take into account the provisions of Article 11.6 (see below) in deciding whether to approve individual candidates.

VP Mandate

The VP carried out its vetting and approval process in accordance with the duties, powers, functions and responsibilities set out in the Terms of Reference and all relevant provisions of the WB Statutes. In particular, the VP was apprised of the following:

Article 11.6

“A candidate will be ineligible if the individual:

- i. is under 18 years old or above 75 years old at the time of the opening of the voting, with the exception that a maximum of two (2) individuals above the age limit may be elected;*
- ii. is a member of staff of World Boxing;*
- iii. has had a legal conviction by any Relevant Authority for fraud, embezzlement, theft, threatening or actual violence or other serious crimes;*
- iv. has had any anti-doping violations at any time;*
- v. has been removed or expelled from office by Congress;*
- vi. is under investigation or has been sanctioned for any breach of the Code of Ethics or any Rules and Policies;*
- vii. has been subject to bankruptcy at any time;*
- viii. has been a disqualified director of a company determined by a Relevant Authority; or*
- ix. is otherwise prevented from holding such position by law.”*

Article 11.7

“The Vetting Panel will determine the eligibility of candidates.”

Article 11.8

“Any decision of the Vetting Panel must be provided in writing with reasoning to the candidate with a copy to the Secretary General.”

Article 11.9

“The decision of the Vetting Panel is final and subject to any right of appeal within the 30 days of the election.”

Candidates

The VP has now completed a comprehensive vetting and approval process regarding the 17 candidates for WB Office-Bearing Positions to be elected at the 2026 Congress, of which there were:

- Seven (7) candidates for Vice President
- Eleven (11) candidates for the Executive Board
- One (1) candidate for Chair - Audit and Finance Committee
- Three (3) candidates for Chair - Sports and Competition Committee
- Two (2) candidates for Chair - Medical and Anti-Doping Committee

VP Independence and Methodology

The VP performed its mandate independently of WB, with efficient and highly professional support provided by Sport Resolutions in London, United Kingdom, which served as the Secretariat to the VP. The VP members were appointed by WB on 30 July 2026 and have met

on six (6) occasions to deliberate before completing this Final Report. All meetings were held virtually.

In accordance with its mandate, the VP considered, discussed and assessed very thoroughly every document, statement and explanation submitted by the candidates and the nominating WB National Federations, pursuant to the letter and instructions sent by the WB Secretary General in August 2026 calling for candidates for election.

The VP obtained information from the World Anti-Doping Agency. In addition, as provided for in Section 13 of the Candidate Nomination Form, the VP retained the services of Sport Radar as external service provider to assist with the vetting process within the scope of its mandate.

In exercising its remit to determine the eligibility of candidates for the positions as Vice President, members of the Executive Board or Chair of a Committee, the VP was guided by the applicable provisions of the WB Statutes, in particular the general eligibility criteria set out in Article 11.6, as well as the WB Ethics and the WB Election Process and Voting Regulations. The VP also had regard to the nature and responsibilities of the position or office sought by each candidate.

When the VP, during its assessment, determined that additional information was required, it gave each relevant candidate the opportunity to respond. All submissions then received were reviewed and considered by the VP before final determinations were made.

The VP's determinations for the 2026 WB elections are set out in this Final Report.

Section 1: ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Every candidate in this section has been found to have met the eligibility requirements and is approved by the VP.

It should be noted that some candidates applied for more than one position. Unless noted specifically to the contrary, a candidate found to have met eligibility requirements is eligible for election to all positions for which they have applied.

(1) Eligible Candidates for election to an Office-Bearing Position:

Vice President

- István "Koko" Kovács (HUN)
- Shohid Tillaboev (UZB)
- Matthew Holt (UK)
- Pavel Hynek (CZE)
- Dondua Mariami (GEO)
- Rauan Igenev (KAZ)
- Nayef Al Hashim (JOR)

Executive Board Member

- Bo Han (CH)
- István "Koko" Kovács (HUN)
- Matthew Holt (UK)
- Pavel Hynek (CZE)
- Marcos Brito (BRA)
- Ali Takleef Shaheed (IRQ)
- Kit Long Lou (MAC)
- Ahmed Jarnaz (LBY)
- Rauan Igenev (KAZ)

Chair – Audit and Finance Committee

- Richard Brooke (UK)

Chair – Sports and Competition Committee

- Pavel Hynek (CZE)
- Kit Long Lou (MAC)
- Rauan Igenev (KAZ)

Chair – Medical and Anti-Doping Committee

- Ingrid Carter (USA)
- Ed Van Wijk (NED)

Section 2: INELIGIBLE CANDIDATE

All candidates listed in this Section 2 do not meet the eligibility criteria. Therefore, they are ineligible for election at the 2026 WB Congress.

