



Competitions Committee Meeting – 31st May, Zoom

Attendees to the meeting

Chair	Michael Müller
Vice-Chair	Zsuzsanna Toth
	Jeremie Besson
	Abdulla Alzaabi
	Meiram Nurtazin
	Matthew Johnson
	Taolo Tlouetsile
Absent	John Dovi
	Sumayd Khalidov

1. Welcoming remarks by AIBA Secretary General – *István Kovács*

The Secretary General welcomed all the committee members from the Asian Championships in Dubai. Mr Kovács stood for the renovation of AIBA competition system and highlighted an important role the Competitions Committee plays in the process. He emphasized that at this moment there are 3 key areas to be work on – increasing the number of weight categories, revision of “Ten Points” system and Bout Review. First, with 14 weight categories there will be more opportunities for the development and the number of boxers will be more manageable. Second, both scoring and bout review system should be revised and made more transparent and efficient in the future. Secretary General also pointed out an immense value that lies in world championships that should be organized at high-level taking into account that boxing is one of the most popular sports in the world that keeps attracting athletes.

2. Update status of Complete Renovation of AIBA Educational program

The Chairperson highlighted an urgent need to update Instructor’s Pool able to provide professional training at all levels. For this purpose and to make the process more transparent, it was proposed to elaborate an efficient assessment system that will require instructors to follow 3 main criteria – no corruption, good life-style, high potential for a job. The interviews should be organized both online and physically. Fair distribution per continent should be taken into account.

3. Update on Improvement of the Rule 20 (Bout Review)

The problem of high price for bout review was raised at the meeting. In this regard, it was suggested collaborating with IT experts to find a better solution. It was also emphasized the need to always double review a bout to avoid sharp difference and to provide better evaluation process through appointing an independent observer who could anonymously and impartially evaluate the final results. It was also proposed that a result should only be turned when results review is unanimous as a review rule applies for essential wrong decisions and not to turn 2-3 score in 3-2 in a close bout.



4. Webcams for judges table (Proposal from Mr Nurtazin)

It was proposed to install a webcam on each table of the judges, which will be directed to the judge and will broadcast the judge's face to the computer of the judge's evaluator. This tool should help to stimulate the judge's attention to the fight and will not allow to look aside from the bout for a while as well as if there is suspicion of wrong in the decision of the bout, the data of the judges' survey can be used as an additional means to identify this fact. It was emphasized that webcams as well as their installation do not require large financial investments.

5. Ten Point Must' Rule – Open discussion

It was noted that 10 points system makes boxing more attractive but it could be more efficient if it is possible to combine 2 systems in order to find balance between spectacular fight and fair refereeing. It was suggested applying a system that uses both 10 point must and clear punches boxcomputer combined. The problem of cultural difference that may influence the way of scoring was also raised. In this regard, the need of introduction of an Ombudsman who can anonymously review bouts to verify if there were any AIBA rules violation and other misconducts was mentioned again. The Secretary General pointed out that the final decision on the system update should be taken in the nearest future.

6. Updates by Confederations

America. One of the key regional problems – lack of competitions. The key objective at this moment is scheduling the events at least for the next 6 months with emphasize on junior tournaments.

Africa. The same problem was raised by the members from African region. It was also pointed out that many of the boxing activities entirely depend governmental finance help.

Asia. The need for more tournaments and training camps was stressed, especially joint training camps among juniors and cadets. To provide all necessary requirements mentioned in Bidding book government support will be needed.

Europe. It was mentioned the need for more Western European tournaments. To arrange ranking system there should be a tournament organized every month.

7. Additional remarks and suggestions

- One of the urgent tasks for AIBA Development Program is the improvement of Bidding Processes for AIBA World Boxing Championships and High-Level Competitions.
- More quota places should be provided as 2000 quota places on 11 million boxers is not enough.
- The issues of gender equality should be addressed in order to provide enough competent women.
- It was also proposed to have a 1-year planning for the committee meetings with agendas sent 1 week before.

Chairperson of the AIBA Competitions Committee

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