



AIBA Event Management Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic

Protect yourself (and others) at all times!

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Preamble

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the suspension of both domestic and international boxing training and tournaments around the world. Nevertheless, many countries have exhibited the ability to get a grip on the spread of the virus. In addition, constantly developing treatment protocols have shown much increased effectiveness in recovering COVID-19 patients. The World Health Organization recently admitted that a strict lockdown is not the preferred method of combating COVID-19, as it tends to cause more harm than good.

The vaccine is now available, but while we wait for the global population to receive the required percentage of vaccination to allow a global immunity, it is important not to stall the development of our sport. Despite the unclear timelines for this goal to be achieved, many governments have given the “green light” for sports competitions to restart with restrictions. National and international sports governing bodies have been able to stage competitions.

This protocol is designed to manage COVID-19 risks based on WHO guidelines for sports events and mass gatherings. The fundamental principle throughout all AIBA events during the COVID-19 pandemic will be to “Protect Yourself (and Others) At All Times!” (by wearing a mask, mandatory testing and respecting other recommendations of this protocol). It is important to note that the pilot trials of this protocol contributed to the safe and successful hosting of championships; there were no cases of COVID-19 infections nor any untoward issues arising.

This protocol will be mandatorily applied at all AIBA Championships, including the Youth Men & Women World Championships, the Men’s World Championships and the Women’s World Championships, for as long as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. **In addition to this protocol, each host organizing committee must strictly follow the advice and measures put in place by their local and/or national health authorities.**

Finally, it is important to note, that this protocol is just a document. With the defining principle of safety of all stakeholders in mind, it is ultimately up to leaders at all levels, including at the level of National Federations and Local Organizing Committees, managers and coaches, to prepare their communities by dynamically and thoroughly implementing the appropriate measures to minimize the risk of contagion.

AIBA reserves the right to strengthen or soften the guidelines and introduce additional measures at any time, according to updates and developments by the World Health Organisation and medical experts.

Definitions

Social distancing	maintaining distance of least 1.5 meters between persons
Mask	3 layered surgical mask or equivalent <u>without a valve</u> (valves on the masks do not filter the exhaled air)
Sanitizer	any liquid or gel that has sanitizing properties in accordance with local health regulations, preferably provided in contactless dispensers
Event	any Championships or tournament sanctioned by AIBA, including all activities from the day of arrival until and including the day of departures, that voluntarily or by appropriate decision is subject to this protocol
Temperature screening	a process of contactless temperature measurement for an individual to determine whether it is below 37.5 degrees (if it is above 37.5 this individual must undergo additional medical evaluation by qualified medical professionals)

COVID-19 specific general measures by AIBA

AIBA will create and appoint members to a Special Committee to monitor and evaluate COVID-19 related risks of organizing and staging AIBA Events. Final decision on whether an Event is to be staged/ delayed or cancelled will be made one month before the Event start date by the decision of the AIBA Board, based on the recommendation of the Special Committee.

AIBA will appoint a dedicated COVID-19 manager for each Event. In addition to that, AIBA will require that a local organizing committee (LOC) COVID-19 manager will be proposed and validated by AIBA.

The Special Committee and the AIBA COVID-19 Manager shall be appointed by the President; once the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee will have been appointed, such appointments by the President may occur only based on a recommendation to be issued by the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee or its chair.

COVID-19 specific event participation conditions for team delegations

All official members of team delegations, whether they are competitors or staff, international or local are obligated to:

- Present, on arrival, an individual COVID-19 medical certificates (PCR test made within 72 hours before arrival) with a negative result. The certificate must be in English or bilingual with English as one of the languages. **(Provision to be amended as per local requirements at the time)**
- Present prior to receiving accreditation an individual Declaration of Absence of COVID-19 Symptoms for at least 14 days prior to Event arrival day (Appendix 1)
- Present prior to receiving accreditation an individual COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver (Appendix 2a,b)
- Wear a mask at all times during the Event, with exceptions of:
 - o boxers in the ring during bout, where it is prohibited
 - o boxers in the warm-up area, where it is the choice of athletes
 - o participants in respective hotel rooms, where it is the choice of participants
 - o participants during their meals only when seated at their dining table
 - o boxers on the medal podium during the medal ceremonies
- Carry Event Accreditation at all times during the Event
- Observe social distancing at all times (1,5 m), except for boxers during their bouts and during warming up with their coach
- Avoid any contact with individuals who are not accredited at the Event
- Submit to contactless temperature screening by the LOC and/or local health authorities at any time during the Event period
- Submit to PCR and/or other COVID-19 testing at any time during the Event period on request of AIBA/LOC COVID-19 Managers and/or local health authorities
- Follow all instructions of AIBA and/or LOC COVID-19 Managers, including following isolation, quarantine, observation procedures and provision of detailed contact tracing in case of need
- Timely report all COVID-19 protocol violations during the Event to AIBA/LOC COVID-19 Managers

