

SLOVENIA PROBOXING ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2024



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1. **GENERAL**

1.1 The rules and regulations and the schedules thereto contained herein ("**Rules and Regulations**") are made by the Directors pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company ("**Articles**") and take effect subject to the Articles (as amended or replaced from time to time).

1.2 In the event of any inconsistency between any provision of these Rules and Regulations and any provision of the Articles, the provisions of the Articles shall prevail, and these Rules and Regulations shall be construed accordingly.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

2.1 In these Rules and Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meaning given to them below:

Associate means any person over which they control or any interest in relation to any licence holder;

Board means the Executive Board of Directors of the Company which includes the President, Vice-President, and General Secretary;

Bond means a monetary deposit paid in Euros by the Promoter to the SPA;

Bout means the contest between two Boxers;

Boxer means professional Boxer licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Company means Slovenian Proboxing Association Limited;

Contest means boxing contest;

Controlling Authority means an association, commission, federation, governing body, or other organisation outside the jurisdiction of the SPA which has the authority to grant licences to a Boxer and/or others engaged in the sport of boxing, and to regulate, control and supervise professional boxing in a particular jurisdiction which is recognised by the Board;

Directors means those persons elected pursuant to Articles;

General Counsel means the most senior legal adviser for the time being of the Company;

General Secretary means the corporate secretary for the time being of the Company;

Inspector means a person appointed by the Board to attend Promotions and to carry out duties as specified in Regulation 14 below;

Judge means a person appointed by the

Licence Holder means a person authorised by the SPA to hold a licence as set out in this Regulation;

Manager means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Matchmaker means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Member means a person licensed by the SPA;

Overseas Boxer means a Boxer not a citizen or permanent resident of Slovenia and outside the jurisdiction of the SPA;

Person means any person and includes plural and gender neutral, firm or body, corporate or non-corporate;

Promoter means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Promotion means a boxing event at which one or more contests are staged;

Purse means financial remuneration receivable by a Boxer under the terms of his contract with a Promoter;

Referee means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Registered Office means the registered office of the Company;

Ringmaster and Whip means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

SPA means the Slovenian Proboxing Association;

Second means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Sponsorship Arrangement means any actual, purported, proposed or anticipated agreement or arrangement in any way touching or concerning any Promotion for the purpose of advertising or publicising any product, good, or service;

Sponsorship Benefits means the aggregate of all monies and whichever is the greater of the retail value and open market value of all good, property, service, and other consideration derived by any licence holder or associate from any Sponsorship Arrangement;

Stewards means the persons appointed in accordance with the Articles;

Stewards of Appeal means those persons holding office as such in accordance with the Articles;

Territory means the Republic of Slovenia;

Timekeeper means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations;

Trainer means a person licensed by the SPA in accordance with these Regulations; and

V.A.T. means a Slovenian Government value added tax system with multiple rates.

2.2 The regulation headings are provided for reference only and shall not affect the construction of these Rules and Regulations.

2.3 A reference to Articles, a statute, statutory provision, or subordinated legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time.

2.4 A reference to writing or written includes email but not faxes.

2.5 Any words following the terms including, include, in particular or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

- 2.6 Any Schedule or Appendix form part of these Rules and Regulations and shall have effect as if set out in full in the body of these Rules and Regulations and any reference to these Rules and Regulations includes the Schedule or Appendix.
- 2.7 An obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done.
- 2.8 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and, in the plural, shall include the singular.
- 2.9 Words he, himself, or his refer to all Boxers whether biological born male or biological born female except in instances stated specifically.

3. **RULES OF BOXING**

3.1 The Boxers in any one contest must be engaged at the same weight classification as set out below.

3.2 **Weigh-in**

3.3 The weigh-in shall be conducted in accordance with any directions given from time to time by the Board as set out below.

3.4 Prior to any weigh-in, the Promoter shall notify the Board all arrangements in relation to the weigh-in shall for which the Board shall have power to either approve or disapprove the same.

- (a) All Boxers must weigh-in no less than 24 hours or more than 36 hours before the commencement of a Promotion. Permission may be granted by the Board for Boxers to weigh-in on the day of a Promotion provided that no Boxer reduces weight following the weigh-in which the Board has authority to again test.
- (b) At the weigh-in, Boxers may wear only those items of clothing approved by the official of the SPA in charge at the weigh-in.
- (c) When a Boxer is overweight, he is allowed 1 hour from the time of the weigh-in to achieve the correct weight. If still overweight after such hour, no further weigh-in is allowed.
 - (i) This solely applies to a weigh-in taking place the day before a contest and that no Boxer, as stated in Rule 3.4 (a). is allowed to reduce weight following the weigh-in on the day of a contest.
- (d) The Boxer or his Manager, if directed to do so by the official of the SPA in charge of the weigh-in, shall produce to such official the duly executed Boxer and Promoter contract for the contest.

3.5 **Referee and Timekeeper**

3.6 A Referee and Timekeeper shall be appointed by the Board to officiate at all contests.

3.7 For Slovenian championship contests or other such contest that the Stewards, in their absolute discretion deem appropriate, a supervisor and 3 Judges to score the contests shall also be appointed by the Board.

3.8 **The boxing ring**

3.9 All contests shall be decided in a ring comprising:

- (a) 4-rope ring not less than 4.88 metres (16 foot) and not more than 6.10 metres (20 feet) square and with the ropes joined together in the centre of each side.
- (b) The bottom rope should be no more than 35.5 centimetres (14 inches) from the floor of the ring to the top of the bottom rope and ropes above this should be no more than 30.5 centimetres (12 inches) from centre to centre.
- (c) The tension of the bottom rope should be considerably less than the tension of the top three.
- (d) There must be at least 45.7 centimetre (18 inch) margin of ring floor outside the ropes and the floor must be covered with canvas over a safety mat approved by the Board.
- (e) Each corner should be padded from the top of the bottom rope with 1 whole length of padding not less than 5 centimetres (2 inches) thick and six inches wide.

3.10 For any variation to this requirement the Promoter must apply in writing to the Board no less than 48 hours before the start of the Promotion and must first be approved in writing by the Board.

3.11 **Referee officiating**

3.12 A Referee shall officiate inside the boxing ring to score the contest and act as sole arbiter of the Rules of Boxing except for Slovenian championship contests, or other such contest that the Stewards in their absolute discretion deem appropriate.

3.13 For Slovenian championship contests or other such contest that the Stewards, in their absolute discretion deem appropriate, 3 Judges will be appointed by the Board for the purpose of scoring the contest.

3.14 For Slovenian championship contests or other such contest that the Stewards in their absolute discretion deem appropriate, a supervisor being a Steward of the Board will be appointed by the Board for the purpose of collating and totalling the Judges scores and attending to any relevant matter pertaining to the championship contest other than that provided for within these Rules and Regulations being within the authority of the Referee.

3.15 When officiating in the boxing ring the Referee shall wear a clean white SPA approved shirt, a black bow tie and dark trousers and black shoes or boxing pumps.

- (a) The Referee may wear a jacket or track suit top when officiating at outdoor promotions.
- (b) The Stewards may exercise their discretion to vary this requirement for special tournaments such as that provided for in Regulation 5.8 below.

3.16 In a bout in which one of the participants is an Overseas Boxer, in the presence of the Boxer's Manager or an interpreter, and the Inspector, the referee must interview the Overseas Boxer before the contest in the dressing room and must explain the rules of boxing applicable in the Territory.

3.17 **Bout rounds**

3.18 In all contests the number of rounds shall be specified:

- (a) No contest shall exceed 12 rounds nor be less than 8 minutes of actual boxing.
- (b) Rounds shall be of 3 minute duration with an interval between each round of 1 minute.
- (c) In contests of 10 rounds or less the rounds may be of 2 minute duration with an interval between each round of 1 minute.

3.19 Medical physician

3.20 The Promoter shall ensure that a minimum of 2 doctors, one of whom must be practised in the management of an unconscious or partially conscious patient, who have been approved by the SPA attend at all Promotions.

3.21 A doctor practised in the management of an unconscious or partially conscious patient must be seated at the ringside at all times during a contest and must be available to give immediate attention to any Boxer should this be required.

3.22 A doctor of their own volition may visit a corner of a Boxer during the interval between rounds in order to assess the medical fitness of that Boxer to continue the contest.

- (a) In any case where a doctor is concerned as to a Boxer's fitness to continue the contest the doctor must signal to the Referee to draw his attention prior to the commencement of the next round.

3.23 All Boxers shall be medically examined at the weigh-in or immediately prior to the commencement of the Promotion and must also be medically examined after every contest.

3.24 If the examining doctor considers it necessary to do so he shall send a report to the Board.

3.25 The Promoter shall procure that at all Promotions a stretcher is available for use at the ringside.

3.26 Ringmaster

3.27 The Promoter shall engage the services of a Ringmaster/Whip whose powers and duties are outlined in Regulation 19 below.

3.28 Boxer's corner

3.29 No more than 4 persons acting as Seconds shall be allowed in each corner and only 1 shall be allowed inside the ring at any one time. The Referee must acquaint himself with the identity of the chief Second in each contest.

3.30 Persons acting as Second to a Boxer must wear a clean tee shirt, sweatshirt, tracksuit or traditional style "Seconds" jacket.

- (a) Any dispute will be dealt with at the discretion of an Official of the Board in attendance at the Promotion.

3.31 Unless prior permission has been given by the Steward in Charge to carry other items, the following equipment must be carried by seconds for use when working in a Boxer's corner:

- (a) Clean white towels
- (b) White petroleum jelly
- (c) Best quality sterile cotton wool

- (d) Sterile gauze in small, sealed packets
- (e) Dental swab sticks
- (f) A quantity of Adrenalin made into a 1-1000 Aqueous solution, or such haemostatic as shall have been approved by the Board
- (g) A pair of blunt edged scissors
- (h) An ice bag
- (i) A roll of 1 inch zinc oxide plaster
- (j) A quantity of soft bandage
- (k) An eye iron

3.32 No stimulant may be given to a Boxer other than an ice pack and/or cold water sprinkled on the body or used as a mouth wash.

3.33 No Boxer shall use any substance for massage or any other purpose on any part of his body which may be harmful or act as an irritant to his opponent before or during the contest. The discretionary use of Vaseline around the eyes or on the face shall be allowed in amounts authorised by the referee should there be issue, but the use of this or other oil or lubricant on the arms, legs or body is not permitted.

3.34 **Boxer introduction**

3.35 The Boxer, his Manager, or chief Second must ensure that his correct licensed name is announced by the Master of Ceremonies before the contest. If an error is made it must be corrected before boxing commences.

3.36 **Boxer apparel**

3.37 Male Boxers must be stripped to the waist while female Boxers will wear above the waist a singlet and such protective cover as may from time to time be ordered by the Board.

3.38 The official in charge of the Promotion shall ensure that the Boxers have a clean and smart appearance and that all wearing apparel and towels are clean when entering the ring. Any dispute will be dealt with at the discretion of an Official of the Board in attendance at the Promotion.

3.39 Boxer's may wear only boots and shorts approved by the Inspector and the Referee.

3.40 All Boxers must have available 2 pairs of boxing trunks which are clearly distinguishable from each other and wear those selected by the Inspector. In cases of dispute regarding a clash of shorts the Inspector's decision shall be final.

3.41 **Boxer protective gear**

3.42 All Boxers must wear underneath their trunks a suitable protector approved by the Inspector or official in charge of the Promotion.

3.43 A Boxer is required to wear throughout the contest a properly fitted gumshield. As a precaution he shall bring with him 2 of these to every contest in which he has to participate. With this exception no other protection may be worn by a Boxer on the body above the belt line except as may be ordered by the Board in the case of female Boxers.

