



AMENDMENTS TO AFBC CONSTITUTION OF MAY 12, 2022



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Algiers, 16 July 2022

Article	Current text	Proposal	Recommendation of the Interim Board
Preamble	<p>The International Boxing Association (IBA), as an international federation promoting, supporting and governing the sport of boxing worldwide, recognizes five continental Confederations to promote the sport of boxing within the territories of Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania respectively.</p> <p>Being recognized by IBA, the African Boxing Confederation – AFBC – has developed and accepted this Constitution in accordance with the IBA Constitution and the IBA Regulations. In case of divergence between this Constitution and the Regulations and the IBA Constitution and the IBA Regulations, the latter shall prevail.</p>	<p><u>The African Boxing Confederation – AFBC – is a continental boxing association, created in 1962 in Cairo.</u></p> <p><u>AFBC is recognised by t</u>The International Boxing Association (IBA).</p> <p><u>IBA is,</u>as an international federation promoting, supporting and governing the sport of boxing worldwide, <u>which</u> recognizes five continental Confederations to promote the sport of boxing within the territories of Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania respectively.</p> <p>Being recognized by IBA, the African Boxing Confederation—AFBC— has developed and accepted this Constitution <u>during its Congress held in Istanbul on 12 May 2022</u> in accordance with the IBA Constitution and the IBA Regulations. In case of divergence between this Constitution and the Regulations and the IBA Constitution and the IBA Regulations, the latter shall prevail.</p>	Proposal upheld.



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2.1	The African Boxing Confederation (AFBC) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit association with unlimited duration incorporated in Morocco and subject to the laws of this country. The Congress may decide to change the country of residence of AFBC.	The African Boxing Confederation (AFBC) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit association with unlimited duration incorporated in Morocco and subject to the laws of this country. The Congress may decide to change the country of residence of AFBC <u>the country of residence of the President.</u>	It is recommended to have one permanent country of registration (AFBC shall be duly registered in reliable country, has bank account in this country, pay taxes and provide tax statements/ reports), whereas, the Head Office may be changed based on the President's residency.
2.3	The Head Office of the Confederation is located Casablanca or in such other location as may be determined by the Congress. The Congress may decide to change the location of the Head Office.	The Head Office of the Confederation is located Casablanca or in such other location as may be determined by the Congress. The Congress may decide to change the location of the Head Office <u>in the country of residence of the President.</u>	Proposed wording: 2.1 The African Boxing Confederation (AFBC) is a non-governmental and not-for-profit association with unlimited duration incorporated in the country from African Continent determined by the Board at the meeting following adoption of this Constitution after careful analysis of the laws of the country concerned.
2.4	Upon decision of the Board, the Confederation may establish a representative office in such location where the President resides.	<u>DELETED</u>	2.3 The Board shall decide location of the Head Office. The Head Office of the Confederation may be located in the country of residence of the President. 2.4 DELETED



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3.1	The mission of the Confederation is to promote, support and govern the sport of boxing within the African Continent under the control and direction of IBA in accordance with the requirements and spirit of the IBA Constitution and the IBA Regulations.	The mission of the Confederation is to promote, support and govern the sport of boxing within the African Continent <u>comprising of four (4) Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4</u> under the control and direction of IBA in accordance with the requirements and spirit of the IBA Constitution and the IBA Regulations.	Reference to zone does not exist in any other continent. The purpose of an IBA affiliated confederation shall be to act at <u>continental level</u> , not to contribute to split the continent. Proposal is not upheld.
3.2 d	to organize its own international or regional competitions at continental level	to organize its own international or regional, <u>zonal</u> competitions at continental level	Proposal is not upheld.
5.5	The Confederation and its affiliated National Federation may not become a member of, or in any way affiliated with, any international or national boxing organization other than IBA except with the express written permission of the Board.	The Confederation and its affiliated National Federation may not become a member of, or in any way affiliated with, any international or national boxing organization other than IBA except with the express written permission of the Board.	This provision mirrors article 5.5 IBA Constitution Removing this reference will not change the legal situation of National Federation, and it may be confusing. Proposal is not upheld.
6.1	English and French are the official languages of the Congress	English, and French, <u>Arabic and Portuguese</u> are the official languages of the Congress	More official languages mean additional interpretation costs – and risks of challenges, if the Congress is not translated in all four languages. In any case, with the original wording, nothing prohibits the AFBC Board from deciding that the Congress debates should be translated into other languages than English and French. Proposal is not upheld.