In addition to the individual obligations, participating National Federations must:

- Appoint a COVID-19 contact person from the official Team Delegation list, who will be present during the Event and will be in charge of any COVID-19 related issues for their Team Delegation
- Ensure the delegation of all Team Delegation members, who do not have serious underlying health conditions known to increase the risk of lethal outcomes from COVID-19
- Ensure that the registration procedures are timely and completely followed (last minute changes to the number of participants, rooming lists etc. will not be allowed)
- Cover the full cost of isolation, quarantine and/or COVID-19 treatment of their respective Team Delegation Members

If any member of any Team Delegation or National Federations do not comply with the COVID-19 specific conditions for participation, they will not be eligible to participate in the Event.

COVID-19 specific requirements for Event organizers

#	Area	Measures
1.0	General	
1.1	Local COVID-19 regulations	<p>LOC must constantly monitor, analyze, and communicate with AIBA all relevant regulations and necessary official/confirmed information related to COVID-19 in the host country/city.</p> <p>LOC must provide to AIBA a written approval from local health authorities on the proposed size and format of the event.</p>
1.2	Personal protective equipment (PPE) and other preventive/protective equipment and materials	LOC must provide all the regulatory equipment necessary for the smooth running of the Event in all venues related to the Event (masks, sanitizer, soap, contactless thermometers, bins, information, signage etc.). The list of the necessary equipment will be provided by the AIBA Special Committee and must be in accordance with local regulations.
1.3	LOC COVID-19 Manager	A COVID-19 Manager from LOC will be proposed and approved by AIBA for the Event. Full list of duties and responsibilities is to be provided by the AIBA Special Committee.
1.4	<p>COVID-19 testing on arrival</p> <p><i>Optional, per decision of the Special Committee</i></p>	<p>LOC must organize and finance a COVID-19 control service with at least one (1) PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test with both a nasal swab and throat swab samples taken per participant, to be performed upon arrival.</p> <p>The exact testing procedures will be determined in coordination with the local health authorities and will be communicated to National Federations before the Event. The testing will be carried out in a secure environment at a designated test facility.</p> <p>Test results must be ensured by the LOC within 24 hours from sample collection. Until test results are obtained, all participants must remain in their hotel rooms, where also meals will be ensured until the receipt of the test results.</p>
1.5	COVID-19 testing during event	LOC must organize and sufficiently finance COVID-19 PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) and COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid testing to be available on demand of participants or on request of COVID-19 managers during the Event to continuously validate that participants are free from COVID-19 infection (final minimum quantities are determined by the AIBA Special Committee).
1.6	LOC staff and contractors	The LOC must ensure that all individuals involved in any capacity in the organization of the Event (incl. volunteers, contractors, partners etc.) respect the barrier gestures, apply hygiene measures and adhere to health protection measures required by local health authorities and AIBA.
1.7	Risk analysis	An analysis of all Event venues should be conducted for the purpose of minimizing exposure and potential cross-contamination between participants.
1.8	Dissemination of information and education	Continuous communication is key to the success of mitigating COVID-19 risks. LOC must ensure that all its staff, volunteers, contractors, and partners are constantly informed of current COVID-19 related information. LOC must set up and provide multi-modal communications with team delegations and officials (e.g., e-mail, messenger, social media, website, posters, signage etc.) on relevant COVID-19 mitigation procedures.
1.9	Development of crisis communications strategy	LOC must develop a crisis communication strategy for COVID-19 and have it approved by AIBA prior to the Event. In the case of a COVID-19 related incident, all communications should not be released without approval from the AIBA Technical Delegate. This is to ensure a coherent approach and a standardized message.
2.0	Location related	
2.1	Airport	The LOC must make the participating team delegations familiar with the arrival airport's Covid-19 protocol and measures in place.