- 3.44 Bandages are permitted for the protection of hands. These must be 2-inch-wide soft bandage and up to 1 inch zinc oxide plaster. Tape must not be applied over the knuckles.
- 3.45 **Boxing gloves**
- 3.46 Boxing gloves shall be brand new at the commencement of the bout and will only be used in one contest at a Promotion.
- 3.47 Boxing gloves shall be 8 ounces in weight for contests from Flyweight to Welterweight and 10 ounces for contests from Super-Welterweight upwards.
- 3.48 Breaking by twisting, removal of padding by fingering and thumbing from the potential part of the boxing glove is prohibited.
- 3.49 All boxing gloves used under the SPA jurisdiction must be thumb attached.
- 3.50 Each Boxer may select the make and model of boxing glove which they wish to wear during the bout provided that the boxing gloves have been approved by the SPA and Inspector (except in the case of Regulation 20.29 below). In the event that a Boxer does not select a boxing glove it shall be for the Promoter to ensure an adequate supply of approved gloves are available for every bout.
- 3.51 **The Bout**
- 3.52 After the Master of Ceremonies announcements, the Referee will provide the Boxers with final instructions and each Boxer will retreat to their designated corner until the Timekeeper rings the bell to commence the Bout.
- 3.53 Boxers may shake hands before the commencement of the Bout and at the beginning of the final round and must defend themselves at all times during the Bout.
- 3.54 Prior to the commencement of each round the Timekeeper shall call out "Corners 10 seconds" 10 seconds before the commencement followed by "seconds out 5 seconds" before the commencement. The Timekeeper shall then ring the bell to start each round.
- 3.55 The seconds must leave the ring when called upon to do so by the Timekeeper and it shall be the Referee's duty to see that they do.
- 3.56 Ten seconds prior to the conclusion of each round the Timekeeper will indicate the close of the round with a loud audible sound. At the end of the round according to the round duration the Timekeeper shall ring the bell to end the round.
- 3.57 **Scoring of the Bout**
- 3.58 The Referee and each Judge (when appropriate) shall award a maximum of 10 points at the end of each round to the better Boxer and a proportionate number of points to the other Boxer. If the scorer considers that the round was even, he will then award the maximum number of points to each Boxer.
- 3.59 Only official score sheets approved and supplied by the Board shall be used by Referees and Judges at contests. The top copy shall be handed to the Inspector at the conclusion of the contest and then forwarded, by him, to the Board to the Board.
- 3.60 Points will be awarded:

- (a) For “attack” – direct clean hits with the knuckle part of the glove of either hand to any part of the front or side of the head or body above the belt.
 - (b) The “belt” is defined as an imaginary line drawn across the body from the top of the hip bones.
 - (c) For “defence” – guarding, slipping, ducking, or getting away from an attack. Where Boxers are otherwise equal the majority of points will be given to the one who does most leading off or displays the better style.
- 3.61 Should a Boxer go down to the floor as the result of a legitimate blow, the Timekeeper shall count off the seconds strictly in accordance with his watch. The opponent shall retire immediately to the furthest neutral corner and neither Boxer shall resume boxing until ordered to do so by the Referee.
- (a) In this Regulation “down” shall mean one or more of the following:
 - (i) when a Boxer falls from the boxing ring beyond the ring apron as a result of a legitimate blow; or
 - (ii) when a Boxer is on one foot or both feet and at the same time any other part of his body is touching the floor of the boxing ring; or
 - (iii) when a Boxer is supported on the ropes of the boxing ring and, in the opinion of the Referee, is unable to defend himself; or
 - (iv) when a Boxer is in the act of rising.
 - (b) In all of the above cases a Boxer shall be considered to be down until he has regained his feet within the boxing ring and is in a position and a condition to defend himself.
- 3.62 If a Boxer is “down” under the provisions of Regulation 3.61(a) above he must return to the boxing ring unassisted within 20 seconds. In all other cases mentioned above, he must regain his feet unassisted within 10 seconds. The Referee shall not permit a Boxer to continue boxing, if in his opinion he is unable to do so, until the expiration of 8 seconds following the knock down. Further:
- (a) there is no standing 8 count;
 - (b) there is no 3 knockdown rule; and
 - (c) a Boxer who has been knocked down cannot be saved by the bell in any round.
- 3.63 A Boxer failing to continue with a contest after the intervals specified above shall not be awarded any points for that round but will have 10 points deducted from his score. His opponent shall receive 10 points and be declared the winner.
- 3.64 If a Boxer regains his feet in the boxing ring within the specified intervals but fails to satisfy the Referee that he is in a position and condition to defend himself, the Referee shall stop the contest and deduct 10 points from this score. He shall award the opponent 10 points and declare him the winner.
- 3.65 A Referee shall have the power to interrupt the count where he considers that a fallen Boxer is in need of urgent medical attention and in such cases the opponent shall be declared the winner by a technical knockout (“**TKO**”).

- 3.66 A Referee may consult the ringside doctor at any stage concerning the fitness of a boxer to continue a contest.
- 3.67 If at any time during a contest the Referee decides, in his complete discretion, that a Boxer is outclassed by the other Boxer, or is unable to continue as a result of injury, or is not in a position to continue boxing, he shall stop the contest and declare the opponent the winner having scored the bout in accordance with Regulation 3.64 above.
- 3.68 In the event of the count being interrupted by the bell signifying the end of a round, the Bout and the count shall continue either until the Boxer who is down regains his feet within the boxing ring when the end of the round is declared; or until after the full count is reached when the Bout will terminate. This shall apply in every round including the final round and any Promoter/Boxer Agreement will be deemed to have included this requirement within its terms.
- 3.69 Seconds employed in a corner shall not give advice or assistance to the Boxers in such a manner as to cause distraction to either of the Boxers, the Officials, or offend others attending the promotion.
- 3.70 Any person acting as a second who is in breach of any of these Rules or Regulations, or any order from the Referee, or is guilty of behaviour which, in the opinion of the Referee or Inspector, is detrimental to either Boxer, or preventing him from carrying out his duties, may be ordered from the ringside. When a Referee or Inspector makes such a decision the second must comply by immediately leaving the area in an orderly manner.
- 3.71 The following acts shall not be permitted during a contest:
- (a) hitting below the belt;
 - (b) using the "pivot blow";
 - (c) hitting on the back of the head or neck;
 - (d) kidney punching;
 - (e) hitting with the open glove, the inside, or the butt or the back of the hand, or with the wrist or elbow;
 - (f) holding, butting, or careless use of the head, shouldering, wrestling or roughing;
 - (g) not trying;
 - (h) persistently ducking below the waistline;
 - (i) intentional falling without receiving a blow;
 - (j) failing to break when so ordered, or striking or attempting to strike an opponent on the break;
 - (k) deliberately striking an opponent when he is dropping to the floor or when he is down;
 - (l) deliberately hitting an opponent after the termination of a round;
 - (m) unsporting conduct;
 - (n) any other conduct which a Referee may deem foul; and
 - (o) boxing whilst under the influence of a prohibited substance.

- 3.72 In any of the cases set out in Regulation 3.71 above the Referee shall name the Boxer at fault and call upon him to desist and may in his sole discretion have the power to caution or disqualify a Boxer for any such act with or without reference to any medical opinion.
- 3.73 A Referee may also deduct points from a Boxer's score for breaches of these Rules. He should indicate this to the Boxer and his corner, and to the Steward in charge, or the Inspector present by pointing to the offender, raising a finger or fingers to indicate the number of points deducted and call out or indicate the reason for the penalty.
- 3.74 When ordered by the Referee to 'break' both Boxers shall immediately take one step back before re-commencing to box. The parting of Boxers by force should be avoided if possible.
- 3.75 If for any reason a Referee decides that a contest shall be stopped temporarily, he shall call upon the Boxers to 'Stop Boxing' and then instruct the Timekeeper to take 'Time Off'.
- 3.76 In the event of the disqualification of a Boxer, at the conclusion of the Bout the Referee must report the facts to the Promoter or his duly authorised representative and within 48 hours of the Bout taking place must send a full report to the Board.
- 3.77 A Boxer who is disqualified by the Referee shall not be entitled to receive his Purse, other than travelling expenses, until the Board has adjudicated upon the distribution of the same in accordance with Regulation 9.23 below. The Promoter must forward the Purse, or balance of the Purse, within 48 hours of the contest to the Registered Office of the Board.
- 3.78 The Boxer's Manager or, in his absence, the Chief Second, shall alone have the responsibility of retiring a Boxer in a contest. In cases where retirement is indicated during a round the bout shall be scored in accordance with Regulation 3.63 above or 3.64 above.
- 3.79 The Referee shall decide each Bout in favour of the Boxer who obtains the greater number of points.
- 3.80 At the conclusion of the Bout both boxers will be called to the centre of the ring and the Referee shall raise the arm of the winning Boxer. In the event of a draw, the Referee will raise the arm of each Boxer simultaneously.
- 3.81 In the event of an anti-doping violation the following will apply:
- (a) If the winning Boxer subsequently produces a positive dope test result, the contest will be declared a "No Contest" for both Boxer's records.
 - (b) If the losing Boxer subsequently produces a positive dope test result his record will indicate his loss as disqualified due to the test result, however, the winning Boxer's result will remain a "win".
 - (c) In the case of a draw, the failing Boxer is downgraded to disqualified but the other Boxer's draw remains.
- 3.82 At the end of a Bout which lasts the scheduled number of rounds the Master of Ceremonies shall announce the Referee's final score.
- 3.83 If, during a Bout, the Timekeeper is taken ill at any time before the last round, the Referee shall stop the contest until another official has been appointed by the SPA official in charge, or the Inspector. The Referee shall then use his discretion as to whether the Boxers shall continue an unfinished round or declare that round completed.

- 3.84 If for any reason a Referee is unable to continue to act during a Bout, the following action shall be taken:
- (a) If a round is in progress the Timekeeper shall ring the bell and stop the Bout.
 - (b) The SPA representative in charge, or the Inspector, shall hand the score card for the contest to another appointed Referee who shall continue to supervise the Bout from the last completed round.
 - (c) At the conclusion of the Bout, should it go the full distance, the Referee's decision shall be in accordance with the score sheet.
 - (d) If no other Referee is available, the SPA representative may appoint the Inspector to act as referee.
- 3.85 Promoters shall procure that no persons shall be permitted to enter the boxing ring at any time during a Promotion except with the permission of the Steward or representative in charge. Promoters shall procure further that no press or television photographers shall be permitted to mount the steps or walk on the platform of the boxing ring until the Bout has terminated and the Referee's decision has been announced.
- 3.86 There shall be no amplification or broadcast of any statement made from the boxing ring before, during, or after any contest, except by the official Master of Ceremonies with the authority of the Promoter, or otherwise by permission of the Steward or representative in charge.
- 3.87 At the conclusion of a Bout no person shall be allowed to enter the ring with the exception of the Master of Ceremonies, the Promoter, and Board officials until such time as the ringside doctors have completed an initial examination of both Boxers. It shall be the responsibility of the Promoter to ensure that this Regulation is carried out.
- 3.88 Whilst officiating in his capacity the Referee shall decide any question not provided for in this Regulation and the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Regulation on matters arising during the time the Boxers are in the boxing ring. The Referee's decision in all cases shall be final.
- 3.89 **Accidental Fouls**
- 3.90 If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately. In the event that the bout is stopped before 4 completed rounds, the bout will result in a technical draw.
- (a) 4 rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of the 4th round.
- 3.91 If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately after 4 completed rounds, the bout will result in a technical decision. The decision shall be awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.
- (a) Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored.
 - (b) In the event that no action has occurred for a round, the round should be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.
- 3.92 If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately and the bout contest is scheduled for:

- (a) 4 rounds, the foul rule would come into effect at the bell ending round 2.
- (b) 6 rounds, the foul rule would come into effect at the bell ending round 3.
- (c) 8 rounds or more, the foul rule would come into effect at the bell ending round 4.

3.93 A fighter who is hit with an accidental low blow and pauses fighting due to the low blow must resume fighting after a reasonable amount of time, but no more than 5 minutes, or he will lose the bout by abandonment.

3.94 **Intentional Fouls**

3.95 If an intentional foul (other than a low blow) causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the boxer causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.

3.96 A boxer who is hit with an intentional low blow and pauses fighting due to the intentional low blow must resume fighting must continue in a reasonable amount of time, but no more than 5 minutes, shall lose by abandonment unless the referee in his absolute discretion disqualifies the offending boxer.

3.97 If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify each judge and the SPA authority and deduct 2 points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls that do not cause injury will be at the discretion of the referee.

3.98 If the contest continues and at a later round it needs to be stopped because of the same injury, the rules in relation to accidental fouls will apply.

3.99 If the boxer injures himself while attempting to intentionally foul his opponent, the referee will not take any action in the offending boxer favour.

- (a) Any such injury will be the same as one produced by a fair blow.

3.100 If the referee feels that a boxer has conducted himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, he may stop the bout and disqualify the offending boxer.

4. **LICENCES**

4.1 Any person set out in Appendix 1 shall apply for a licence so as to be authorised by the Board to act.

4.2 All applications for licences must first be submitted to the Board with recommendation as it thinks fit. The Board shall require all new applicants to appear before them for interview before any recommendations to grant a Licence are made.

4.3 In the case of an applicant who has previously held a licence, but which has lapsed for a period of 12 months or greater, the Board may exercise its discretion as to the necessity of a further interview.

4.4 All licenses shall be issued and held, varied, withheld, suspended, or revoked at the absolute discretion of the Board.

4.5 All applicants must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence. For an applicant under the age of 18 who seeks to hold a licence, he may apply in writing to the Board.