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11.1 c	abstain from any conduct which is, or may reasonably be seen to be, detrimental to the Confederation or to the interests of Confederation	abstain from any conduct which is, or may reasonably be seen to be, detrimental to the Confederation or to the interests of Confederation, <u>or to the interest of the National Federation</u>	Proposal upheld.
15.2	has had a Boxer or Boxers compete during the previous four years in not less than one IBA World Championships, or Confederation Championships, or such other boxing competition as the Board may have determined by Regulations	has had a Boxer or Boxers compete during the previous four years in not less than one IBA World Championships, or Confederation—AFBC Championships, <u>or All-African Games, Africa Youth Olympic Games qualifying tournaments, loco regional games (Sadec Games, Island Games, Islamic Games, Mediterranean Games), zonal championships</u> or such other boxing competition as the Board may have determined by Regulations	<p>There is no need in such detailing of the competitions, because it is for the Board to decide about concrete list of the competitions when it is necessary.</p> <p>At the same time, the Interim Board proposed also to take into account regional African Competitions (it is main idea to avoid zonal separation in governance, however, the competitions may be organized within several Regions.</p> <p>Proposed wording:</p> <p>has had a Boxer or Boxers compete during the previous four years in not less than one IBA World Championships, or Confederation Championships, regional African Competitions, or such other boxing competition as the Board may have determined by Regulations</p>
15.6	The Confederation shall make provision where necessary for economy class air travel, accommodation and meals for a Voting Delegate attending a Congress meeting and shall, where possible, meet the costs of the same	The Confederation shall make provision where necessary for economy class air travel , accommodation and meals for a Voting Delegate attending a Congress meeting and shall, where possible, meet the costs of the same	<p>The proposal refers to a risk that the AFBC may not have the financial means to actually pay flight tickets to all delegates.</p> <p>Proposal is not upheld.</p>



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15.7		<u>AFBC honorary members, Africa IBA honorary members are member of the Congress without the voting right</u>	Proposed wording: The Board may invite to the Congress, without voting rights, anyone who has been awarded an honorary position by IBA or AFBC.
16.1 h	determine whether or not to move the location of the Confederation's Head Office;	<u>DELETED</u>	In line with amendments to Articles 2.1, 2.3 it is for the Board to decide location of the Head Office. Proposal is not upheld.
17.2	An Ordinary Congress meeting shall be convened by the Board every year and shall take place within three (3) months following the IBA Ordinary Congress meeting. Once every four years, the Ordinary Congress meeting shall be an Election Congress Meeting	An Ordinary Congress meeting shall be convened by the Board every <u>two (2) years</u> and shall take place within three (3) months following the IBA Ordinary Congress meeting. Once every four years, the Ordinary Congress meeting shall be an Election Congress Meeting	Every year Congress seems reasonable as it will ensure good functioning of the confederation. However, due to decrease the costs it can be held online. Proposal is not upheld.
17.7	The Confederation may organize Congress meetings at the same time and place as IBA Congresses	The Confederation may organize Congress meetings at the same time and place as IBA Congresses, <u>one day before the IBA Congress</u>	This seems to strict, initial wording shall be maintained. Proposal is not upheld.
18.1 (b)	must be convened by the Board within a period of three (3) months after not less than one third of all National Federations then owing no monies to the Confederation request such an Extraordinary Congress meeting	must be convened by the Board within a period of three <u>two (2)</u> months after not less than one third of all National Federations then owing no monies to the Confederation request such an Extraordinary Congress meeting	This proposal is not consistent with the mandatory two-month notice in article 18.3, the Interim Board recommends to maintain initial wording. Proposal is not upheld.