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		<p>The LOC must ensure to their best ability that delegations do not mix with other populations upon arrival.</p> <p>If any waiting time for transportation and/or testing, the LOC is to make sure Event participants are separated and waiting with social distancing in place.</p>
2.2	Hotel for team delegations and accreditation center	<p>Hotel's internal COVID-19 measures must be assessed by the LOC and approved by AIBA.</p> <p>The LOC shall try to accommodate all team delegations within walking distance from the competition venue to minimize the need for transportation by busses.</p> <p>LOC must organize check-in and accreditation procedures as quickly as possible and with social distancing in place. The LOC must collect all participants' photos prior to arrival and pre-print all accreditations (team delegations, LOC staff, officials and AIBA) to avoid crowding.</p> <p>A maximum of two persons per delegation are allowed to attend the accreditation procedure. Disinfection of any and all materials which are not used individually, after each delegation, is compulsory.</p> <p>Accreditation format must be in accordance with AIBA guidelines and pre-approved by AIBA. This critical procedure must be carried out with utmost diligence in order to deny access of unauthorized individuals or non-essential personnel to event venues. All Event accreditations must be sanctioned by AIBA Technical Delegate.</p> <p>The LOC is to oversee that all participants keep the mask on at all times when in public spaces of the hotel facility, except during meals only when seated at the dining table.</p> <p>Sanitizer dispensers (preferably touchless) are to be placed at least at the entrance of the hotel, at the reception, next to the elevators, at the entrance to the dining area and around it, next to the test scales, as well as in other common areas. All sanitizer dispensers must be checked and re-filled regularly by the LOC.</p> <p>The LOC is to inform and control that participants are not allowed to enter the rooms of other participants.</p> <p>Prior to each meal, temperature screening will be conducted at the entrance to the dining area. During meals, tables must also be positioned per local health authority guidelines with the number of seats limited based on the size of the table.</p> <p>The LOC must ensure that hotel fitness area, pool, sauna, and common lounge/entertainment areas are not to be used by team delegations.</p>
2.3	Hotel for officials	<p>Hotel's internal COVID-19 measures must be assessed by the LOC and approved by AIBA.</p> <p>The LOC shall try to accommodate all officials within walking distance from the competition venue to minimize the need for transportation by busses.</p> <p>Officials are only allowed to stay in separate rooms and the LOC will secure a hotel with sufficient number of single rooms for all officials, including R&Js.</p> <p>Meeting area in the hotel for officials must be spacious and well ventilated, set up in a way that social distancing can be observed for all involved.</p> <p>Sanitizer dispensers (preferably touchless) are to be placed at least at the entrance of the hotel, at the reception, next to the elevators, at the entrance to the dining area and around it, as well as in other common areas. All sanitizer dispensers must be checked and re-filled regularly by the LOC.</p>

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		Prior to each meal, temperature screening will be conducted at the entrance to the dining area. During meals, tables must also be positioned per local health authority guidelines with the number of seats limited based on the size of the table.
2.4	Sport entries check	<p>Must be organized in a spacious, well-ventilated location, with social distancing observed for all involved, including those in the waiting area.</p> <p>Disinfection of all materials, which are not used individually, after each delegation, is compulsory.</p>
2.5	Technical meeting & official draw	<p>Must be organized in a spacious, well-ventilated location, with social distancing observed for all involved.</p> <p>Only one representative per delegation will be allowed to join in person, while the LOC must make necessary provisions to broadcast the meeting online to be viewed by other team delegation representatives.</p> <p>Technical Meeting should include a COVID-19 update on local regulations and explanation of protocols for suspected and confirmed patients, infection prevention and control measures. Team delegation representatives must be encouraged to give feedback about the Event and COVID-19 protocol in place (to AIBA and LOC COVID-19 managers).</p>
2.6	Welcome receptions	Any activities or functions involving bringing together large groups of people should be avoided. Therefore, organizing a welcome reception will not be permitted.
2.7	Daily weigh-in and medical check areas	<p>Must be organized in a spacious, well-ventilated location, with social distancing observed for all involved. Separate entrance and exit paths must be organized, if possible. If doors cannot remain open, they must be managed by an LOC staff member. Scales and all other surfaces must be sanitized every 10 minutes.</p> <p>Maximum number of boxers to be allowed simultaneously in the area will correspond to the number of doctors conducting the medical check. To manage the flow of boxers, weigh-in and medical check procedure must be done in an allocated time slots for groups of boxers (for example, bout 1-4 in rings A and B will be weighed in in the first ten minutes of the hour). Last ten minutes of the weigh-in hour must be reserved for boxers who are making weight. This information must be communicated to all team delegations by LOC within 1 hour from the end of the evening session on the preceding day.</p> <p>Waiting area must be set up with social distancing in place and queuing positions marked on the floor.</p> <p>Boxers must wear a mask throughout the entire procedure of medical check and weigh in, unless the doctor instructs them to take it off temporarily.</p>
2.8	Training venue	<p>Everyone in the training venue must wear masks and submit to temperature screening at the entrance.</p> <p>Number of individuals allowed in the training venue per each time slot must be preapproved by AIBA and strictly controlled by the LOC training venue manager at all times. Time slots must be pre-reserved by team delegations. Sparring between representatives of different teams will not be allowed.</p> <p>Training venue must be subject to regular disinfection.</p> <p>Changing rooms and showers in the training venue will be closed.</p> <p>Sanitizer dispensers should be set up at each training venue entry point as well as in other functional areas used by team delegation members. All sanitizer dispensers must be checked and re-filled regularly by the LOC.</p>
2.9	Competition venue	Everyone in the competition venue must wear masks and submit to temperature screening at all entrances.