- 4.6 A Licence Holder shall hold only the licence of the category for which they have been authorised by the Board.
- 4.7 All new licences shall be provisional for 1 year and shall be reconsidered by the Board when due for renewal.
- 4.8 All licences shall be valid from the date of issue and continuing annually upon payment of the requisite renewal fee on the anniversaries of the date of issue unless otherwise determined by the Board, subject to suspension or withdrawal by the Board, or any surrender by the Licence Holder.
- 4.9 Renewal fees for licences should be payable as instructed by the SPA. Once received the General Secretary shall confirm receipt of payment to the Licence Holder. Such renewal of a licence shall not be effective unless and until authorised by the Board.
- 4.10 A person to whom a licence is issued shall be deemed to be a Member of the Company and shall be bound by these Rules and Regulations. Any alleged breach of these Rules and Regulations by a Member shall be reviewed by the Board and accordingly sanctioned if the Member is found to have breached these Rules and Regulations.
- 4.11 A Member shall be responsible to the SPA for any act or omission caused or permitted by him on the part of the corporation, body, partnership or firm of which he is a director, shadow director or associate or Member of the Company if such act or omission would be in breach of any of these Rules and Regulations if committed by him personally.
- 4.12 A Member shall be deemed to have consented to the publication in the general press of any matter or decision promoted under and governed by these Rules and Regulations.
- 4.13 Licences, other than a Promoter licence, shall be carried by the holder and be produced on demand to the Promoter or Inspectors of the SPA at any Promotion at which the Licence Holder is acting.
- 4.14 No member shall be permitted to officiate or take part in any Promotion held under the jurisdiction of the SPA except in the capacity for which he is licensed and no person other than the Licence Holder shall be permitted to act in any such Promotion.
- 4.15 Subject to the requirement of Regulations 9.32 below and 12.8 below and Regulation 4.14 above permission may be granted by the Board to a Person not holding a licence issued by the SPA but being licensed by a recognised Controlling Authority to take part in a Promotion in the relevant category.
- (a) Such permission shall be limited upon each application to one Promotion only.
 - (b) The person concerned shall be considered as being a licence holder of the Board from the time of permission being granted to the conclusion of all matters relating to the particular contest or Promotion concerned.
- 4.16 A Licence Holder's licence may be suspended or withdrawn by the Board:
- (a) without further reference where, having been notified of the same, the Licence Holder's licence renewal fee is in arrears for more than 30 days; or
 - (b) if, having called the Licence Holder before it, it reasonably considers that it is not in the interests or the welfare of boxing that the Licence Holder should continue to hold the licence including, where in the opinion of the Board a:

- (i) Boxer is not medically fit to box; or
- (ii) Referee or Timekeeper is not fit to continue to officiate.

- 4.17 Notwithstanding Regulation 20.18 below if the licence of a Boxer who is the holder of a championship is suspended, then the Board shall in its absolute discretion decide whether or not such Boxer shall continue to hold that championship and from which decision there shall be no appeal.
- 4.18 No Member whose licence has been withdrawn or suspended shall be permitted to act under the jurisdiction of the SPA nor shall that Member have any rights as a Licence Holder under these Rules and Regulations save where a Boxer's licence is suspended pursuant to Regulations 5.12 below or 5.15 below until the Board otherwise authorises.
- 4.19 A Member shall only participate in or at a Promotion:
- (a) which is authorised by the SPA; or
 - (b) organised by another Controlling Authority with the prior written consent of the Board. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld having regard to that Controlling Authority's rules, regulations, standards, and the safety of the participants and those who attend the Promotion, the interests of Boxing, and the public interests. If consent is granted by the SPA, it will be on receipt of a fee, to be determined from time to time by the Board.

5. **BOXERS**

- 5.1 A Boxer must be the holder of a valid Boxer licence issued by the Board.
- 5.2 Application for a Boxer licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.
- 5.3 A Boxer must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board. For a Boxer under the age of 18 who seeks to hold a licence, he may apply in writing to the Board.
- 5.4 The Board shall only authorise a Boxer first licence on demonstrating a contract with a Manager as provided by Regulation 8.1 below for a period of not less than 2 years agreed no more than 60 days prior to applying for his first licence.
- 5.5 A Boxer shall not be managed by more than one Manager at any one time. Joint Managers are not permitted.
- 5.6 Boxers under 19 years of age shall not engage in a contest of more than 24 minutes actual boxing. Boxers over 19 years of age but under 20 years of age shall not engage in a contest of more than 30 minutes actual boxing. For a Boxer under the age of 20 who seeks to engage in a contest outside these parameters, he may apply in writing to the Board.
- 5.7 No Boxer shall box in a contest within 6 clear days from the date of his last contest. The Board shall have power to waive this restriction in cases where a late substitute is required but this must be subject to the Boxer having won his last contest within the first 2 rounds. No boxer shall be permitted to engage in more than 1 contest in any 24-hour period.
- 5.8 Notwithstanding Regulations 5.7 above and 3.18 above the Board may permit Promotions where Boxers are expected to contest a maximum of 4 limited duration contests on the same night strictly subject to:

- (a) The total minutes of scheduled contests not to exceed 36 minutes in a 24 hour period;
 - (b) Such tournaments being limited to a maximum of 16 participants; and
 - (c) The Board having power to determine the terms and conditions which will apply to each such Promotion upon each and every individual application from a Promoter.
- 5.9 No 2 Boxers contracted to the same management and/or agency shall, without first obtaining permission from the Board, be allowed to meet each other in any contest unless matched for a Championship or eliminating contest for a Championship.
- 5.10 If after having contracted to box in any contest, a Boxer who in the opinion of the Board is considered to be neglecting his training, the Board shall have the power to cancel the contest and take any further action that in its absolute discretion it deems necessary.
- 5.11 All Boxers, Trainers, Managers, and Promoter are required to immediately inform the Board of any illness, injury, or physical condition to a Boxer contracted to box in any contest which they believe or have been informed may affect the boxer's physical or medical fitness to box.
- 5.12 In the event of any of the following:
- (a) a doctor not passing a Boxer fit to take part in a contest; or
 - (b) a doctor reporting after a contest that a Boxer is not fit to continue boxing for any period owing to injury or for any other reason; or
 - (c) any contest (wheresoever it takes place) being stopped by the Referee (other than by reason of disqualification), or the retirement of a Boxer, or by a Boxer being counted out in a contest; then the licence of such Boxer shall be automatically suspended for a period of 28 or 45 clear days or more at the discretion of the Senior Medical Officer present at the tournament.
 - (i) At the completion of the period of suspension no Boxer shall not be permitted to engage in a contest until he has been certified fit to box by a doctor who may be appointed by the Board.
- 5.13 If in the opinion of the Board Medical Officer a Boxer needs further treatment or observation he shall be sent to hospital. The Board will immediately suspend any Boxer ignoring such medical advice at the tournament or at the hospital.
- 5.14 In the event that a Boxer has been automatically suspended as set out in Regulation 5.11 (mine above), written certificates of fitness to box again must be received by the Board no less than 14 days prior to the Boxer's next contest. The Board in its absolute discretion may require the Boxer to obtain approval from a Board authorised doctor prior to it approving the certificate of fitness.
- 5.15 In the event that any Boxer loses 4 consecutive contests, the Board may suspend his licence until he appears before it. Both the Boxer and his Manager and/or Trainer may be called before the Board for investigation.
- 5.16 No Boxer shall have as a sparring partner any Boxer whose licence has been suspended, withdrawn, or relinquished except by prior written permission of the Board.
- 5.17 A Boxer must be medically examined annually in accordance with the SPA standard medical form when their licences become due for renewal and provide the medical certificate in support of their renewal.

- 5.18 If a Boxer fails to make the stipulated weight as entered on the contract for a Promotion, the Promoter shall report the failure to the Board which shall be investigated, and disciplinary action may be taken under Regulation 25 below.
- 5.19 Boxers or their Managers must not give any undisclosed gratuities to any Promoter or Promoter's official. In the event that a Promoter requires a gratuity fee for a Boxer to enter the contest, the fee must be agreed in writing and provided to the Board no less than 7 days prior to the Promotion.
- 5.20 No Boxer resident in the Territory and holding a valid SPA licence shall take part in any Promotion outside the jurisdiction of the SPA without obtaining the prior written permission of the Board.
- (a) Contracts to participate in Promotions outside the jurisdiction of the SPA shall not be signed by a Boxer until such permission has been granted by the Board.
- (b) Application for such permission must be made to the Board no less than 7 days prior to the date of the Promotion.
- (c) Permission to participate in such Promotion shall be incorporated into documentation to the Board which must include official authorisation of the Board for the contest, the medical certification of the Boxer by a Board Medical Officer prior to his/her departure abroad. The fee payable shall be the amount determined from time to time by the Board.
- 5.21 Boxers who take part in any Promotion outside the Board's jurisdiction shall pay the SPA a sum in accordance with the following scale:

- (a) Total Purse including the sum to be paid to the SPA

| | Total Purse | Sum to be paid to SPA |
|----|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | €0 up to €1,000.00 | €50 |
| 2. | €1001.00 up to €2,500.00 | €100 |
| 3. | €2501.00 up to €5,000.00 | €200 |
| 4. | €5,001.00 up to €10,000.00 | €300 |
| 5. | €10,001.00 up to €20,000.00 | €400 |
| 6. | €20,001.00 up to €99,999.00 | 4% of the Purse |
| 7. | €100,000.00 and above | To be determined by the Board |

- (b) In the case of the European Championship contests, the Board shall waive the tax due on a Boxer's purse below €5001.00. Thereafter the tax shall be in accordance with Regulation 5.21 above.
- 5.22 Non-payment of a Purse to a Boxer by a Promoter must be immediately reported to the General Secretary by the aggrieved Boxer or his Manager and in any event not more than 21 days after the date of the Promotion.

- 5.23 A Boxer selected to box in a championship or eliminator for a Slovenian Championship contest must notify the Board prior to the closing time and date for submission of Purse bids (if any), if he does not wish to take part in any such contest.
- (a) A Boxer allowing his name to go forward shall be taken as having accepted that should a contest be submitted for Purse bids, he will accept any Purse offer approved by the Board and will fully discharge his obligations thereunder.
- 5.24 No Boxer shall be trained, coached, managed or advised pursuant to these Rules and Regulations by any person other than his licensed Manager or licensed Trainer.
- 5.25 No Boxer shall authorise, permit, or suffer any person who is not so licensed, to act whether for reward or not, as his Manager or representative.
- 5.26 In the absence of his Manager a Boxer engaged to take part in a contest billed or advertised in any contest at a Promotion must be accompanied at the weigh-in and at the contest by a duly appointed representative of his Manager which shall be informed to the Board no less than 7 days prior to the Promotion.
- 5.27 Boxers shall be entitled to apply for licences in categories other than as a Boxer, but such licences shall be issued at the discretion of the Board.
- 5.28 A Boxer may be required by a Board Inspector or other authorised representative of the Board to submit to a check weigh-in during the course of his or her training. If requested by such authorised official the Boxer must comply, or the Boxer shall be sanctioned at the absolute discretion of the Board.
- 5.29 A Boxer and his licensed representative/s (Manager, Trainer/Second, and/or Matchmaker) must ensure their arrival at the venue for the weigh-in prior to the time set by the Promoter.

6. **MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF A BOXER**

- 6.1 If any applicant for a first time Boxer licence suffers from any of the following, the Board may preclude the grant to him of a Boxer licence. The Board may take such action as in its absolute discretion it sees fit if at any time thereafter any Boxer shall suffer from any of the following:
- (a) any neurological abnormality, whether congenital or acquired including epilepsy, severe migraine or any abnormalities which appear in Cat Scan, MRI or EEG tracing;
- (b) any psychological disorder such as significant depression, schizophrenia, or hyper mania;
- (c) any pathology in the eye including cataracts, detachments or tears of the retina before or after treatment, retinal haemorrhages or exudates or any other intraocular pathology:
- (i) uncorrected visual standards less than 6/9 in the better and 6/18 in the worse eye will exclude an applicant from holding a Boxer Licence, even if corrected by surgery, except at the discretion of the Board after consultation with the Board Medical Panel;
- (d) blood pressure higher than 140/90 after prolonged rest or any congenital or acquired cardio-vascular or circulatory disorder;
- (e) chest problems such as asthma, emphysema, active tuberculosis and acute chest and upper respiratory infections and any other disease requiring maintenance medication;

- (f) any acute or chronic gastro-intestinal abnormalities, inguinal hernias for at least six months after surgical repair. Hepatitis B and any other infectious or contagious disease;
- (g) any applicant or Boxer testing positive for HIV, any genitourinary abnormalities, both acquired and congenital, including haematuria, albuminuria and any active venereal infection;
- (h) acute perforations of the ear drum, acute or chronic infections of the middle or inner ear including labyrinthitis and total deafness;
- (i) any severe skeletal abnormalities or deformity which may impair the performance of a Boxer, rheumatoid arthritis and other such conditions;
- (j) any infectious skin disease;
- (k) diabetes and other endocrinological abnormalities or diseases; and
- (l) anaemia or other chronic and acute blood disorders and reticulosis including sickle-cell disease.