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18.1 c	must be convened by the Board within a period of three (3) months after the Confederation receives a request from the IBA Board	must be convened by the Board within a period of three <u>one (31)</u> months after the Confederation receives a request from the IBA Board	This proposal is not consistent with the mandatory two-month notice in article 18.3, the Interim Board recommends to maintain initial wording. Proposal is not upheld.
24.1	<p>The Board of Directors of the Confederation shall consist of the following Directors:</p> <p>(a) the President, who shall be elected at each Election Congress Meeting by the Voting Delegates from all of the Eligible National Federations in attendance at the meeting;</p> <p>(b) twelve (12) persons, who shall be elected at each Election Congress Meeting by the Voting Delegates from all of the National Federations in attendance at such meeting;</p> <p>(c) the Chairperson of the Athletes' Committee and one (1) other member of the Athletes' Committee elected by the members of the Athletes' Committee, who shall be of each gender.</p>	<p>The Board of Directors of the Confederation <u>is composed of 15 members and</u> shall consist of the following Directors:</p> <p>(a) the President, who shall be elected at each Election Congress Meeting by the Voting Delegates from all of the Eligible National Federations in attendance at the meeting;</p> <p><u>(b) Four (4) presidents of zone</u></p> <p><u>(c) eight (8) additional members, with four (4) from each gender.</u></p> <p><u>The Presidents of zone and additional members</u></p> <p>(b) twelve (12) persons, who shall be elected at each Election Congress Meeting by the Voting Delegates from all of the National Federations in attendance at such meeting;</p> <p>(ed) the Chairperson of the Athletes' Committee and one (1) other member of the Athletes' Committee elected by the members of the Athletes' Committee, who shall be of each gender.</p>	<p>For the current elections a composition of the Board shall not be changed.</p> <p>For the further Elections, newly elected Board together with IBA shall develop criteria of the composition of the Board, ensuring the presence in the of the members belonging to different regions of Africa and language groups, as well as guaranteeing a minimum number of women.</p>
24.1 (b)	(b) twelve (12) persons, who shall be elected at each Election Congress Meeting by the Voting Delegates from all of the National Federations in attendance at such meeting;	(b) twelve (12) persons <u>and three (3) from each Zones inclusive the President of the Zones shall automatically act as AFBC Vice President</u> , who shall be elected at each Election Congress Meeting by the Voting Delegates from all of the National Federations in attendance at such meeting;	



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27.1	The Board shall meet whenever necessary but, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, must meet at least three times per year	The Board shall meet whenever necessary but, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, must meet at least three <u>two (2)</u> times per year	At least 3 meetings per year seems reasonable as it will ensure good functioning of the confederation. However, due to decrease the costs it can be held online. Proposal is not upheld.
28.1 b		<u>ADD: in the event of dysfunction or mismanagement of the Confederation, at the request of two-third (2/3) of its members, the Board convenes an extraordinary Congress</u>	The intent is to give more power to the Board, but in fact, the wording achieves the opposite goal. As per the AFBC Constitution, the Board may at any time convene a Congress by a decision taken at a simple majority. Proposal is not upheld.
29.3	A President shall be entitled to serve up to two terms of office as President without regard to any term or terms of office he or she may otherwise have served on the Board.	A President shall be entitled to serve up to two <u>(2) consecutive</u> terms of office as President without regard to any term or terms of office he or she may otherwise have served on the Board.	The current wording of 29.3 is consistent with the IBA Constitution. Ulrich Haas group recommends inserting efficient clause limiting the number of mandates. Proposal is not upheld.
29.4	Any term or terms of office previously served by the President or any other Director as a member of the former Executive Committee or other equivalent body of the Confederation shall be taken into consideration in calculating the maximum number of terms of office which such person may serve on the Board. In case of a partial term of office (notably in case of a vacancy), the Ethics Committee or the BIIU Nomination Unit (for the President) shall decide whether the partial term shall be counted as a term of office for the purpose of calculating the maximum number of terms of office or not.	Any term or terms of office previously served by the President or any other Director as a member of the former Executive Committee or other equivalent body of the Confederation shall be taken into consideration in calculating the maximum number of terms of office which such person may serve on the Board. In case of a partial term of office (notably in case of a vacancy), the Ethics Committee or the BIIU Nomination Unit (for the President) shall decide whether the partial term shall be counted as a term of office for the purpose of calculating the maximum number of terms of office or not. <u>A mandate of less than 2 years (24 months) is considered as a partial mandate and does not count in the number of consecutive mandates</u>	It makes sense to maintain same wording, as in the IBA Constitution. Proposal is not upheld.



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31.1	Following an Election Congress Meeting, the Directors elected at such meeting shall forthwith elect from among their own number two (2) Vice Presidents of the Confederation.	Following an Election Congress Meeting, the Directors elected at such meeting shall forthwith elect from among their own number two <u>four</u> (24) Vice Presidents of the Confederation.	For the current elections a composition of the Board (particularly, number of Voce-Presidents) shall not be changed. 2 Vice-Presidents seems reasonable. Proposal is not upheld.