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		<p>The flow of movement within the venue should be one-directional as much as possible, with doors open or managed by LOC staff/volunteer wherever possible. Flow in the corridors and narrow spaces must be managed thoroughly. Competition venue zoning must be approved by AIBA.</p> <p>Sanitizer dispensers and garbage bins with plastic bags should be provided at each entry point and at all points frequently used by team delegation members, officials and AIBA staff, such as: corridors, hallways, changing rooms, toilets, mixed zone, media tribune/seats, VIP tribune/seats, VIP lounge, warm-up area, equipment distribution and equipment control stations, FOP entrance and exit, FOP ITO positions tables, officials' lounges, medical room, volunteers' lounge, LOC office etc. All sanitizer dispensers must be checked and re-filled regularly by the LOC.</p> <p>Each venue toilet must be equipped with soap dispensers and disposable paper towels and toilet paper, which must be checked and refilled regularly. Toilets must be sanitized hourly. Toilets for team delegations and toilets for competition officials /AIBA staff must not be accessed by NTOs, LOC staff, volunteers, contractors, or spectators.</p> <p>Changing rooms will be open or closed depending on the country-specific regulations. If closed, boxers may leave the hotel in bout outfit with a tracksuit over. Showers will be closed in the competition venue. Only boxers will be allowed in the changing rooms.</p> <p>Warm-up area must be large enough per local health authority guidelines to accommodate at least 50 individuals (200-250 square meters). Food is not allowed in the warm-up area. Live broadcast of the bouts must be ensured by the LOC in the warm-up area with positions for viewers marked on the floor to respect social distancing.</p> <p>Access to the venue changing rooms and warm-up area will be regulated through session passes. Additionally, boxers will only be allowed to access changing rooms within 90 minutes of the start of their respective bout for Elite boxers and within 60 minutes for boxers of all other age categories.</p> <p>At the boxing equipment distribution and equipment management stations, a queuing system must be set up with positions marked on the floor per local health authority guidelines. Minimal or no physical contact must take place between boxers, coaches and ITOs during boxing equipment distribution and check. Boxers must wear their mask when approaching the equipment distribution and management stations before they put the boxing gloves on.</p> <p>Doping control station must be set up in spacious, well-ventilated area where social distancing can be observed. Masks must be worn throughout the doping control procedures by all parties involved.</p> <p>Medical room will serve as the location for COVID-19 testing of team delegation representatives, officials and AIBA staff, if needed.</p> <p>All lounges (officials', volunteers', VIP) must be set up in well-ventilated areas and everyone in the lounges must wear a mask. All food and drinks are on demand (no buffet service). Drinks must be bottled. Fresh cutlery and glasses must be regularly provided in the VIP lounge. In other lounges cups and cutlery must be disposable (preferably paper/wood). Sugar must be in individual sachets. All surfaces must be regularly sanitized.</p> <p>LOC must ensure that social distancing measures are set up and observed on all tribunes (Spectators, VIP, team delegations) with assistance of volunteers and security. Spectators can only attend the event provided the national health regulations permit. Spectators' and VIPs' paths can never cross with team delegations. If it is impossible to avoid mixing</p>