6.2 A Boxer applying for or renewing their Boxer licence shall be examined by a fully registered doctor with a licence to practice.

6.3 Without prejudice to any other misconduct arising out of alcohol or drug abuse may constitute misconduct for the purposes of these Regulations and is prohibited.

6.4 A Boxers shall submit to the Board a satisfactory MRI Brain Scan report annually. All Boxers must have an MR Angiogram at the time of their first application for a licence.

6.5 Prior to every Promotion the officiating Medical Officer should satisfy himself that the Boxer is medically fit to box the scheduled distance and is not suffering from any condition which may be aggravated by the contest, or from any infectious skin disease.

6.6 The following Regulations shall apply to all Promotions:

- (a) Prior to any Promotion taking place the Board will give written notification to the Accident and Emergency and Neurosurgical Units of the nearest local hospital to the venue and advise that a Promotion is to take place in their locality.
- (b) Prior to the Promotion taking place the Promoter shall set up and maintain during the Promotion the facility to communicate by telephone from the venue to the local hospital so that the local hospital can be advised immediately should an emergency occur at the Promotion.
- (c) The Senior Medical Officer shall arrange for full and adequate resuscitation equipment (including intubation and ventilation equipment) to be available at ringside. No Promotion shall take place unless fully trained medical personnel able to operate such resuscitation equipment are present throughout the Promotion.
- (d) An ambulance, crewed by trained paramedics, shall be on site throughout the Promotion. The ambulance shall be for the sole use of injured Boxers and the crew shall be appraised by the Senior Medical Officer of the identity and location of the advised local hospital.
- (e) The Promoter shall ensure that sufficient security is in place at the venue to enable medical assistance to be carried out without hindrance to Boxers in the ring should the

necessity arise. The Senior Medical Officer shall approve such arrangements prior to the Promotion.

- (f) It is the responsibility of the Senior Medical Officer to the Promotion to ensure that all the safety procedures are in place for the Promotion.
- (g) Radio and television interviews with Boxers are only permitted in the ring or ringside following a contest:
 - (i) having requested and being granted approval by SPA prior to the Promotion;
 - (ii) provided that the Senior Medical Officer present has examined the Boxers given permission for the interview; and
 - (iii) the Steward in Charge at the venue has also given approval.
- (h) At the conclusion of every contest the ringside doctors should enter the ring to make an immediate medical assessment of both Boxers.

6.7 No Boxer shall leave the venue of the Promotion after taking part in a contest without the permission of the Senior Medical Officer, will provide where necessary and according to his discretion each Boxer following his contest with a printed card of advice on reaction to head injuries. A Boxer is responsible for ensuring that those accompanying him after the contest are aware of the content of such card or have been given the card or a copy of it.

6.8 Medical regulations for biological born female Boxers will be the same as for biological born male Boxers with any variations in examination as may be agreed by the Board from time to time.

7. **MANAGERS**

7.1 A Manager must be the holder of a valid Manager licence issued by the Board.

7.2 Application for a Manager licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

7.3 Managers shall be entitled to apply for licences in categories other than as Manager, but such licences shall be issued at the discretion of the Board.

7.4 A Manager must be at least 25 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.

7.5 No company, partnership, association, club or charitable organisation shall be entitled to hold a Manager licence.

7.6 A Manager licence shall not be granted to any person who has not held a licence in another SPA category for a period of at least 5 years during the 10 years prior to the date of application. An applicant who has not been a licence holder in another SPA category for a period of at least 5 years during the 10 years but has held a Manager licence or acted in the capacity of an elite manager in a professional sport outside of Slovenia who seeks to hold a licence, he may apply in writing to the Board.

7.7 Every Manager must enter into and hold a SPA Boxer and Manager contract, in accordance with Regulation 8.3 below with every Boxer for whom he wishes to act. The SPA Boxer and Manager must be filed with the Board within 14 days of being agreed between the Boxer and Manager.

- 7.8 A Boxer shall not be managed by more than one Manager at any one time. Joint Managers are not permitted.
- 7.9 Details of any proposed sale transfer or release relating to a Boxer and Manager contract shall be submitted to the Board for prior approval. The Board may, in its absolute discretion, require the parties to appear before them before approving such transfer or release.
- 7.10 A licensed Boxer ordinarily resident in the Territory shall not be managed by an overseas Manager without the prior written approval of the Board which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld subject to satisfying conditions equal to these Regulations.
- 7.11 After each contest the Manager must promptly, and in any event within 14 working days, submit a detailed written financial statement to the Boxer as to the allocation and/or distribution of the purse (if any).
- 7.12 In the event that two Boxers under contract to the same Manager box each other in a contest, separate terms must be agreed, and the Promotion contract therefore shall be signed by both Boxers in addition to the Manager.
- 7.13 The respective entitlements of the Boxer and Manager to a Purse or other payments for a contest shall be in accordance with the Boxer and the Manager contract between the parties.
- 7.14 A Manager shall not appoint a nominee to act as a Promoter.
- 7.15 A Manager when engaging the services of a person to act as a Trainer for his Boxers in preparation for a Promotion must procure that the person engaged holds a valid Trainer's licence or Trainer's licence authorised by a Controlling Authority satisfying conditions equal to these Regulations.
- 7.16 Managers must not give any undisclosed gratuities to any Promoter or Promoter's official. In the event that a Promoter requires a gratuity fee for a Boxer to enter the contest, the fee must be agreed in writing and provided to the Board no less than 7 days prior to the Promotion.
- 7.17 A Manager shall ensure that all necessary medical forms and/or certificates have been forwarded to the Board to satisfy licence requirements of the Boxer, and to ensure that the Boxer is fully and properly licensed.
- 7.18 In the event of a Manager being unable to attend on a Boxer at the weigh-in or at the Promotion, any payment to a person nominated to carry out the Manager's duties shall be paid by the Manager from his commission. When the Boxer has a licenced Manager, the Manager shall be responsible for the settlement of levies due to the Board pursuant to Regulations 5.21 above and 5.22 above.

8. BOXER AND MANAGER CONTRACTS

- 8.1 Subject to Regulation 8.3 below, all contracts between a Boxer and Manager shall be in writing and executed by the parties upon standard SPA Boxer and Manager contract or otherwise such contract that shall have been previously approved in writing by the SPA such approval not to be unreasonably withheld providing that such contract shall not be inconsistent with any provision of these Rules and Regulations.
- (a) All Boxer and Manager contracts shall be an agreement between a Boxer and one named Manager.

(b) A Boxer and Manager agreement whereby the boxer is to be managed by joint Managers will be in breach of Regulation 7.7 above and will not be recognised and Boxer not authorised to participate in a contest, bout, Promotion, or like.

8.2 Notwithstanding any provision in such Boxer and Manager contract the Manager shall file a complete and exact copy of the same together with the licences (for endorsements) of each party with the SPA within 14 days of execution thereof failing which the Board may in their absolute discretion refuse to recognise the Manager thereunder unless and until such contract is so filed.

8.3 All contracts between Boxers and Managers existing at the date of making of these Rules and Regulations shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the terms for the duration of that contract without right of extension.

9. **PROMOTERS**

9.1 A Promoter must be the holder of a valid Promoter licence issued by the Board.

9.2 Application for a Promoter licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

9.3 Promoters shall be entitled to apply for licences in categories other than as a Promoter, but such licences shall be issued at the discretion of the Board. For absolute clarity, a Promoter cannot also be a licensed Manager.

9.4 A Promoter must be at least 25 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.

9.5 No company, partnership, association, club or charitable organisation shall be entitled to hold a Manager licence.

9.6 The Board shall be entitled to grant a Promoter's licence upon such terms and with such limitations as the Board shall deem necessary having regard to the good of boxing.

9.7 A Promoter licence shall not be granted to any person who has not held a licence in another SPA category for a period of at least 5 years during the 10 years prior to the date of application. An applicant who has not been a licence holder in another SPA category for a period of at least 5 years during the 10 years but has held a Promoter licence in another professional sport authorised by a Controlling Authority who seeks to hold a licence, he may apply in writing to the Board.

9.8 On being granted a Promoter licence, the Promoter will be required by the Board, at its discretion, to deposit and maintain with the Board for the duration of the licence a Bond (or any other form of security acceptable to the Board) in a sum specified by the Board, but no less than €1,000, which sum may be varied by the Board from time to time at its discretion.

9.9 Promoters wishing to promote a Promotion on behalf of a charity or where the whole or part of the proceeds are publicised as being applied to or towards a charitable object ("**Charity Promotion**") must be the holder of a charity licence issued by the SPA which shall be valid only for the requisite Charity Promotion.

(a) Application for a charity licence must be made to the Board no less than 14 days prior to the Charity Promotion accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board ("**Charity Licence**").

- (b) The issue of a Charity Licence shall be at the sole discretion of and under such conditions as the Board may impose provided that no contest for a Slovenian, European, or World Championship may be held at a Charity Promotion save with the prior written consent of the Board.
 - (c) The Board may at their discretion order a Promoter of a Charity Promotion to engage a licensed Matchmaker.
- 9.10 A Promoter of a Charity Promotion must forward to the Board within 4 weeks of the Charity Promotion taking place a copy of the statement of account, audited by a registered auditor, showing the individual amounts paid to all Boxers and officials who have appeared together with a certificate and a receipt of any charity benefiting from the Charity Promotion.
- 9.11 Dinner/Boxing Promotions where patrons are admitted on payment for the boxing programme only shall not be permitted except with the express permission of the Board.
- (a) No application may relate to more than 1 event.
 - (b) In the grant of any permission, the Board may at its discretion impose conditions applicable to the venue and to all other material considerations (including the seating of diners and spectators) concerning the event.
 - (c) Any application for such a mixed tournament must be made direct to the Board where it will be considered individually.
- 9.12 Not less than 28 days prior to a proposed Promotion, the Promoter shall provide to the Board in writing for its approval, which shall not to be unreasonably withheld, the date and full details of the venue for its approval:
- (a) The Promoter shall immediately supply to the Board on request, information about the proposed tournament as the Board may require.
 - (b) In the event of a Promoter failing to promote a Promotion on a date applied for by the Promoter, the Board shall have the power, after investigating the circumstances, to impose such penalty on the Promoter so defaulting as they think fit.
 - (c) Each venue must have a room set aside exclusively for medical purposes. It shall be adequately lit, have an examination couch and possess hot and cold running water. The medical room should be situated in close proximity to the boxer's dressing rooms and be reasonably accessible to and from the ring.
- 9.13 The name of the Promoter shall be printed on all handbills, posters, advertisements, and programmes in relation to a Promotion. No Promoter shall be entitled in respect of any Promotion to advertise himself and another promoting a Promotion jointly or in association with that person if such person is not licensed as a Promoter without the prior written consent of the Board, which in its absolute discretion may be withheld.
- 9.14 A Promoter shall deliver to the Board, no less than 7 days before the Promotion, the names of all Boxers and officials to be engaged and the total amount of the Purses to be paid. In the event of substitutions, details must be immediately delivered to the Board unless good cause is shown.
- 9.15 The Board shall have power to prohibit any Promotion or part thereof which in its opinion is not in the interests of boxing.

- 9.16 The Promoter must, before engaging the services of a Boxer, in all cases take all reasonable steps to satisfy himself that any Boxer to be engaged is not committing any breach of these Rules and Regulations or of any previous contract for engagement.
- 9.17 In the event that a Promoter appoints a Matchmaker authorised as a signatory in respect of any contract by the Promoter, he shall immediately declare in writing to the Board the name of the Matchmaker.
- 9.18 In the case of any dispute in respect of any Promotion the Promoter shall provide to the SPA all details as it may require in order to determine the dispute.
- 9.19 In the event of a Promotion taking place and both Boxers billed for a contest being ready and able to compete, appear but do not box through no fault of their own, the Promoter shall pay both Boxers the full sum as agreed in the relevant contract.
- 9.20 Where appropriate and subject to the giving of prior notification to the Board, Promoters may contract for no more than 2 emergency contests. In the event of the emergency contest taking place, the Boxers shall be paid the agreed Purse. Should the emergency contest not take place, the Boxers shall be paid at least 1/3rd of the sum as agreed in the relevant contract.
- 9.21 A Promoter, if called upon to do so by the Board, must immediately disclose in writing the amount of Purse paid to any Boxer.
- 9.22 Promoters will procure that all officials or professional persons exercising any powers or carrying out any duties at any Promotion pursuant to these Rules and Regulations shall be accommodated and shall not be hindered in any way in connection with their duties.
- 9.23 In the event of a disqualification of any Boxer the Purse monies received pursuant to Regulation 3.77 above shall be distributed in such manner as the Board concerned (as applicable) shall think fit and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may be apportioned between one or more of the following:
- (a) Promoter
 - (b) Manager
 - (c) Trainer
 - (d) Sparring partner or partners
 - (e) Boxer
- and the balance (if any) shall be put to the SPA. Promoters shall not accept the signature of a Boxer when his licence shows he has an authorised Manager, without receiving the consent of the Board.
- 9.24 A Promoter shall not engage a Boxer unless he holds a Boxer licence.
- 9.25 A Promoter shall not at any one time engage the services of a Boxer for more contests than are permitted by the Boxer and Promoter contract and shall not re-engage a Boxer until the previous contract has expired.
- 9.26 A Promoter shall use the name by which the Boxer is licensed on all bills, programmes, advertising matters and announcements. When a promoter engages a Boxer from outside Europe, the Boxer shall be in the town/city of the Promotion not less than 48 hours prior to the Promotion.

