



# MATT HOLT

## Candidate for the IBA Board of Directors

*I am honoured to be nominated by Boxing Scotland for the position of Independent Director with the International Boxing Association (IBA).*

*I believe I have the experience, expertise and dedication to add value to the board and I kindly ask for your support.*

### Why am I seeking election to the Board?

My motivation is to ensure that IBA and our sport places the interests of the boxers at the very heart of decision-making. I wish to help ensure that boxing remains a leading sport on the Olympic programme into the future. For the sport to develop and prosper we need to keep this Olympic dream alive for all the young men and women that compete in our sport.

#### As an Independent Director of IBA, I would seek to achieve the following goals:

- Ensure IBA meets all the requirements of the IOC and boxing remains on the Olympic programme for Paris 2024, Los Angeles 2028, Brisbane 2032 and beyond.
- Build on progress to ensure that the sport is governed and officiated to the very highest standards of integrity.
- Consult with the National Federations and work in their best interests.
- Support the development of boxing in all nations around the world, and with a strong focus on women's boxing.
- Ensure boxing remains on the programme for all multi-sport events, such as the African Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Pan Am Games.
- Help drive the success of the IBA World Boxing Tour and Olympic Qualifying System, so there is a competition structure that works for all nations, designed in the best interests of the boxers and the sport.
- Ensure that the interests of the boxers are placed at the heart of IBA decision-making.

### Experience in Boxing and Sport Administration

I am dedicated to our great sport of boxing, having worked for GB Boxing since 2009 and as the Chief Executive since 2013.

#### During my time with GB Boxing:

- Team manager at all major boxing championships including the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Managed a team of over 30 staff and 40 boxers and lead on all operations covering events and competition management, financial management, logistics, commercial activities, communications, and programme strategy.
- The most successful period in history for Great Britain's boxers. The Team GB performance at Tokyo 2020 was the best by a British team of boxers for over 100 years.
- Since 2009, GB Boxing boxers have won 87 major championship medals (European, World and Olympic).
- CEO for the British Lionhearts World Series Boxing (WSB) franchise and member of the AIBA WSB Commission.
- Chair of the organising committee for the European Qualification Tournament for Tokyo 2020, hosted in London.
- Secured significant sponsorship deals with Sting and Nike.

#### In my other sports administration roles:

- Member of the IOC Boxing Task Force Experts Group.
- Member of UK Sport committee for people development and director of GB Sport Media.
- Worked for Sport England, the government agency for grassroots sport, managing £20m annual investment into national federations, including boxing, football and cycling.
- Specialist in good governance in sport as a researcher and lecturer with the University of London.

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*I welcome and appreciate your support! - Matt Holt*