

Referees & Judges Committee Meeting - 16h August 2021, Zoom

Attendees to the meeting

Chair	Chris Roberts
Vice-Chair	Godavarisingh Rajcoomar
	Leonardo D'Gama
	Wayne Rose
	Juan Tomás Tejera
	Paiboon Srichaisawat
	Juan Milan Ponce
	Omar Saleh Aljaberi
	Rafael Vega Rodriguez
	Terezie Krejbychová
	Jakob Ragimov
	Waldemar Mencel
	Anna Laukkanen
Apologies	Séverine Gosselin
	Mohamed Kamel Shbib

1. Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson – Chris Roberts

The Chairperson welcomed all the committee members pointing out that the main objective of the current meeting was to see the progress on each of the key areas of the R&J related points of AIBA Development Program. Mr Roberts asked each responsible person to report on the results they have achieved so far to better understand the scope of work and following steps that should be taken in the next month.

2. E-learning activities

While working on the course content and R&J Manual, the question of how e-learning activities would be combined with offline training plan was raised. It was agreed that some of the courses will still need to be organised offline, but the online activities will be delivered through an e-learning platform (is going to be tested in time by different parties involved in the AIBA educational programs). It was decided to ask all R&Js to register in the system and go through online testing upon request to refresh their knowledge. In terms of good governance, it will help to constantly monitor the officials through evaluating their current skills and expectations.

3. AIBA Referee and Judges Manual

It was agreed that to make the work on the R&J Manual more efficient, we would create a shared table where all the committee members will make comments on the content of each module thus sharing experience and getting updates from different regions. The R&J Code of Conduct as a part of the manual will be revised by the lawyers. It was decided to organize a separate meeting on the document inviting the legal team.



4. AIBA Auditor

It was agreed to produce a question set that can be taken to the events. It was also emphasized that 1-day Auditor course specific to sport and boxing could be organized. In regard of the Continuous Improvement Plan it was agreed to select 5-6 external auditors to gain an independent opinion of the R&J work.

5. AIBA Instructor/Toolkit

The committee members responsible for the toolkit review will receive all the materials that AIBA HQs had in the past to have the opportunity to update already existing documents. While doing this, it was noted that some additional materials could be elaborated and added to the toolkit for the instructors.

6. AIBA 3-Star 'new' R&J Certification Course

The first course will take place as a pilot project before the 2021 Men's World Boxing Championships in Belgrade. It was decided to choose the best 50 R&Js from the various confederations for the championships. The course will last 2 days before the start of the tournament. The basic subjects will include a series of presentations, new criteria, Ethics and Behaviour (final content to be approved in due course). The R&Js are go through the course will be awarded with "Gold 3-Star badges". It was approved that the course will be delivered by 2 Instructors, who along with the observers and evaluators will also look to see how these R&Js perform during the championships.

7. Scoring System

It was emphasized that the updated scoring system should be added to the review for the Technical & Competitions Rules. It was suggested that any kind of new scoring system should first be applied and tried at a lower NF event and progressively put to the bigger stage. Whilst adjusting a new system, special attention should be paid to anti-manipulation measures.

It was also noted that we may need to find a new provider for the scoring system if we see considerable change to the process – yet to be decided. We should also consider the teaching requirements for our R&Js, along with the provisions and changes needed for both the evaluator and observer. However, intensive re-training and understanding is crucial should we adapt and change.

8. Closing remark of the Chairperson

Mr. Roberts thanked all the committee members for a fruitful meeting and their reports on the upgoing work on each of the key R&J tasks of the new Development Program. It was decided to have a separate meeting next week about the update of AIBA Technical & Competition Rules. It was agreed to keep working on the key areas in the same groups but with one additional sub-committee working on the R&J Code of Conduct with the collaboration of legal team.

Chairperson of the AIBA Refereeing & Judging Committee

Chris Roberts

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