- 9.27 In the event that a Referee or Timekeeper declines to accept his proper fee or does not wish to receive a fee, the Promoter engaging such Referee or Timekeeper then must send the fee usually paid by the Promoter for the services of a Referee or Timekeeper to the Board which may allocate or deal with the same as it thinks fit.
- 9.28 A Promoter shall not appoint a nominee to act as a Manager.
- 9.29 A Promoter shall not enter into any contract or arrangement whereby the receipt by a Boxer of any monies whether directly or indirectly is or may be reduced.
- 9.30 In all contests the contracted weight, number of rounds and duration must be printed on all bills, programmes, announcements and advertising matter.
- 9.31 A Promoter may act as his own Matchmaker.
- 9.32 A Promoter wishing to engage the services of an Overseas Boxer must:
- (a) ensure that an Overseas Boxer when engaged to appear in the Territory is represented by a Matchmaker permanently residing in the Territory; and
 - (b) apply to the Board giving details of the Overseas Boxer's record if required, the name of the proposed opponent, the amount of the Purse, the date and venue of the Promotion and the name of the Matchmaker. In the event of the Overseas Boxer residing outside the European Community such application must be made not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Promotion.
- 9.33 When the Purse of an Overseas Boxer is €5,000.00 or more the appointment of a Referee may be made by the Board.
- 9.34 A Promoter shall not arrange a contest and/or state on any bills, programmes, advertising matter or announcements that a:
- (a) contest is for any Championship or eliminating contest for a Championship or to be contested under Championship conditions without the prior written sanction of the Board.
 - (b) Boxer holds a particular title unless he has fully satisfied himself beyond reasonable doubt that the Boxer is officially recognised as holding such title.
 - (c) contest is bearing a side-stake unless the sum so stated has been previously deposited with the Board.
 - (d) contest is stated to be between two Boxers of different races or produce any such material which is calculated directly or indirectly in the opinion of the Board to amount to racial discrimination or be offensive to either Boxer or to the public on the grounds of race or creed.
- 9.35 Save with the prior written consent of the Board, the Promoter shall procure that the weigh-in relating to any contest shall take place as provided in Regulation 3.3 above.
- 9.36 A Promoter shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all Boxers, their licensed representatives, and the Board are informed of the time and venue of the weigh-in.
- 9.37 A Promoter shall engage at least two "House Seconds" at each Promotion, one for each corner.

- 9.38 A Purse bid must be accompanied by a deposit of €1,500.00 in respect of Purse bids of €15,000.00 or less. In respect of all other Purse bids the bid must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the Purse bid up to a maximum of €20,000.00.
- 9.39 The Promoter making the highest Purse bid accepted by the Board, shall within 14 days of that acceptance, supply the Board with a date and venue of the Promotion.
- 9.40 If the successful Promoter fails to notify the Board of the date and venue of the Promotion, or otherwise withdraw the Promotion within the prescribed period, then the:
- (a) deposit up to €1,500.00 shall be forfeited. For deposits over €1,500.00 it shall be forfeited unless the Promoter making the purse bid shows good reason why it should not be forfeited.
 - (b) contest shall be offered to the next highest bidder who is prepared to conform to and match the amount and terms of the original successful bid.
 - (c) next highest bidder whose bid is accepted pursuant to Regulation 9.40 (b) above shall, within 14 days of that acceptance, supply the Board with a date and venue for the Promotion.
- 9.41 In the event of Purse offers being submitted to and approved by the Board, the Purse shall be divided:
- (a) 60% to the Champion and 40% to the challenger; or
 - (b) in the event of there being no Champion or in any eliminating contest 60% to the winner and 40% to the loser; or
 - (c) in the event of a “draw” 50% to each.
- 9.42 The Board may at its discretion reject a Purse Offer it regards as too low to be justified for a particular contest. In such cases that contest will be circulated again for further bids.
- 9.43 A Promoter shall pay travel expenses, hotel, and subsistence for 3 persons as required for Boxers in Championships or eliminators.
- 9.44 In the event of a Slovenia Championship or eliminating contest for a Slovenia Championship being submitted for Purse offers the Boxers concerned must not, without permission of the Board, arrange for or engage in any other contest until the Purse offers have been considered by the Board.
- 9.45 The Promoter shall pay the Purse to the Manager of the Boxer.
- 9.46 A Boxer being paid up to €3,000.00 shall be paid on the evening of the Promotion and the Manager shall sign for the Purse money in a book kept by the Promoter. Such book shall be open to inspection by the Board if required.
- 9.47 All Purse monies above €3,000.00 shall be paid to the Manager of the Boxer within 7 days of the Promotion taking place.
- 9.48 Within 28 days of any Promotion, the Promoter shall advise the Board of the total amount of the gross gate takings excluding VAT therefrom (“Net Takings”) and pay the SPA sums calculated or assessed as:
- (a) Net takings below €20,000

| | Net Takings of Promotion | Sum to be paid to SPA |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | €0 up to €7,500.00 | €50 |
| 2. | €7,501.00 up to €10,000.00 | €100 |
| 3. | €10,001.00 up to €12,500.00 | €200 |
| 4. | €12,501.00 up to €15,000.00 | €300 |
| 5. | €15,001.00 up to €20,000.00 | €400 |

- (b) Where the Net Takings are €20,000.00 or more or where a Slovenian, European, or the World Championship is contested, 5% of the Net Takings after deducting the total of the two largest Purses less the amount received or assessed by the Board by virtue of any television arrangement and an allowance of 10% of the Net Takings provided that the Board may grant such further allowance as it sees fit.
- (c) Where any Promotion is promoted by a promoting club and/or where no separate admission charge or charges are made the following scales shall apply:

| | Net Takings of Promotion | Sum to be paid to SPA |
|----|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | €0 up to €3,000.00 | €100 |
| 2. | €3,001.00 up to €4,000.00 | €150 |
| 3. | €4,001.00 up to €6,000.00 | €200 |
| 4. | €6,001.00 up to €8,000.00 | €250 |
| 5. | €8,001.00 up to €10,000.00 | €300 |
| 6. | €10,001.00 and upwards | To be determined by the Board |

- (d) 4% of all purses of €1,500.00 or more at all tournaments.
- (e) The Board may in its absolute discretion require a Promoter to furnish detailed financial accounts, duly audited by a registered auditor for any Promotion they promote under the auspices of the SPA.
- (f) 10% of any fee or payment received for television, or any process analogous thereof or any development thereof, broadcasting, filming and still photography of the Promotion shall be provided to the Board.
- (g) In cases where a Promoter is required to pay sanction fees or expenses to an affiliated Controlling Authority, the Board may in its absolute discretion vary any of the foregoing sum or fees.

9.49 When a sum is donated to a charity or as sponsorship for any charitable object in connection with a Promotion and against such donation or sponsorship the donor is given seats to attend that Promotion by a Promoter then the value of the seats shall be treated as gross gate takings (excluding VAT therefrom).

9.50 No belt, trophy, or other award shall be offered by a Promoter to any licence holder nor shall any statement in respect thereof be made in any bill, programme, advertising material or announcement save with the prior written permission of the Board.

9.51 Except with the prior written consent of the Board, the Promoter shall ensure that the first contest at any Promotion shall commence no later than 21.30 hours and a Championship contest at any promotion (other than a contest for an Area Championship) shall commence by

no later than 22.00 hours on the day of such promotion, except with prior agreement with the Board.

9.52 The Promoter shall ensure that contests shall be staged continuously without interruption for auctions, raffles, or any other forms of non-boxing entertainment or activity except with prior agreement with the Board.

9.53 At a Promotion, the Promoter shall allow:

- (a) one side of the ring for exclusive use by the Board;
- (b) a seat in each corner with a clear sight of the ring for use of the appointed inspector;
- (c) a seat in each corner with a clear sight of the ring for use of the Medical Officer when required; and
- (d) where applicable a raised seat shall be placed in each of the middle of 3 sides of the ring for the sole use of the Judges.

9.54 At a Promotion, the Promoter shall provide seating, and where necessary tables, on all 4 sides of the ring. Erection of 'catwalks' on any side of the ring for use by television or any other purpose shall be strictly forbidden.

9.55 At a Promotion, the Promoter shall provide adequate stewarding and security for the maintenance of good order and safety at such Promotion. Any failure to do so will constitute a breach of these Regulations.

9.56 A Promoter must ensure that there is adequate dressing room accommodation at any venue at which a Promotion is to be staged under the jurisdiction of the SPA including washing and toilet facilities that must be approved by the Board officials. Separate facilities of the same standard must be provided for biological born female Boxers.

10. **BOXER AND PROMOTER CONTRACTS**

10.1 Subject to Regulation 10.4 below, all contracts between a Promoter and Boxer, or a Matchmaker on the Promoter's behalf and a Boxer, or Manager of a Boxer on the Boxer's behalf shall be in writing and executed by the parties thereto upon the SPA standard Promoter and Boxer contract or otherwise such contract that shall have been previously approved in writing by the SPA such approval not to be unreasonably withheld providing that such contract shall not be inconsistent with any provision of these Rules and Regulations..

10.2 Subject to Regulation 10.4 below, the Boxer Promoter contest agreement card ("Agreement Card") may be completed and used in lieu of the Boxer and Promoter agreement provided that the relevant contest is not for a Championship, is not being televised or broadcast whatsoever and/or is not an international contest.

- (a) Where the Boxer Promoter contest Agreement Card is used, the terms shall be subject to all of these Rules and Regulations and to the provisions of Form 35.

10.3 Subject to Regulation 10.4 below, a Promoter must not enter into any arrangement with a Boxer or any person on his behalf so as to prevent the Boxer from accepting an engagement from any other Promoter, except for the length of the time provided in the Boxer and Manager contract, and the option clause provide in the agreement. It shall not be permissible to contract out of this Regulation.

10.4 All contracts between a Promoter and Boxer, or a Matchmaker on the Promoter's behalf and a Boxer, or Manager of a Boxer on the Boxer's behalf, or Agreement Card existing at the date of making of these Rules and Regulations shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the terms for the duration of that contract without right of extension.

11. **MATCHMAKERS**

11.1 A Matchmaker must be the holder of a valid Matchmaker licence issued by the Board.

11.2 Application for a Matchmaker licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

11.3 A Matchmaker must be at least 25 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.

11.4 All applications for a Matchmaker licence must be submitted to the Board with supporting documentation for its consideration and approval.

11.5 A Promoter when engaging the services of a person to act as a Matchmaker in preparation for a Promotion must procure that the person engaged holds a valid Matchmaker licence authorised by a Controlling Authority satisfying conditions equal to these Regulations.

11.6 The holder of a Matchmaker licence is entitled to act as a Ring Master, Whip, or Master of Ceremonies at a Promotion in cases of emergency only. What constitutes an emergency shall be determined by the Steward at the Promotion.

11.7 A Matchmaker shall obtain his authority in writing from a Promoter before signing any contract on the Promoter's behalf and then shall only sign "for and on behalf of" that Promoter. No person other than a Promoter (on behalf of his own Promotion) or a duly appointed Matchmaker shall arrange or negotiate contests, or in any way carry out the duties of a Matchmaker.

11.8 A Matchmaker when obtaining authority in writing as provided in Regulation 11.7 above shall ensure that his name is duly endorsed on the Promoter's licence in the requisite place and shall ensure that the Promoter lodges his Promoter's licence with the SPA for this purpose.

11.9 A Matchmaker shall not be entitled to deduct any commission from a Boxer Purse or other earnings.

11.10 A Matchmaker shall have duties and responsibilities with regard to Overseas Boxers as are set out in Regulation 12 below.

12. **OVERSEAS BOXERS**

12.1 An Overseas Boxer engaged to box in the Territory shall be represented by a licenced Matchmaker permanently residing in the Territory.

12.2 The Matchmaker shall be responsible for the valid licensing with the SPA of an Overseas Boxer and his Second or Manager.

12.3 An Overseas Boxer must be in possession of an International Boxer's Licence or other documentation satisfactory to the Board which shall contain the Boxer's:

(a) current licence status;

(b) boxing record;

- (c) medical fitness to take part in the proposed contest; and
- (d) a certificate or other evidence of authorisation of his Controlling Authority, federation, association, or state commission.