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		<p>flows inside the venue, then spectators will not be allowed. Events may also be “closed door” with no spectators.</p> <p>During boxing sessions, LOC must provide new masks for all involved LOC staff, volunteers, officials and AIBA staff every 8 hours, or on request.</p>
2.10	Field of play (FOP)	<p>Presence of individuals in the FOP must be reduced to the essential minimum. All positions of seconds, officials, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), volunteers, photographers, LOC staff and contractors, and TV crew must be set up with social distancing in place. Garbage bins and sanitizer dispensers must be within reach for everyone in the FOP. All sanitizer dispensers must be checked and re-filled regularly by the LOC. All surfaces must be sanitized after each boxing session.</p> <p>Consider moving the position of ring announcer and deputy TD/Swiss timing operator to comply with social distancing requirements.</p> <p>Masks must be worn by everyone in the FOP at all times, with the exception of boxers in the ring and ring announcer(s) when speaking into the microphone.</p> <p>Boxers’ call room / waiting area must be arranged with social distancing in place and queuing positions marked on the floor.</p> <p>Each boxer will be allowed up to three seconds, but only two in the corner is highly recommended. Their chairs must be positioned in accordance with social distancing requirements and must not be moved by the seconds during the bout.</p> <p>The flow of movement on the FOP shall be organized in the optimal way to avoid crossing paths. Boxers’ FOP entrance and exit must be managed by trained volunteers or LOC staff.</p> <p>If possible, FOP size should be increased from 16m x 16m to 20m x 20 m for each ring.</p> <p>Competition ring(s) must be sanitized regularly. Ropes, corner pads, stools and spittoons/buckets should be properly sanitized between each bout by individuals in appropriate protective equipment. Ring canvas should be sanitized every 1-2 hours.</p> <p>Volunteers responsible for cleaning the corners between rounds must wear face screens in addition to masks and gloves.</p> <p>FOP must be fully set up and equipped by 16:00 on the day preceding the opening session of the Event. It must be inspected and approved by AIBA Technical Delegate, AIBA COVID-19 manager and technical delegate of the Event.</p>
3.0	Function related	
3.1	AIBA COVID-19 manager	<p>AIBA COVID-19 manager supervises the development and implementation of all COVID-19 specific health measures during the Event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and produces an Event specific manual for team delegations and officials to be distributed prior to the event and updated when necessary. • Presents the COVID-19 protocol to team delegations at the Event technical meeting as well as to officials during their first meeting. • Serves as the main point of contact in COVID-19 related issues for officials and AIBA staff. • Serves as the main point of contact for respective National Federations and AIBA HQ in case of positive COVID-19 cases. • Supervises and controls COVID-19 media relations and crisis communication.

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3.2	LOC COVID-19 manager	<p>LOC COVID-19 manager establishes, maintains and controls the implementation of all COVID-19 specific health measures during the Event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aids the AIBA COVID-19 manager in developing an Event specific manual for team delegations and officials. • Manages the process and outcomes of COVID-19 testing of team delegations and officials on arrival. • Informs the LOC staff, contractors (including EMTs and security), and volunteers of the COVID-19 protocol and controls the compliance. • Serves as the main point of contact in COVID-19 related issues for team delegations and LOC staff. • Serves as the main contact with the local health authorities and institutions responsible for the management of COVID-19 infections. • Manages any reported infection by organizing quarantine/isolation, evaluation, testing, evacuation, treatment etc. • Provides protective equipment and sanitizers for officials, AIBA and LOC staff, volunteers, contractors and team delegations. • Supervises and controls the sanitization and cleaning procedures, including producing and keeping the sanitization logs. • Assists the AIBA COVID-19 manager with COVID-19 media relations and crisis communication.
3.3	Airport transfers	<p>Wherever possible, each arriving team delegation should be transported to and from the Event airport separately from other team delegations. If not possible, the LOC will ensure that there are empty seats between team delegations on the buses and luggage is stored apart from one another.</p> <p>Officials and AIBA staff must be transported with social distancing in place (empty seat on each side).</p> <p>All individuals must manage their own luggage inside and outside the transport vehicle.</p> <p>Drivers must wear masks and undergo temperature screening before operating the bus. The LOC must ensure the service provider disinfects all operated buses regularly.</p>
3.4	Transportation between venues	<p>The LOC shall try to accommodate all team delegations, AIBA staff and officials within walking distance from the competition venue to minimize the need for transportation by busses. In case this is not possible, the LOC must plan transfers between venues with social distancing in place (restricted number of people per vehicle, must be approved by AIBA).</p> <p>Drivers must wear masks and undergo temperature screening before operating the bus. The LOC must ensure the service provider disinfects all operated buses regularly.</p>
3.5	Media	<p>Accredited media representatives must be limited in the competition venue, taking into account social distancing in the space reserved for media. Access to the training venue will be closed to the media, unless supervised by LOC or AIBA COVID-19 manager.</p> <p>Mixed zone interviews with boxers and coaches must be conducted with social distancing in place and always supervised by the LOC media manager (who will be previously trained by LOC COVID-19 manager).</p>
3.6	LOC staff, NTOs, Volunteers and contractors	<p>LOC must produce and approve by AIBA complete lists of LOC staff, NTOs, volunteers', and contractors' names and contact information. Attendance logs must be maintained by LOC at all Event venues throughout the duration of the Event, as well as kept for one year after Event completion.</p> <p>Everyone must know and fully comply with the COVID-19 protocol of the Event</p>
3.7	Medical services	<p>LOC, in consultation with local health authorities and AIBA, must produce a response plan for managing suspected cases of COVID-19. This plan should include at least:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a room or area in each Event venue, where anyone feeling unwell or has COVID-19 symptoms can be safely isolated Develop a protocol for how individuals can be safely transferred from isolation to a medical facility Develop a protocol in case of an accredited individual testing positive for COVID-19 during the Event Conclude a formal agreement with a local medical institution or relevant health authority to manage infected person(s) as well as those who have come into contact with the infected person(s). <p>Local doctors and EMTs at the competition venue must be qualified as per local health authority guidelines to handle any COVID-19 suspected cases.</p> <p>Note: The identification of a COVID-19 positive individual during the Event will not automatically lead to Event cancellation. Instead, AIBA COVID-19 manager will consult all involved parties before any subsequent actions are taken.</p>
3.8	Event presentation	<p>The protocol for all event ceremonies must take social distancing into account. If social distancing cannot be fully observed, the LOC should consider staging a short formal opening ceremony without artistic performances or a team parade. Closing ceremony can be omitted too.</p> <p>During the medal ceremonies, all involved persons must be briefed not to shake hands during the proceedings and disinfect hands with sanitizer prior to going on stage. Only medalists and volunteers carrying medals and flowers will be allowed to be on stage (VIPs/children/family members/entourage members are strictly not allowed). Boxers will put medals around their necks and take flowers from the prize trays by themselves. Podium group photo is allowed with social distancing.</p> <p>Only boxers can take masks off before they come on stage and put them back on as soon as they come off.</p>