(1) Ineligible candidate for election to a position on the WB Executive Board

- Ajay Singh

The VP proceeded in accordance with the Terms of Reference and extent of its remit. In particular, the Terms of Reference, whilst requiring the VP to consider information that may have rendered a candidate ineligible, specifically prohibited the VP from investigating whether the assessed conduct did or did not occur, beyond what was necessary in the context of eligibility. The Terms of Reference also made it clear that the remit of the VP did not extend to assessing the legality, validity or enforceability of either the criteria or the WB Statutes, codes and/or policies.

In the course of its consideration, the VP afforded Mr Singh an opportunity to respond to its queries, which he did by providing further information and clarification. The VP was grateful for his engagement and the additional material provided and, having considered the entirety of the evidence submitted, weighed and discussed that evidence in reaching its conclusions.

In its opinion, while the VP has taken all of the eligibility criteria into account, it considered the criteria set out in Article 11.5(vi) of the WB Statutes and Article 1 of the World Boxing Ethics and Judicial Procedure Rules to be of particular significance in assessing Mr Singh's candidature. Those provisions state:

Article 11.5(vi) of the WB Statutes:

"A candidate will be ineligible if the individual:

[...]

vi. is under investigation or has been sanctioned for any breach of the Code of Ethics or any Rules and Policies."

[...]

Article 1 of the World Boxing Ethics and Judicial Procedure Rules:

"All World Boxing constituents and its staff restate their commitment to the higher level of respect of the ethical principles of the Olympic Movement as defined by the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics.

Therefore, they all abide to respect the World Boxing Code of Ethics in any circumstances and to undertake to disseminate the culture of ethics, integrity and compliance within their respective areas of competence and to serve as role models.

The VP has considered the evidence before it and identified two related but distinct concerns. First, the VP considered the non-disclosure of material information to be significant. Second,

the VP considered whether candidate Ajay Singh satisfied the applicable standards of integrity and good standing.

In considering Article 11.5(vi), the VP thoroughly reviewed the information and evidence provided by the candidate in his Candidate Nomination Form, and was unanimously satisfied that Ajay Singh had not fully disclosed sufficient particulars or material facts concerning all investigations and legal processes involving him by Relevant Authorities. Having considered Mr Singh's responses to the VP's follow-up questions, the VP remained of the view that significant uncertainty persisted as to the status of those investigations and legal processes.

Therefore, the VP decided, on the basis of Article 11.5(vi) of the WB Statutes and Article 1 of the WB Ethics & Judicial Procedure Rules, that candidate Ajay Singh is ineligible to be a candidate for election to an Office-Bearing Position of the WB Executive Board.

For all the above reasons, the VP determines the cessation of the candidature of Ajay Singh given he failed to meet the eligibility criteria to be appointed an Official or be elected to an Office-Bearing Position for WB.

Section 3: UNVETTED CANDIDATES

The candidate listed in this Section 3 was not vetted by the VP, given the candidate was not considered a candidate.

(1) Unvetted Candidate

- Cyprien Tamo Tamo

Under Article 6.12(vi) of the WB Statutes, Full Members in good standing may submit nominations for an Office-Bearing Position.

While Mr Tamo Tamo's application was supported by his National Federation, that Federation was not in good standing at the relevant time and therefore did not have the right to submit nominations under Article 6.12(vi) as applicable. Accordingly, the VP determined that Mr Tamo Tamo could not be admitted to the vetting process.

As Mr Tamo Tamo was not admitted to the vetting process, the VP did not assess his eligibility or make any determination as to the merits or substance of his candidacy. Its determination was limited to his admissibility for vetting in light of the status of his National Federation at the relevant time.

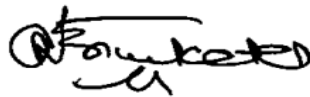
Section 4: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE VETTING EXERCISE

During the vetting exercise, the VP identified a number of instances in which further information or clarification was required in relation to declarations of interest before the VP could satisfy itself as to the completeness and relevance of the information disclosed.

In light of these observations, the VP recommends that WB establish a clear and consistent process for declarations of interest by Office-Bearers, including a sufficiently detailed requirement to disclose all material interests and to provide further information or clarification where requested. Office-Bearers should also be required to notify WB of any material changes to their declarations.

Final decision

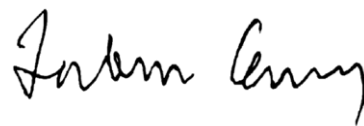
In accordance with Article 11.9 of WB Statutes, all decisions related to the eligible, ineligible and unvetted candidates made by the Vetting Panel in this Final Report shall be final and subject to any right of appeal within 30 days of the election.



Ana Tuiketēi (Vetting Panel Chair)



Dominic Katter



Jonny Gray

18 September 2026

Appendix - Table of Eligible Candidates