12.4 In the event that the Overseas Boxer licence or other satisfactory documentation is not produced, the Board may nevertheless, subject to satisfactory evidence being produced to meet his requirements and upon payment of a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board grant the Boxer permission under Rule 4.15 above. However, in this event the Overseas Boxer shall:

- (a) forfeit 25% of his Purse which shall be held by the Board pending its decision as to its disposal which decision shall be at its complete discretion; or
- (b) if there is no Purse, provide a sum determined by the Board to be held by the Board pending its decision as to its disposal which decision shall be at its complete discretion.

12.5 Overseas Boxers will, when considered necessary by the Board, undergo a trial contest before being granted permission under Rule 4.15 above.

12.6 The Board otherwise may in its absolute discretion grant licences to Overseas Boxers on production of evidence of suitable residential qualification in the Territory.

12.7 All documents referred to in this Regulation shall be lodged with the SPA no later than 48 hours before the contest and must be on a business day.

12.8 The Matchmaker shall be responsible for the strict observance by the Overseas Boxer and those attending with him of these Rules and Regulations with particular regard to Regulation 3 above and the provision of Regulation 12.3 above.

12.9 The Matchmaker shall be in attendance for the weigh-in and at the ringside during the contest.

12.10 The Matchmaker shall be responsible for having available at all material times the service of an interpreter if he is unable to converse in the language of the Overseas Boxer, or his Manager, or vice versa.

13. **DUTIES OF STEWARD OR AREA REPRESENTATIVE**

13.1 A Steward may be appointed by the Board respectively to officiate in charge at any contest or Promotion.

13.2 The powers and duties of a Steward at a Promotion shall be as follows:

- (a) to see that all Rules and Regulations which are applicable are complied with;
- (b) to settle any dispute which may arise pursuant to these Rules and Regulations for the better performance of the Promotion;
- (c) if necessary to attend the weigh-in of the Boxers;
- (d) to receive any reports from the Inspectors and instruct and advise them as necessary;
- (e) if he thinks fit, to instruct the Promoter to withhold payment to any Boxer and to forward the same to the Board when, in his opinion, an inquiry should be held arising from any matter during or in connection with the Promotion in which a Boxer has taken part.

- (f) the Board, or any committee elected for the purpose, undertaking the enquiry shall have the power to dispose of such monies as they in their absolute discretion shall think fit. Any such determination shall be made irrespective of any verdict or opinion a Referee of a contest may previously have given. See Regulations 3.77 above and 9.23 above.
 - (g) to make a report at the next meeting of the Board following a Promotion.
- 13.3 In the absence of an appointed Steward, any Steward present may officiate and be vested with the same powers and duties as are set out in Regulation 13.2 above.
- 13.4 A Steward may be authorised to visit gymnasiums from time to time for the purposes of carrying out random check weigh-ins on Boxers pursuant to Regulations 5.28 above and 16.13 below.
14. **INSPECTORS**
- 14.1 The Board may appoint and shall supervise Inspectors to carry out the duties specified in this Regulation. The duties of an Inspector appointed by an Area Council shall only be applicable to the Area over which such Area Council has jurisdiction.
- 14.2 Inspectors shall be appointed by the Board to carry out all or any of the following duties in accordance with the specifications issued by the Board from time to time at any Promotion may include:
- (a) to ensure that all Rules and Regulations applicable to the Promotion are complied with;
 - (b) attending the “weighing-in” of Boxers pursuant to Regulation 3.3 above, and inspecting contracts, and satisfying himself as to the contracted weight of the Boxers for a contest;
 - (c) examining the licences of all categories from time to time, and where necessary, collecting outstanding licence fees;
 - (d) satisfying himself that Boxers and Seconds are properly dressed before entering the boxing ring in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 3 above;
 - (e) viewing contests and providing a written report to the Board;
 - (f) being ready to carry out any order or request from a Referee during the course of a boxing contest;
 - (g) dealing with any persistent shouting or any conduct of an unruly nature in a Boxer’s corner or any untoward happening whilst a contest is in progress;
 - (h) impounding any substance used by a Second which the Inspector may have reason to consider is contrary to Regulations 3.31 above, 3.32 above and/or 3.33 above; and
 - (i) examining the bandaging of Boxer hands to ensure that only those bandages which comply with Regulation 3.44 above are used and properly applied.
- 14.3 Inspectors for Championships or any eliminating contests for Championships shall be appointed only by the Board.
- 14.4 The Board shall pay Inspectors a sum for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses if claimed by an Inspector.

- 14.5 The General Secretary or General Counsel may at any time act as an Inspector.
- 14.6 A Badge of office or official document shall be issued to all Inspectors and shall be worn or presented by an Inspector when officiating at a Promotion.
- 14.7 An Inspector appointed for a boxing contest shall be allowed access to Boxer dressing rooms and shall be allotted a seat near a Boxer corner for his sole use.
- 14.8 An Inspector may be authorised by the Board to visit gymnasiums from time to time for the purpose of random check weigh-ins of Boxers pursuant to Regulations 5.28 above and 16.13 below.
15. **REFEREES**
- 15.1 A Referee must be the holder of a valid Referee licence issued by the Board.
- 15.2 Application for a Referee licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.
- 15.3 A Referee must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.
- 15.4 All applications for a Referee's licence must be submitted to the Board with supporting documentation for its consideration and approval.
- 15.5 Applicants shall be permitted to take part in practical tests inside the ring to determine their suitability and competence.
- 15.6 The Board shall appoint all Referees.
- 15.7 There shall be the following grades of licence:
- (a) Class "B" – Referees who have satisfied the Board as to their competence and suitability following application, interview and practical and oral examination to referee a contest not exceeding 24 minutes actual boxing. A Class "B" Referee who does not, within three years of being granted a licence, satisfy the Referee's Committee or the Board of his ability to be up-graded to Class "A" may have his licence withdrawn.
 - (b) Class "A" – Referees who have satisfied the Board through its Committees as to their competence and suitability to officiate in all contests including contests for Area Championships, Championships or eliminating contests for Championships of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Commonwealth, European, but excluding the World.
 - (c) Class "A" Star – Referees who have satisfied the Board through its Committees as to their competence and suitability to officiate in all or any contests.
- 15.8 Applications for upgrading shall be considered by the Referee's Committee before submission to the Board.
- 15.9 A Referee shall relinquish their licences upon the expiration of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 67 years, except in the case of Class "A" Star Referee who, being a member of or affiliated to an International Championship Controlling Authority permitted by the Board to sanction their Championship contests within the Board's jurisdiction, may continue to hold a licence and be available to be appointed as a Judge only in a relevant Championship contest by such International Championship sanctioning authority or by the Board if so requested.

- 15.10 A Class "A" Star referee on reaching the age of 67 years will be permitted to continue as a Judge for Slovenian and International Championship eliminating and final eliminating contests until the age of 72 years.
- 15.11 In doing so they shall have the powers and responsibility of a Class B Referee except that the licensed Referee appointed to oversee the contest from outside the ring shall determine the award of points and, if necessary, order the stoppage of the contest and disqualification of Boxer.
- 15.12 The Board shall pay the expenses of a Referee who may be appointed at a Promotion outside their own Territory for the purposes of consideration of up-grading of his licence.
- 15.13 Referee fees shall be determined by the Board from time to time and at present are as follows:
- (a) 1-9 Contests:
 - (i) 1st Referee £150.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (ii) 2nd Referee £125.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (b) 10 Contests and above:
 - (i) 1st Referee £150.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (ii) 2nd Referee £125.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (iii) 3rd Referee £100.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (c) Board appointments of "A" Star Referees
 - Slovenia Championships and Eliminators
 - (i) Referees £200.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (ii) Judges £150.00 plus agreed expenses
 - (d) If any "A" Star Referee officiates in any additional non-title contests on the same Promotion he shall be paid £25.00 per contest.
- 15.14 When an "A" Star Referee is appointed by the Board to officiate in a Championship contest more than 50 miles journey from his place of residence he shall receive from the Promoter in addition to the above fees, reasonable accommodation and travelling expenses.
- (a) Any dispute arising in this connection shall be referred to the Board for adjudication.
- 15.15 A Referee who is appointed to a Promotion more than 15 miles from their place of residence shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses. These shall be paid by the Promoter at the relevant Promotion if sought by the Referee.
- 15.16 A Referee must not canvass any person to obtain employment in boxing either within or outside the Territory either verbally or in writing. Licensed Referee contact details are available on inquiry with the SPA.
- 15.17 In the event of the Board deciding to refer a Referee to the Referees' Committee on its own initiative or, following a complaint, a Referee may be removed from the appointments list until the case has been heard by the Referees' Committee whose recommendation must be confirmed by the Board.

16. **TRAINER AND SECONDS**

- 16.1 A Trainer/Second must be the holder of a valid Trainer/Second licence issued by the Board.
- 16.2 Application for a Trainer/Second licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.
- 16.3 A Trainer/Second must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.
- 16.4 All applications for a Trainer/Second licence must be submitted to the Board with supporting documentation for its consideration and approval.
- 16.5 The holder of a Trainer/Seconds licence may act as a Second.
- 16.6 A Seconds licence does not permit the licence holder to act as a Trainer.
- 16.7 Where a trainer is engaged by a Boxer, or a Boxer's manager, for a particular contest, the terms of the engagement shall provide that:
- (a) the trainer is entitled to a sum of up to, but not more than, 10% of the Boxer's gross purse, where the gross purse is no more than €10,000.00.
 - (b) where the Boxer's gross purse exceeds €10,000.00 the terms of the engagement may make any provision for the sum to be received by the trainer.
- 16.8 For the purpose of this Regulation all amounts are deemed to be exclusive of V.A.T.
- 16.9 A trainer may enter into a contract with a Boxer, or a Boxer's manager, for the provision of the trainer's services other than by reference to a specific contest. In such circumstances, the contract:
- (a) shall be in writing and lodged with the Board within 7 days of it being entered into;
 - (b) must specify the period of time, which shall be no longer than 24 months, for which the Trainer's services are being retained;
 - (c) if with a Boxer's manager shall have no effect until the Boxer has confirmed in writing that he agrees to the training arrangements to be made by the Trainer under the contract; and
 - (d) shall have no effect until approved by the Board.
- 16.10 Where a trainer also acts as a Boxer's Manager, provided that a Manager licence is granted:
- (a) the Trainer shall be entitled to receive remuneration for his services as a Trainer in addition to that received by him pursuant to the Boxer and Manager; and
 - (b) any terms agreed by the Trainer and Boxer in such circumstances shall be recorded in writing and must be approved by the Board before they have effect.
- 16.11 Each applicant for a Trainer/Second or Seconds licence must have a SPA approved First Aid qualification before being granted a licence. Thereafter, the First Aid Certificate must be renewed every 3 years.
- 16.12 A Trainer/Second is required to keep a training diary for every licensed Boxer under their supervision which must include a record of the Boxer's training weight before and after each

training session. The diary, if requested, must be produced by the Trainer/Second to the Board or authorised representative.

16.13 A Trainer/Second supervising the training of a Boxer in a gymnasium must permit that Boxer to undergo a random check weigh-in in front of an authorised Board official if so requested by that official.

17. **TIMEKEEPERS**

17.1 A Timekeeper must be the holder of a valid Timekeeper licence issued by the Board.

17.2 Application for a Timekeeper licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

17.3 A Timekeeper must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.

17.4 All applications for a Timekeeper licence must be submitted to the Board with supporting documentation for its consideration and approval.

17.5 Upon the expiration of the calendar year in which they attain 65 years of age a Timekeeper shall relinquish their licences unless extended at the absolute discretion of the Board.

17.6 The Board shall appoint a Timekeeper at a Promotion.

17.7 The Timekeeper must have in his possession 2 stop watches of such make that each second is plainly discernible.

17.8 A Timekeeper should wear a dinner jacket and trousers or a dark suit, white shirt and black bow tie, and be of clean and tidy appearance when officiating.

17.9 Timekeeper fees paid to a Timekeeper shall be those determined by the Board from time to time and at present are as follows:

(a) 1-5 Contests:

(i) Whole Tournament £50.00 plus agreed expenses

(b) 6 Contests and above:

(i) 1st Timekeeper £50.00 plus agreed expenses

(ii) 2nd Timekeeper £25.00 plus agreed expenses

17.10 If a Timekeeper officiates in a championship contest a further fee may be assessed and paid by the Board to the Timekeeper.

17.11 When a Timekeeper is appointed and the Promotion is abandoned, the Timekeeper shall be paid reasonable expenses by the Promoter.

17.12 In the event of a Timekeeper:

(a) being unable to return to his place of residence on the night of the Promotion, reasonable expenses should be allowed but those reasonable expenses should not exceed the prevailing rate as determined from time to time by the Board.