Bout procedure

Each bout must be assigned a “not before” start time in order to manage the number of persons in the changing rooms and warm-up area, as well as to stabilize the pace of preparations and work for all involved. Bout order and timing must be communicated to all team delegations within 1 hour from the end of the evening session on the preceding day. 15 minutes per bout must be allocated for elite and youth age categories bouts.

Three seconds are allowed but only two are highly recommended. . Seconds must not take masks off at any point in time before, during or after the bout.

Boxers and seconds must strictly follow the volunteer carrying their country flag/sign when entering the FOP.

Referees and judges and all other officials must wear masks at all times. Referee should not touch the boxer during the pre-bout check and should not shake hands of seconds at any time. Prior to the first round, referee will emphasize the four key “commands” to the boxers in an attempt to mitigate the need of using physical contact to break boxers apart. Throughout the bout, referee will attempt to avoid touching the boxers and must effectively use voice commands.

In case a mouth guard land on the floor, the referee should call “time!”, ensure the boxers are apart, pick up the mouthpiece and give it to the respective second to be sprayed with sanitizer (optional) and rinsed well with water before placing it back into the boxer’s mouth. The referee must use sanitizer to disinfect gloves in the neutral corner before continuing the bout.

Coaches are advised to exercise social distancing during rest breaks and sanitize their hands/gloves after every rest break. Coaches are also advised against waving the towel excessively during the breaks.

Ringside doctors are advised to use protective eyewear or face screens when treating boxers during the bout. Doctors must change their gloves after each treatment of a boxer.

During the announcement of the winner the referee will not hold boxers' hands or raise hand of the winning boxer, but instead should set boxers in positions with gestures, maintaining distance, and then point to the winner, allowing boxers to raise hands by themselves.

Following the announcement of the winner, boxers must exit the ring immediately without any physical contact with the opponent, referee or the seconds of the opposite corner.

Seconds must not leave anything behind after the bout, including unused water bottles. Volunteers must remind seconds to dispose or collect everything before they leave the FOP. In case anything is left behind in the corner by the boxer/seconds after the bout, they must be called back to collect their belongings personally before the next bout is called.

Boxers and seconds must strictly follow the volunteer carrying boxing gloves when exiting the FOP. Boxers must put the mask back on as soon as they are out from the FOP and sanitize their hands after the bandages or professional handwraps are removed.

In case a medical examination is required after the bout, boxer and seconds will follow the ringside doctor to the medical room.

Next bout can be called once the ring has been properly disinfected.

Boxing equipment management procedure

At the end of each bout, respective volunteers must collect boxing gloves and headguards into a basket with minimal contact, carry this equipment directly to the distribution and storage station, submit it to the managers, thoroughly sanitize gloves or hands as well as the basket after handing it over.

Equipment distribution managers must sanitize the outside surfaces of the equipment, and then clean it with wet cloth and store for subsequent use. The same boxing equipment cannot be used more than once during the Event day. Equipment distribution and storage managers must sanitize their gloves or hands after disinfection and cleaning of each set of used boxing equipment.

