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International Boxing Association (IBA): Creating Legends Since 1991

Building Boxing History, Championing Excellence

Since 1991, the International Boxing Association (IBA) has dedicated itself to promoting the finest standards of professional boxing. Founded by former MLB pitcher Dean Chance, the IBA has been a trailblazer in awarding titles and providing a prestigious platform for athletes to showcase their talent on a global stage.

The IBA's new era, launched in 2017 under the leadership of Jean-Christophe Courreges, legendary referee Steve Smoger, boxing visionary Stéphane Cabrera, and broadcaster Jean-Philippe Lustyk, marked a period of renewed ambition and commitment. Together, they have continued to strengthen the organization's legacy, promoting champions that inspire millions.

A Legacy of Iconic Champions

The IBA has crowned champions who have become legends in their own right, defining generations with their talent and sportsmanship. Some of the IBA's most celebrated champions include:

- **Floyd Mayweather Jr.**
- **Oscar De La Hoya**
- **Arturo Gatti**
- **Bernard Hopkins**
- **Sugar Shane Mosley**
- **Oliver McCall**
- **Calvin Brock**
- **Mike Weaver**
- **Beibut Shumenov**
- **Roy Jones Jr.**
- **Fernando Vargas**
- **Antonio Tarver**
- **Roberto Duran**
- **Glen Johnson**

- **George Foreman**
- **Laila Ali**
- **Mia St. John**
- **Holly Holm**
- **Teresa Perozzi**
- **James Toney**
- **Diego Corrales**
- **Mikkel Kessler**
- **Joel Casamayor**
- **Jose Luis Castillo**
- **Orlando Canizales**
- **Robert Daniel**
- **Mairis Briedis**
- **Sergey Kovalev**

...and many others who have brought honor and excitement to the sport.

Recognizing the Future of Boxing: Rising IBA Champions

Today, the IBA is proud to promote an impressive array of talent, many of whom are making their mark on the world stage. The current generation of IBA champions includes:

- **Daud Yordan** (Indonesia)
- **Matt Conway** (USA)
- **Flavius Biea** (Romania)
- **Muhammad Farkhan** (Malaysia)
- **Nutlai Lalbiakima** (India)
- **Mairis Briedis** (Latvia)
- **Curtis Stevens** (USA)
- **Otto Gamez** (Panama)
- **Ongen Saknosiwi** (Indonesia)
- **Eleider Alvarez** (Colombia)
- **Niko Hernandez** (USA)
- **Laureen Eagle** (Australia)
- **Arturs Gorlovs** (Latvia)
- **David "Popeye" Martinez** (Mexico)
- **Tim-Robin Lihaug** (Norway)
- **Vahram Vardanyan** (Armenia)
- **Ema Kozin** (Slovenia)
- **Lolenga Mock** (DR Congo)

- **Murodjon Yokubov** (Uzbekistan)
- **Nicolas Grisunins** (Latvia)
- **Musheg Adoian** (Armenia)
- **Eswaran Murali** (Malaysia)
- **Yedil Kozhamberdiyev** (Kazakhstan)
- **Youssef Doumbia** (Ivory Coast)
- **Mohammed Abedeen** (Guyana)
- **Anthony Marsella Jr.** (USA)
- **Brandon Cook** (Canada)
- **John Thompson** (USA)
- **Eric Moon** (USA)
- **Andrej Podusovs** (Latvia)
- **Carlouse Welch** (USA)
- **Loic Tajan** (France)
- **Sukhdeep Singh** (Canada)
- **Ihor Magurin** (Ukraine)
- **Ronal Batista** (Panama)
- **Brian Omer** (France)
- **Josue Morales** (USA)
- **Bohdan Sobol** (Ukraine)
- **Kendo Castaneda** (USA)
- **Mikhaïl Taha** (France/Ivory Coast) /
- **Clarice Morales** (USA)
- **Pedro Gomez** (Portugal/Angola) /
- **Nayan Deslion** (France)
- **Abraham Perez** (USA/Mexico) /
- **Kenneth Taylor** (USA)
- **Ralf Vilcans** (Latvia)
- **Steven Stumper** (USA)
- **Kevin Salgado** (Mexico)
- **Yurik Mamedov** (France)
- **Roberto Garcia** (USA)
- **Jan Lodzik** (Poland)
- **Francis Tchoffo** (France)