- (b) is appointed to a Promotion more than 15 miles from their place of residence shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses. These shall be paid by the Promoter at the relevant Promotion.

18. MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- 18.1 A Master of Ceremonies must be the holder of a valid Master of Ceremonies licence issued by the Board.
- 18.2 Application for a Master of Ceremonies licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.
- 18.3 A Master of Ceremonies must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.
- 18.4 All applications for a Master of Ceremonies licence must be submitted to the Board with supporting documentation for its consideration and approval.

19. RINGMASTER AND WHIPS

- 19.1 A Ring Master/Whip must be the holder of a valid Ring Master/Whip licence issued by the Board.
- 19.2 Application for a Ring Master/Whip licence must be in accordance with Regulation 4.2 above and accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.
- 19.3 A Ring Master/Whip must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence by the Board.
- 19.4 All applications for a Ring Master/Whip licence must be submitted to the Board with supporting documentation for its consideration and approval.
- 19.5 The duties of Ring Masters and Whips shall be determined by the Promoter.

20. SLOVENIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 20.1 Standard Weight classes for contests:

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|-----|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Flyweight | 50.80kg | 112lbs | 8st and under |
| 2. | Super Flyweight | 52.16kg | 115lbs | 8st 3lbs and under |
| 3. | Bantamweight | 53.52kg | 118lbs | 8st 6lbs and under |
| 4. | Super Bantamweight | 55.34kg | 122lbs | 8st 10lbs and under |
| 5. | Featherweight | 57.15kg | 126lbs | 9st and under |
| 6. | Super Featherweight | 58.97kg | 130lbs | 9st 4lbs and under |
| 7. | Lightweight | 61.24kg | 135lbs | 9st 9lbs and under |
| 8. | Super Lightweight | 63.50kg | 140lbs | 10st and under |
| 9. | Welterweight | 66.68kg | 147lbs | 10st 7lbs and under |
| 10. | Super Welterweight | 69.85kg | 154lbs | 11st and under |
| 11. | Middleweight | 72.58kg | 160lbs | 11st 6lbs and under |
| 12. | Super Middleweight | 76.20kg | 168lbs | 12st and under |
| 13. | Light Heavyweight | 79.38kg | 175lbs | 12st 7lbs and under |
| 14. | Cruiserweight | 90.72kg | 200lbs | 14st 4lbs and under |
| 15. | Heavyweight | Any weight | Any weight | Any weight |

- 20.2 Following the announcement or contracting of a Championship or Official Eliminating contest both Boxers will be required to attend a check weigh-in before a designated official of the Board at a time and place to be determined by the Board.
- 20.3 Three days prior to the Promotion both Boxers will have to submit to a further check weigh-in before a designated official of the Board at a time and place to be determined by the Board.
- 20.4 A Boxer weighing more than 3% above the relevant Championship limit 3 days prior to the date of the Promotion will require the sanction of the SPA before being permitted to box for that Championship on the contracted Promotion date.
- 20.5 Unless expressly authorised by the Board, a Boxer competing for a Heavyweight Championship will be exempted from Regulations 20.2 above and 20.3 above.
- 20.6 Immediately before each contest, the Boxer respective weight shall be announced from the boxing ring. The weight determines the category.
- (a) Should either Boxer fail to reach the weight determined by the category at the official weigh-in time they shall be allowed 1 hour to meet the weight prescribed by the Regulation.
 - (b) If the champion makes the weight and the challenger fails, and the contest goes ahead, the champion shall retain the title even if he loses the contest.
 - (c) In the event that the:
 - (i) champion fails to make the weight, he will forfeit the championship.
 - (ii) challenger has made the weight the contest may proceed under the championship conditions.
 - (iii) challenger wins the contest he will be recognised as the champion.
 - (d) In the event that there is any other result or if both Boxers fail to make the weight then the championship shall be declared vacant, and the contest may be carried out as a non-title contest.
- 20.7 All championships and eliminating contests for championships shall be controlled by the Board and shall be contested under Regulation 3 above.
- 20.8 No Boxer may at the same time hold two Slovenian titles in different weight categories. The Boxer, on winning the second title shall declare which title he shall retain and relinquish the other title which shall automatically be declared vacant.
- 20.9 In the event of a Slovenian Champion becoming a World or European Champion (at the same or any other weight under an organisation whether or not recognised by the Board) the Board may declare the Champion's Slovenian title or titles vacant.
- (a) If this Boxer subsequently loses the World or European Championship, he shall be entitled to claim consideration as the first contender for the Slovenian title or titles which the Board vacates under this rule.
- 20.10 In the event of a Slovenian Champion voluntarily relinquishing his Slovenian title in order to box for a European or World Championship and subsequently losing the European or World

Championship contest he shall be entitled to claim consideration as the first contender for the Slovenian title relinquished.

- 20.11 In Regulations 20.9 above and 20.10 above, the division of any Purse monies for a subsequent Slovenian Championship following a Purse offer shall be 50% to each Boxer.
- 20.12 In the event of a Slovenian Champion winning a European and International Championship, his Slovenian title shall automatically be declared vacant.
- 20.13 Before advertising or announcing a championship or eliminating contest the promoter must first obtain the necessary sanction from the Board and:
- (a) contracts must be lodged with the SPA within a period decided by the Board, at its sole discretion, as reasonable; and
 - (b) if contracts are not lodged as required by the Board the contest may not be sanctioned or any sanction previously given may be withdrawn and action taken by the Board as it deems necessary.
- 20.14 Where the Board orders a champion to defend against a named challenger or nominates 2 Boxers for a vacant championship; or orders a series of eliminating or final eliminating contests; the Board will allow at its absolute discretion a period of time for the Boxers or Managers and Promoters or Matchmakers to voluntarily agree terms and forward the signed Boxer and Promoter contracts to the SPA.
- 20.15 In the event that voluntary agreements cannot be reached the Board will call for Purse offers to be submitted by Promoters.
- (a) Such Purse offers shall be submitted to the Board in accordance with Regulations 9.44 above or 20.11 above as applicable.
 - (b) Other than as provided for in Regulations 9.41 above and 20.12 above the Board shall determine from time to time the terms and conditions relating to any specific Purse offer.
- 20.16 Duration of contests shall comprise:
- (a) championship contests and final eliminating contests shall be 12 rounds of 3 minutes each round, with 1 minute rest between each.
 - (b) Slovenian contests shall normally be 10 rounds of 3 minutes each round with 1 minute rest between each:
 - (i) This may be varied by the Board or with prior permission of the Board to 12 rounds of 3 minutes and 1 minute rest between each.
 - (c) for biological born female Boxers contesting any championship, contests may be varied to 10 rounds of 2 minutes each round provided both Boxers agree and subject to the prior written permission of the Board.
- 20.17 Contestants for a Slovenian championship must:
- (a) be the holder of a current and renewable Boxer licence issued by the SPA.
 - (i) Boxers granted permission under Regulation 4.15 above do not qualify.

- (b) be a Slovenian citizen by birth; or be a person born abroad who has since become a Slovenian citizen; or has been permanently resident and domiciled in the Territory for a continuous period of not less than 5 years immediately preceding the championship contest.
- (c) produce a Slovenian birth certificate and/or Slovenian passport must be produced if requested by the Board.

20.18 A champion shall forfeit his title in the following circumstances:

- (a) if defeated in a championship contest sanctioned and controlled by the Board and at the same weight at which they won their title and at the discretion of the Board in relation to Slovenian champions;
- (b) at the discretion of the Board, if convicted of any arrestable offence while he is the holder of a title;
- (c) if proved guilty, to the satisfaction of the Board, of gross misconduct as a Boxer;
- (d) if he refuses to defend his title after the receipt of a challenge approved, and a date limit given for such a title match, by the Board;
- (e) if a champion is for any reason unable or unwilling to defend his title when required by the Board to do so;
- (f) if he ceases to be a Member of the SPA; or
- (g) if he fails to achieve the specified weight at the weigh-in for the championship contest.

20.19 In the event that a title becomes vacant pursuant to Regulation 20.18 above then the Board shall, in addition have power to impose any penalty upon the immediate past champion, which in their discretion, is appropriate.

20.20 A champion shall not be required to defend his title until the expiration of 6 months or in the case of a Slovenian champion, 4 months from the date of winning or successfully defending his title.

- (a) The Board may in their sole discretion have the power to waive the requirements of this Regulation and order a re-match of the championship.

20.21 Contenders for championships or their Managers when arranging a championship contest must not agree to grant a return championship contest to the champion in the event of the title changing hands. Champions are not allowed to demand or stipulate a return championship contest in the event of their being defeated.

20.22 Where a champion boxes an eligible contender in a contest which is not sanctioned as being for the championship and loses, the title shall be declared vacant. Such a contest may however be allowed when declared at a stipulated weight above the particular championship weight. The permission of the Board is required before a champion arranges to take part in a non-title contest against an eligible boxer at less than 1 kilogram over his championship weight.

20.23 In the case of the heavyweight champion being defeated in a contest not recognised by the Board as a championship and the opponent being an eligible contender for the title, the Board may declare the title vacant.

- 20.24 No Boxer contesting a championship contest shall engage in a contest within 28 days before the date fixed for such championship except with the prior written permission from the Board.
- 20.25 In the event of the champion wishing to defend his title voluntarily, the Board's approval must first be obtained.
- 20.26 The actual weight of both Boxers must not be recorded or announced when a champion is boxing in a contest at a weight over the championship weight when his opponent is a possible contender for the title held by the champion.
- (a) Both Boxers need only prove they are not more than the agreed weight.
 - (b) Only when a champion boxing at a weight over the weight of his division exceeds the contracted weight must his actual weight be recorded or announced.
- 20.27 Boxers chosen by the Board for eliminating contests for championships shall not box in contests at less than 1 kilogram over the championship weight until the championship series is ended.
- (a) If the contender weighs in under the championship weight, the exact weight of the chosen contender shall not be recorded or announced unless he is overweight.
- 20.28 Notwithstanding Regulation 20.18 above a Boxer can only be declared a champion by winning a contest under championship conditions.
- 20.29 Gloves and bandages used in the championship contests must be provided to the Board and handed to the duly appointed Inspector in charge at the Promotion.
- (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Regulation 3.50 above the Stewards may exercise their discretion, subject to application, to permit championship boxers to wear different makes of gloves by mutual agreement and this may apply to any other feature contest, so designated by the Stewards.
 - (b) The Inspector shall inspect and sign or stamp the bandages of a Boxer before the Boxer is gloved.
 - (c) The Inspector may supervise the bandaging of the hands and the gloving of the Boxers which may be in the presence of a representative of the Boxer's opponent.
- 20.30 In the event of the Board declaring that a series of eliminating contests shall take place to find the contenders to meet a champion at any weight, and before the final of the series has taken place should another Boxer not in the eliminating series prove himself to the satisfaction of the Stewards of equal merit to the other contenders, the Board may approve a contest between the champion and such other contender as being for the championship on condition that both Boxers agree that in the event of being declared the winner of the championship they will forego Regulation 20.20 above and meet the finalist of the series by a date determined by the Board.
- 20.31 The Board may withdraw a Boxer from any eliminating series or contest in the event of the Boxer being defeated before taking part in the eliminator, and may, at their discretion, substitute the winner or another Boxer. The Board may order a rematch of the two Boxers who have engaged in an eliminator.
- 20.32 A Boxer who has been asked by the Board to take part in a championship or eliminating series may be withdrawn at any time by the Board if it is not satisfied as to his current form, fitness,

ability to make the required weight satisfactorily or for any other reason that it shall consider advisable.

- 20.33 Any Boxer withdrawing from an eliminating contest for reasons not acceptable to the Board shall not be permitted to take part in a voluntary defence at that weight for a period of 12 months.
- 20.34 The Board shall award a Dejan Zavec Challenge Belt for every Slovenian championship and such belt shall become the property of any Boxer who shall win a championship contest on 4 occasions in the same weight division, such wins to include at least 1 mandatory defence.
- 20.35 No Boxer shall receive more than 1 belt as his own property in any 1 weight division.
- 20.36 In the event of a champion not being called upon to defend his title for a period of 2 years from winning the title date, the Board may, at its discretion, authorise the belt to become the property of such champion.
- 20.37 In the event of championships or eliminating contests being held and one or both of the Boxers residing outside a distance of 50 miles of the venue at which the contest takes place the Boxer(s) shall report to the Promoter the night before the Promotion.
- 20.38 Before any contest for a Slovenian championship can take place a sanction fee at the prevailing rate must be paid to the Board by the Promoter.