Post event

LOC will conduct an evaluation and produce a post-event report. All COVID-19 related documents will be submitted to the LOC for record keeping purposes. LOCs will retain these documents for minimum of one year.

LOC must keep records, including:

- Event registration list and signed sport entries check lists
- List of teams' COVID-19 contact persons
- COVID-19 declarations of absence of symptoms
- Liability release waivers
- Daily LOC venue attendance lists
- Cleaning logs

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It is important to mention again that prior to organizing an Event, all relevant local regulations and guidelines must be considered and incorporated into this protocol. Finally, it is necessary to express great appreciation to the local organizing committees for their determination and courage to stage boxing events for the boxing community in the most challenging conditions.

The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. All content, including text, graphics, images and information, are provided for general informational purposes only. The knowledge and circumstances around COVID-19 are changing constantly and, as such, AIBA makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this information. Further, individuals should seek advice from medical professionals and/or public health officials in case of specific questions about participating in a boxing competition.

Appendix 1: Declaration of absence of COVID-19 specific symptoms

Name:

Nationality:

Date and time of arrival:

Team Covid-19 Manager:

Consenting parent* for minors:

Have you noticed any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days (YES or NO)?

Symptoms

1. Body temperature over 37.5°C

2. Dry cough

3. Sore throat

4. Sudden onset of shortness of breath

5. Sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea

6. Sudden onset of articular and/or muscle pain

7. Fatigue without a known cause

Are the following statements true for you (YES or NO)?

8. In the past 1 month have you or anyone in your household met a presumptive or declared COVID-19 infected person or anyone who got into close contact with such person?

9. Is anyone in your household under self or officially imposed quarantine?

I hereby declare on my honor that if any of the above symptoms occur, at any point during my stay or travel, I will duly and immediately inform my Team's Covid-19 Manager, who shall then inform AIBA and the Local Organizing Committee's Covid-19 Managers.

Signature:

Print name:

Date:

Team Covid-19 Manager

Athlete / parent*

Consenting parent*: parent, caretaker, authorized person to sign a consent on behalf of the minor.

Appendix 2-a: COVID-19 Liability release waiver (Over 18 yrs)

The World Health Organization has declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. Due to its capacity to transmit from person-to-person through respiratory droplets, the AIBA has set recommendations, guidelines, and some prohibitions throughout the AIBA Events.

The AIBA Event Management Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic applies to all the AIBA events' participants.

In consideration of my participation in the AIBA events, I, the undersigned,

.....:

1. Confirm that I have taken good note of the AIBA Event Management Protocol during COVID-19 and hereby undertake comply with it.

2. Acknowledge and agree to the following :

- I am aware of the existence of the risk on my physical appearance to the venue and my participation to the AIBA events that may cause injury or illness such as, COVID-19.
- I have not experienced symptoms that of fever, fatigue, difficulty in breathing, or dry cough or exhibiting any other symptoms relating to COVID-19 or any communicable disease within the last 14 days.
- I have not been, nor any of my relatives, diagnosed to be infected with the COVID-19 virus within the last 30 days.

3. And, following the pronouncements above I hereby declare the following:

- I am fully and personally responsible for my own safety and actions while and during my participation in the AIBA events and I recognize that I may be in any case be at risk of contracting COVID-19.
- With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge AIBA, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me related to COVID-19 while participating in any AIBA events while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Liability Release Waiver and understand its contents; that I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my consent; That I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved and give my voluntary consent in signing it as my own free act and deed; that I give my voluntary consent in signing this Liability Release Waiver as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by the same, and free from any inducement or representation.

This waiver will remain effective until laws and mandates relevant to COVID-19 are lifted.

Signature:

Date:

Appendix 2-b: COVID-19 Liability release waiver for minors (under 18yrs)

The World Health Organization has declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) a worldwide pandemic. Due to its capacity to transmit from person-to-person through respiratory droplets, the AIBA has set recommendations, guidelines, and some prohibitions throughout AIBA Events.

The AIBA Event Management Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic applies to all the AIBA events' participants.

In consideration of my participation in AIBA events, I, the undersigned,

.....:

hereby certify that I am the adult parent or guardian of

.....

a minor athlete under the age of eighteen years and:

1. Confirm that I personally and the minor athlete have taken good note of the AIBA Event Management Protocol during COVID-19 and hereby undertake comply with it.