- **Hebi Marapu** (Indonesia)
- **Tran Van Thao** (Vietnam)
- **Djamal Sharambrlidze** (Georgia)
- **Artjom Ramlavs** (Latvia)
- **Hugo Guarneros** (Mexico)
- **Anael Nguamissengue** (France)
- **Beke Bas** (Germany)
- **Leonie Giebel** (Germany)
- **Josh Wagner** (Canada)
- **Marc Smither** (Canada)
- **Emmeric Dewaelle** (France)
- **Jamin Mercado** (Mexico)
- **Keandrae Letherwood** (USA)
- **Avery Sparrow** (USA)
- **Billel Latreche** (France)
- **Youssef Doumbia** (Ivory Coast)
- **Vimal Punera** (India)
- **Artur Gorlov** (Latvia)
- **Daniel Buciuc** (Romania)
- **Andrei Florian** (Romania)
- **Kalia Attry** (USA)
- **Brian Omer** (France)

...and many more, rising through the ranks, showcasing talent, and bringing pride to the IBA family.

The IBA has always maintained strong relationships with other federations and has frequently co-sanctioned championships with the WBC, WBO, WBA, and IBF. However, the IBA does not recognize interim or silver titles, ensuring full transparency in its championships.

Honoring Champions, Inspiring Future Generations

The IBA's mission extends beyond the ring. The organization champions boxing's core values of resilience, sportsmanship, and excellence, offering a path for athletes to reach the pinnacle of their careers. The IBA's titles symbolize integrity and the unrelenting pursuit of greatness, as its champions continue to inspire future generations of boxing enthusiasts around the world.

IBA: Crafting champions, celebrating legacies, and upholding the spirit of boxing worldwide.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE IBA RULES UNIFORMED CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Date of New Adoption: August 15, 2017

Executive Committee

- JC Courreges, President
- Stephane Cabrera, Vice President
- Jean-Philippe Lustyk, Vice President
- Bruno Wartelle, Ratings Committee Chairman

General Championship Rules

Round Structure

- Men: Each championship contest will consist of twelve (12) rounds, each three (3) minutes in duration, with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.
- Women: Each championship contest will consist of ten (10) rounds, each two (2) minutes in duration, with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.

Referee Authority

- The referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and has the exclusive authority to stop the contest.

Judging System

- Three (3) judges will score each bout, using the 10-Point Must System.

Mandatory Counts and Rules

- A mandatory eight (8) count will follow knockdowns.

- No Standing Eight (8) Count or Three (3) Knockdown Rule.
- If a boxer is knocked out of the ring, they have twenty (20) seconds to return without assistance. Assistance will result in disqualification.
- Boxers cannot be saved by the bell in any round.

Mouthpiece Rule

- A mouthpiece must be worn during competition. The round cannot start without it, and if dislodged, the referee will call time to replace it. Purposeful ejection may result in point deductions.

Injury Protocols

- If a boxer sustains a severe injury from a fair blow, resulting in bout termination, they will lose by TKO.
- Injuries from intentional fouls or accidental fouls are treated distinctly with respective penalties and determinations for bout outcome.

Low Blow Rule

- A fighter hit with an accidental low blow must continue within five (5) minutes or lose the bout.

IBA Ratings Appeal Process

Form and Timing of Appeal

- Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Ratings Committee Chairperson within ten (10) days of ratings publication on the IBA official website.

Appeal Consideration

- Appeals will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, requiring a majority vote for rating adjustments.

Notification of Results

- Complainants will be informed of the appeal outcome in writing within ten (10) days after submission.

IBA Ratings Criteria

Rating Basis

- The IBA's ranking system is based on boxers' win/loss records, level of competition, activity, and adherence to IBA rules. Records for top ten (10) boxers are independently verified through systems like FIGHT FAX, BOXREC, and some national commissions.

Ranking Requirements

- A boxer must have a minimum of six (6) professional fights to qualify for the top ten (10).
- To remain in the top ten (10), a boxer must compete at least once within twelve (12) months and against a top ten (10) opponent within an eighteen (18) month period.
- A boxer losing to an un-rated fighter may be removed from the ratings, with the un-rated opponent considered for ranking.

Special Provisions

- No mandatory title defenses are imposed on IBA world champions.
- Boxers contracted to fight for other titles will be removed from IBA rankings.

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IBA Championship Titles Overview

The International Boxing Association (IBA) sanctions a range of championship titles that cater to different levels of competition for both male and female boxers. Each title is held to strict regulations to ensure fair competition and athlete safety, and the IBA collaborates closely with national commissions to secure their approval for each championship. Below is an overview of the titles sanctioned by the IBA, along with their respective match formats.