21. **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 21.1 European, International, and World Championships when promoted in Slovenia must be organised and controlled in accordance with the Regulations of the SPA except where such Regulations may be at variance with those of any European, International, or World Boxing Authorities with whom the SPA may for the time be affiliated, when the Regulations of such Controlling Authorities shall apply subject to approval by the SPA.
- 21.2 Before advertising or announcing a championship or eliminating contest the promoter must first obtain the necessary sanction from the Board and:
- (a) contracts must be lodged with the SPA within a period decided by the Board, at its sole discretion, as reasonable; and
 - (b) if contracts are not lodged as required by the Board the contest may not be sanctioned or any sanction previously given may be withdrawn and action taken by the Board as it deems necessary.
- 21.3 The Board shall appoint the Steward in Charge, Timekeeper, and Inspectors and, where it considers appropriate, the Supervisor, Referee and/or Judges for World, European, International, Continental, and associated and championships when such contests take place in the Territory.
- 21.4 In the event of a Slovenian champion winning a European, International, or World Championship, the Slovenian title shall automatically be declared vacant.
- 21.5 Regulations 20.2 above, 20.3 above, and 20.4 above will apply for international championships or official eliminating contests. In the event that one or either of the Boxers is normally resident outside the Territory it will be necessary for that Boxer to arrange a check weigh-in, upon the announcement or contracting of such championship or official eliminator to be forwarded by the fastest means to the Board, and the Promoter shall be responsible for arranging this.

22. **BROADCASTING**

- 22.1 Prior written consent of the Board must be obtained before any Licence Holder shall contract to take part in the broadcasting (by any medium) or screening by film or other means (whether in whole or in part) ("**Broadcast**") in the Territory of a boxing contest in any part of the World.
- 22.2 All applications for consent under Regulation 22.1 above must be made to the Board in writing no less than 7 days prior to the date of proposed Broadcast.
- 22.3 A Promoter shall provide to the Board a copy of any contract relating to the Broadcast of any Promoter Promotion. This contract shall be filed with the Board within 7 days of it being agreed.

23. **SPONSORSHIP**

- 23.1 Any Sponsorship Arrangement or Sponsorship Benefit involving a Licence Holder or Associate shall be of good standing and reputation and shall not diminish the sport of boxing.
- 23.2 In the event that the Board considers that a Sponsorship Agreement or Sponsorship Benefit is not of good standing, or it has received a Complaint, the Board, in its absolute discretion, shall investigate and question the Licence Holder or Associate, and it shall proceed to determine the same and make such order as they may in their absolute discretion think fit.
- 23.3 A copy of every Sponsorship Arrangement shall forthwith be submitted to the Board by the Licence Holder if requested by the Board.

24. **COMPLAINTS**

- 24.1 The fact of membership of the SPA shall constitute an agreement to refer all complaints, differences, and questions ("**Complaint**") in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and shall be enforceable as an agreement.
- 24.2 Any Complaint of a Member coming within the provisions of these Rules and Regulations must be lodged with the Board.
- 24.3 Upon receipt of notice of a Complaint the Board may order that the same shall be referred to and heard by the Board.
- 24.4 When notified of a Complaint the Board shall have a complete discretion to refuse to hear such Complaint.
- 24.5 The Board may require the Complaint to be accompanied by a deposit in such sum as the Board may determine. If the Complaint:
- (a) is not pursued or is not successful the deposit may be forfeited to the Board.
 - (b) is referred to a specialist service provider pursuant to Regulation 26.2 below, such deposit shall be forfeited to the Board to indemnify the Board against any sum for which the Board is or may become liable to the specialist service provider.
- 24.6 If the Board decide that it will hear the Complaint, it shall proceed to determine the same and make such order as they may in their absolute discretion think fit.
- 24.7 The Board shall have the power to withdraw a licence or to suspend the same for such a period or between such dates as they may decide and/or make such an order as to the validity of contract as they consider fit and/or to award compensation.

25. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

- 25.1 The Board or a committee appointed by the Board may, on its own initiative, require any Member to appear before it on any matter relating to the conduct of professional boxing, or in connection with any allegation of misconduct made by any Person.
- 25.2 For the purposes of this Regulation misconduct shall mean conduct detrimental to the interests of boxing or the public interest and shall include:
- (a) any breach of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (b) any failure to comply with an order made by the Board;
 - (c) any failure to honour any contractual obligation;
 - (d) any attempt, directly or indirectly, to induce the breaking of any contractual obligation; and
 - (e) incompetence.
- 25.3 The Board shall proceed to determine the matter and if they determine that a Member is guilty of the alleged misconduct, it may make such an order as they in their absolute discretion think fit.
- 25.4 The Board shall have power to withdraw a licence or to suspend the same for such period or between such dates as they may decide, and/or to impose such other penalty, including a fine, as they may decide and/or make such order as to the validity of a contract as they consider fit and/or award compensation.
- 25.5 If an order for the suspension or withdrawal of a licence is made in respect of a Member holding more than one licence, the Board may suspend or withdraw any or all of the licences held by such Member.
- 25.6 All fines imposed under this, or any other Regulation, shall be credited to the SPA.

26. HEARINGS

- 26.1 The provisions of this Regulation shall apply except as herein otherwise expressly stated, to all hearings under Regulations 24 above and 25 above.
- 26.2 The Board shall at all times be able to appoint a sub-committee if it desires, which shall consist of not less than 3 members of the Board to hear or determine Complaints under Regulation 24 above and allegations of misconduct under Regulation 25 above.
- 26.3 The Board shall also at all times be able to refer Complaints under Regulation 24 above and/or allegations of misconduct under Regulation 25 above to a specialist service provider.
- 26.4 Any reference to the Board in this Regulation shall be deemed to include a sub-committee of the same, duly appointed, or any panel appointed by a specialist service provider in accordance with the above.
- 26.5 The decision of such sub-committee or duly appointed arbitral panel shall be deemed to be the decision of the Board.
- 26.6 The Board shall give 10 clear business days' notice to all Members concerned to appear under Regulations 24 above or 25 above, except that the President of the Board may decide, under

special circumstances, that a lesser period of notice shall be given to the Member. The decision of the President in this respect shall be final.

(a) Notice shall include the date and place of the hearing and notification to the Members of their right to attend and/or be legally represented, or have their case conducted by a licensed Member.

(b) It shall also include particulars of the nature of the complaint or of the alleged misconduct.

26.7 The Board may decide either prior to, or during, a hearing of a Complaint under Regulation 24 above to hear at the same time an allegation of misconduct under Regulation 25 above, notwithstanding the lack of formal notice to the Member concerned, provided that the President of the Board, whose decision shall be final, is satisfied that the said Member is not prejudiced by the lack of notice.

26.8 When a Complaint under Regulation 24 above and an allegation of misconduct under Regulation 25 above are heard at the same time, the Board shall have the powers under respective Regulations to make such order in respect of the Complaint and the allegation of misconduct as they shall, in their absolute discretion, think fit.

26.9 The Board may, in relation to the hearing of a Complaint made under Regulation 24 above or of an allegation of misconduct made pursuant to Regulation 25 above, require any Member to attend as a witness.

26.10 The Board may, at its discretion, pay a witness the reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred to attend.

26.11 The Board may, on determination of a Complaint or allegation of misconduct, make such order for costs as they think fit.

26.12 Any Member who is subject of any order made shall be given written notice by the General Counsel of the Board, with all reasonable despatch.

27. **APPEAL**

27.1 The Stewards of Appeal shall meet from time to time as and when necessary to hear appeals from decisions in accordance with Regulation 27.2 below and the Articles.

27.2 Any Member affected by any decision or order of the Board, or any sub-committee, or of a specialist service (each being a "**Tribunal**") may give notice of appeal ("**Appellant**") in accordance with Regulation 27.6 below to the General Secretary and/or General Counsel.

27.3 No notice of appeal may be given unless, when the decision of the Tribunal requires the payment by the Appellant of a sum of money whether by way of fine or compensation, such sum shall be deposited with the Board to hold upon trust at the same time as notice of appeal is given or if the Appellant without good cause did not appear personally at the first hearing of the case held before the Board.

27.4 The Appellant shall file a Notice of Appeal in writing stating the grounds upon which the appeal is to be made and must be received by the General Secretary within 14 clear business days of the receipt or deemed receipt by the Appellant of the decision or order of the Tribunal.

- 27.5 An Appellant shall deposit with the General Secretary a sum as advised by the General Secretary at the time notice of appeal is given. If the Appeal is not pursued or unsuccessful then such sum shall be forfeited to the SPA.
- 27.6 The General Secretary shall within 7 business days following receipt of Notice of Appeal notify the chairman of the Stewards of Appeal of the Notice of Appeal.
- (a) A summary of the evidence adduced before the Tribunal shall be prepared by the General Counsel and/or the General Secretary as the case may be; and
- (b) The summary shall be given or sent by first class prepaid post to the parties, no less than 14 business days prior to the date fixed for the hearing of any appeal.
- 27.7 An appeal of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising shall take the form of a rehearing and the person or body originally making the Complaint must be prepared to prove the same.
- 27.8 If new evidence is adduced by either party the Stewards of Appeal may decide to send the case back for hearing by the Tribunal from whose decision the appeal is made.
- 27.9 The Stewards of Appeal shall have power to order any Member to attend as a witness and to direct the payment of conduct money to witnesses.
- 27.10 The Tribunal shall appoint a representative to be present and to assist at the appeal, but who shall take no part in the decision of the Stewards of Appeal.
- 27.11 Any penalty or sanction shall not take effect until the appeal is determined.
- 27.12 The Stewards of Appeal may confirm or vary any decision or order made by the Tribunal, and every decision of the Stewards of Appeal shall be final.
- (a) All decisions of the Stewards of Appeal shall be reported to the next meeting of the Tribunal following such decision.
- (b) The Stewards of Appeal may make such order as to costs as they shall in their absolute discretion think fit.
- 27.13 Any party to an appeal may be legally represented by Counsel, a solicitor, or a Member.
28. **GAMBLING AT PROMOTIONS**
- 28.1 Otherwise, than with the express written approval of the Board given in advance, no Promotion shall be held at a venue at which arrangements are made by the Promoter or otherwise for betting facilities (whether licensed or not) to be available either in the venue where any boxing contest.
- 28.2 Should it come to the attention of the Board, subsequent to approval of a venue having been given, that betting facilities will be available at it, such approval shall be withdrawn forthwith.
- 28.3 A Member shall not directly or indirectly bet or permit, direct, allow or enable any person for the Member's benefit or gain to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other outcome in connection with of a contest in which the Member is participating or proposing to participate in any capacity or which the Member has any influence, either direct or indirect.

29. **ANTI-DOPING**

- 29.1 The Board has adopted Anti-Doping Rules that impose clear prohibitions and controls on doping in professional boxing. The Anti-Doping Rules are the Slovenian Anti-Doping Rules published by Slovenska Antidoping Organizacija ("**Sloado**") (or its successor) as amended from time to time.
- 29.2 The Anti-Doping Rules shall be deemed to be part of, and form part of, the general Rules and Regulations of the Board and have like force and effect.
- (a) In the event of any conflict or duplication between the Anti-Doping Rules and any other Rule or Regulation of the Board, the provisions of the Anti-Doping Rules shall prevail.
- 29.3 The Anti-Doping Rules apply to all License Holders, in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, whether or not the licence holder is a citizen of or resident in Slovenia. to participate in professional boxing, for whichever is the longer of:
- (a) the length of the licence period; or
- (b) 12 months from the date of issue of the licence
- 29.4 All Licence Holders shall be deemed to have made himself familiar with, and agreed to be bound to, comply with, and abide strictly by the Anti-Doping Rules and all other anti-doping rules applicable to him, and submit to the authority of the Board, any designee(s) of the Board, including Sloado in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.
- 29.5 All Licence Holders irrevocably agree, both during the currency of their licence and thereafter, to cooperate fully with any World Anti-Doping Code compliant anti-doping investigation or other proceedings, whether conducted by Sloado or any successor organisation which carries out any of the functions previously performed by Sloado or any other competent body.
- 29.6 All Licence Holders irrevocably agree and consent, both during the currency of their licence and thereafter, to the SPA sharing any documents and/or information that come into the possession, custody or control of the SPA, in whatever circumstances (including, for the avoidance of doubt, circumstances of confidence or alleged confidence) which may, in the opinion of the SPA, give rise to, or be relevant to, any anti-doping investigation or other proceedings by any competent body (including for the avoidance of doubt, and without limitation, Sloado or any successor organisation which carries out any of the functions previously performed by Sloado).

Appendix 1

Licence Holder Fees

| | Category | Annual Fee (€) |
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| 1. | Trainer/Second | €40 |
| 2. | Boxer | €50 |
| 3. | Timekeeper | €50 |
| 4. | Second | €75 |
| 5. | Club | €100 |
| 6. | Judge | €100 |
| 7. | Referee | €150 |
| 8. | Matchmaker | €200 |
| 9. | Manager | €250 |
| 10. | Doctor | €300 |
| 11. | Delegate/Inspector | €500 |
| 12. | Promoter | €600 |