2. I personally and the minor athlete acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I am aware of the existence of the risk on the minor athlete's physical appearance to the venue and participation to the AIBA events that may cause injury or illness such as, COVID-19.
- Neither I personally nor the minor athlete experienced symptoms that of fever, fatigue, difficulty in breathing, or dry cough or exhibiting any other symptoms relating to COVID-19 or any communicable disease within the last 14 days.
- Neither I personally nor the minor athlete have not been, nor any of our relatives, diagnosed to be infected of COVID-19 virus within the last 30 days.

3. And, following the pronouncements above I personal and on behalf of the minor athlete hereby declare the following:

- The minor athlete is fully and personally responsible for his/her own safety and actions while and during his/her participation in the AIBA events and I recognize that he/she may be in any case be at risk of contracting COVID-19.
- With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge the AIBA, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by the minor athlete related to COVID-19 while participating in any AIBA events while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Liability Release Waiver and understand its contents; that I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my consent; That I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved and give my voluntary consent in signing it as my own free act and deed; that I give my voluntary consent in signing this Liability Release Waiver as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by the same, and free from any inducement or representation.

This waiver will remain effective until laws and mandates relevant to COVID-19 are lifted.

Signature:

Date:

Appendix 3: Emergency protocols for COVID-19 managers

LOC COVID-19 Manager

The result of all COVID-19 tests are confidential, the laboratory or the administrators of the test can disclose the results only to the LOC COVID-19 Managers who must follow the host country regulations in respect of:

- organizing evacuation and isolation for the infected person.
- informing the respective delegation(s) and AIBA via the AIBA COVID-19 Manager about:
 - where the infected person(s) must be evacuated to or isolated;
 - the duration of the isolation;
 - the conditions of the isolation;
 - the cost of the isolation, treatment, hospital;
 - and all other necessary information.
- collect the Contact Tracing Questionnaire (CTQ) and share it with local authorities on a need basis.
- contact all persons on the CTQ via their Team COVID-19 Manager with the help of the AIBA Covid-19 Manager.
- plan any further necessary actions if necessary.

The LOC COVID-19 Manager has the right to call off the event at any point after consulting with the AIBA President, AIBA Technical Delegate, the AIBA COVID-19 Manager and the LOC President.

AIBA COVID-19 Manager

Upon receiving news of a positive test result, the AIBA COVID-19 Manager MUST:

- immediately find, contact and inform the person in question via the respective Team's Covid-19 Manager;
- inform the AIBA President and the AIBA Competition Manager about the infection;
- report any further news, status of the respective delegation, etc. to the AIBA President and the AIBA Competition Manager;
- facilitate the evacuation / isolation of the infected person;
- facilitate all needed action;
- inform all team delegations about the case;
- inform the Event COVID-19 Manager about the competition history of the infected person (e.g. if the person is an athlete and the news was received on a competition day);
- facilitate the detection of any possible close contact;
- be in touch with all the involved team delegations.

The AIBA COVID-19 Manager has the right to call off the event at any point after consulting with the AIBA President, AIBA Technical Delegate, the LOC COVID-19 Manager and the LOC President.

Team COVID-19 Manager

Upon receiving news of a positive COVID-19 test result, the Team COVID-19 Manager MUST:

- contact and locate the infected person;
- inform the infected person where to go or where to stay put;
- inform the infected person about the local conditions of isolation;
- assist in filling out and collect the signed CTQ that must be handed to the LOC COVID-19 Manager;
- facilitate and control the quarantine of those in close contact with the infected person according to the orders of the LOC COVID-19 Manager;
- inform the rest of the delegation;
- check each delegation member for signs of infection;
- inform the LOC and AIBA COVID-19 Managers of the observed health status of the delegation;
- monitor the delegation members continuously and report their status until departure from the event;
- report any suspicious cases to the LOC COVID-19 Manager.

Infected Person

Any person producing a positive COVID-19 test MUST:

- comply with the measures proposed by the AIBA, LOC and Team COVID-19 Managers;
- proceed to or remain in the place designated for evacuation/isolation;
- fill in (with as much detail as possible) and sign the CTQ;
- respect the restrictions of evacuation/isolation.

In case of symptoms onset

Any persons with symptoms characteristics of COVID-19 MUST:

- report their suspicion, symptoms to the Team COVID-19 Manager or the LOC or AIBA COVID-19 Managers, whoever can be informed faster and with the least physical contact with others;
- stay in their room or self-isolate in the venue with the help of the COVID-19 Managers until a proper medical check is done;
- fill in and sign the CTQ, if required;
- comply with the orders of the AIBA and LOC COVID-19 Managers;
- respect the restriction of evacuation/quarantine.