IBA Championship Titles by Level

1. **World Championship (Men/Women)**
 - **Men's Format:** 12 rounds of 3 minutes each
 - **Women's Format:** 10 rounds of 2 minutes each
 2. **Intercontinental Championship (Men/Women)**
 - **Men's Format:** 10 or 12 rounds of 3 minutes each
 - **Women's Format:** 8 or 10 rounds of 2 minutes each
 3. **International Championship (Men/Women)**
 - **Men's Format:** 8 or 10 rounds of 3 minutes each
 - **Women's Format:** 8 rounds of 2 minutes each
 4. **Continental Championship (Men/Women)**
 - **Men's Format:** 8 or 10 rounds of 3 minutes each
 - **Women's Format:** 8 rounds of 2 minutes each
 5. **America Championship (Men/Women)**
 - **Men's Format:** 8 or 10 rounds of 3 minutes each
 - **Women's Format:** 8 rounds of 2 minutes each
 6. **Junior/Youth Titles** (introduced this year)
 - **Men's Format:** 8 or 10 rounds of 3 minutes each
 - **Women's Format:** 8 rounds of 2 minutes each
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Professional Weight Categories for Men and Women

The IBA recognizes all traditional weight categories in professional boxing, including an additional category that the IBA pioneered in the 1990s—the Super Cruiserweight division. At that time, this weight class was unique to the IBA, as it did not exist in any other boxing federation, showcasing the IBA’s innovative approach to athlete welfare and competitive structure.

Weight Divisions:

1. Minimumweight
2. Light Flyweight
3. Flyweight
4. Super Flyweight
5. Bantamweight
6. Super Bantamweight
7. Featherweight
8. Super Featherweight
9. Lightweight
10. Super Lightweight
11. Welterweight
12. Super Welterweight
13. Middleweight
14. Super Middleweight
15. Light Heavyweight
16. Cruiserweight
17. Super Cruiserweight (IBA innovation)
18. Heavyweight

Commitment to National Commission Standards

The IBA adheres to the regulatory requirements of national commissions regarding title matches, ensuring that all championships comply with local laws and safety standards. For every championship event, the IBA secures approval from the relevant commission, underscoring its commitment to respecting national regulations and promoting safe, fair competition worldwide.

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IBA Medical Rules and Regulations

1. Anti-Doping Compliance

The IBA adheres strictly to all anti-doping regulations and fully collaborates with all recognized anti-doping agencies worldwide. This includes cooperation with testing protocols, implementation of preventative measures, and enforcement of disciplinary actions against violations. All athletes competing in IBA-sanctioned events are subject to rigorous anti-doping screenings as per the standards set by international agencies.

2. Medical Documentation and Compliance with National Commissions

The IBA respects and upholds the medical processes and documentation requirements established by national commissions. No IBA championship event will proceed without the commission's approval of a full medical statement for all participants. This ensures that every boxer meets the health and fitness standards mandated in the location of the event.

3. Permissible Cornerman Products

The IBA permits a specific selection of products that cornermen can use to treat boxers during a fight. These products are regulated to ensure the safety of the boxers and the integrity of the sport. The authorized products include:

- **Adrenaline** (Epinephrine) 1:1000

Use: This is used to control bleeding, particularly from cuts. It is a diluted adrenaline solution applied directly to the wound to help reduce bleeding by constricting blood vessels.

- **Thrombin**

Use: A coagulant agent that helps stop bleeding quickly. It can be applied as a powder or gel on cuts.

- **Avitene**

Use: Another hemostatic agent used to stop bleeding. It works by promoting clotting at the site of the injury.

- **Gelatin** (Surgicel or equivalents)

Use: Used as a hemostatic agent, this gelatin absorbs blood and promotes clotting to help control bleeding.

- **Vaseline** (Petroleum Jelly)

Use: Applied to protect the skin and reduce the risk of further cuts. It is often applied to the eyebrows, forehead, and other vulnerable areas to minimize friction and protect existing cuts.

- **Cold Compress**(Enswell)

Use: A cold metal tool used to apply pressure to swollen areas, such as the eyes or cheekbones, to reduce swelling. Ice packs can also be used for this purpose.

4. **Prohibitions**

- Anesthetic or Pain-Relieving Medications: Any product that could numb pain or enhance the boxer's performance is strictly prohibited.

- **Non-Approved**Substances: Any product not expressly authorized by the IBA is forbidden.

5. **Monitoring and Enforcement**

The IBA, like other sanctioning bodies, closely monitors the use of these products. They may be inspected by officials before and during the fight to ensure that no banned substances are used. Any violation can result in severe penalties, including the disqualification of the boxer.

6. **Additional Note**

All of these products and practices are always subject to the approval of the national commission where the fight takes place. The IBA emphasizes that the health and safety of all athletes are paramount, and adherence to these regulations is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the sport.

These products authorized by the IBA are designed to effectively manage minor injuries during a fight while ensuring the safety and fairness for both fighters.