



AIBA DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

AIBA vs Caribbean National Federations
Disciplinary Procedure No. 2020/01

DECISION

10 December 2020

Disciplinary Panel for this Proceeding:
Chairman – Francois Strydom, South Africa
Member – Glenn Feldman, USA
Member – Alexandra Monkhouse, Canada

I. Introduction

In this proceeding, the AIBA Disciplinary Commission (“the DC”) investigated the Complaint of the American Boxing Confederation (AMBC) against the following national federations (“the Respondents”):

- Anguila Boxing Association – Anguila (ANT)
- Antigua & Barbuda Boxing Association - Antigua & Barbuda (AIA)
- Boxing Association of the Bahamas – Bahamas (BAH)
- Bermuda Boxing Association – Bermuda (BER)
- Dominica Boxing Association – Dominica (DMA)
- Federacion Dominicana de Boxeo - Dominican Republic (DOM)
- Fédération Haitienne de Boxe – Haiti (JHAI)
- Sint Maarten Boxing Association – St. Maarten (SXM)
- Surinaamse Boxbond – Suriname (SUR)
- US Virgin Islands Boxing Federation – US Virgin Islands (ISV)

The complaint related to the payment of AIBA and AMBC annual membership fees on or about 12 October 2020 by the national federation of the Dominican Republic on behalf of the other Respondents.

The Respondents were accused of a violation of one or more of the following disciplinary offences as provided for in the AIBA Disciplinary Code:

- A violation of Art. 8.3.1 (c) – Corruption (subject to a possible sanction of a fine not exceeding CHF 1,000,000);
- A violation of Art. 5.1 – Violation of Statutes and Rules (subject to a possible sanction of a fine of CHF 1,000 to 20,000 and a suspension for 6 months to 5 years);
- A violation of Art. 6.4 – Disparagement of AIBA’s Reputation and Interests (subject to a possible sanction of a fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000 and/or a suspension for 6 months to 2 years);
- A violation of Art. 6.11 read with Art. 3.1(a), (f) & (g) – Violation of the Principles of Conduct (sanction to be determined by the DC in its absolute discretion).

The DC received written answering statements from the majority, but not all, of the Respondents. The DC further received written replies to follow-up enquiries made of some of the parties in these proceedings.

On 4 December 2020 the Panel took the following decision (first point) and made the following interim rulings (second & third points):

- The national federation of ANGUILLA was found NOT GUILTY on all the charges and discharged.
- The Panel imposed a provisional suspension, with immediate effect, on each of the remaining Respondents in the proceedings.
- The Panel directed that the President of each of the 10 Respondents was required to subject himself to an oral examination / interrogation in a virtual hearing to take place on Tuesday, 8 December 2020.

The oral examination of the Respondents’ presidents duly took place on the appointed day, with all of the Respondents being present, save for Anguilla whose president subsequently apologized and explained his absence.

Thereafter, on 9 and 10 December 2020, the members of the Panel deliberated amongst themselves and came to the following decision:

II. The decision

- (i) Upon a proper consideration of all the oral and documentary evidence, the national federations of ANTIQUA & BARBUDA, BAHAMAS, BERMUDA, DOMINICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI, ST. MAARTEN, SURINAME and US VIRGIN ISLANDS are all found NOT GUILTY on all the charges and discharged.
- (ii) The provisional suspension of these federations imposed on 4 December 2020 are lifted with immediate effect.

III. Reasons for decision

The DC shall provide the motivated reasons for this final decision at a later stage in conformity with the provisions of Art. 51.3 and 51.4 of the AIBA Procedural Rules.

AIBA Disciplinary Commission Panel

By: *FP Strydom*

Francois Strydom

Panel Chair

Dated: December 10, 2020