



To all ASBC National Federations

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International Boxing Association (IBA) support to Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC)

Dear Asian Boxing Confederation and respected associated members,

We hope that your National Federations and extended boxing families are in good health.

General

Ahead of the ASBC Extraordinary Congress which takes place in Bangkok on 23 November 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout 2024, and hopefully the continued working relationship that we have planned for our progressive pathway program, along with an extensive calendar that integrates ASBC throughout the duration of 2025 and beyond.

ASBC, as a **prominent continental confederation** of the IBA, plays a vital role in uniting our member federations across Asia. Reflecting on our achievements together, it is essential to highlight the positive aspects of our initiatives that have contributed significantly to the success of our event calendar, and furthermore the most recent success for those Asian National Federations in Paris 2024 at the Olympic Games; a fantastic display of elite boxing to be seen by all, across the globe. The Championship events we organize serve as a platform for showcasing talent and fostering competitive spirit among athletes. Additionally, our collaboration on the IBA Champions' Night project demonstrates our commitment to promoting boxing and recognizing excellence within the sport. These efforts not only enhance the visibility of boxing in Asia but also strengthen our community spirit and inspire the next generation of athletes.

We also understand the importance of the **Olympic dream** that represents one of those pinnacles of athletic aspiration, a vision that transcends borders and unites our boxers together. IBA supports this ideal and narrative, and in turn will provide those opportunities for competition during each of the respective four-year cycles. By association, all our united programs support this vision, whether that be events, courses, value in kind, or those financial contributions, IBA remains central to all those key deliverables; we are all extremely proud of what we have achieved.

Over the past two years, the collaboration between IBA and ASBC has focused on several key areas that have **significantly impacted our community** in a positive way. We have worked diligently to enhance member engagement through various initiatives, fostering a sense of belonging and support among ASBC members. Additionally, our joint efforts in promoting sustainable practices have not only benefited our organizations but have also set a precedent for the duty of care and responsibility within our industry. We have prioritized professional development, offering workshops and resources that empower our members to advance their skills and knowledge. Furthermore, our advocacy for policy changes has strengthened our collective voice, ensuring that the interests of our members are represented and heard at all levels. As we reflect on these achievements, it is clear that our partnership has been instrumental in driving positive change and creating lasting value for our members; we salute you.

Mission

The mission of IBA moving forward is dedicated to promoting the sport of boxing across all levels, from amateur to professional; this includes the World Championships, Olympic Games, and our Professional Series of events. The mission encompasses fostering an inclusive environment that encourages participation globally, ensuring that athletes have the resources and opportunities to succeed. IBA aims to enhance the sport's visibility and accessibility, while also upholding the highest standards of competition and integrity. By supporting athletes, coaches, and officials, IBA strives to create a vibrant boxing community that celebrates excellence and sportsmanship, ultimately contributing to the growth and development of boxing worldwide. ASBC sit at the **very heart** of our core business, and we aim to deliver the mission across the continent in an





open and transparent way. This is what we do on a daily basis – doing what is right, not what is always easy. We stand alongside every member in support of that dream.

Vision

Moreover, we are committed in seeking new opportunities, to take the sport of boxing into a new era of showcase development, ensuring commercially viable and profitable growth for all of our members. This initiative aims to foster an environment where enterprises can flourish, contributing to the expansion and success of the organization. By prioritizing commercial viability, IBA envisions a future where boxing continues to thrive on a global scale, empowering athletes and promoting the sport to new heights. This strategic approach not only enhances the operational capacity of our organization, but also strengthens the overall framework of boxing, paving the way for sustained success and innovation within the sport.

Home of Boxing

The home of boxing remains with IBA, and **ASBC is pivotal** to our work, those responsibilities that lie not only with our members today, but we must also think about the next generation, and so on. A reminder of our world-class event programme, which has been developed with all of our continents in mind. Asia **remains a stronghold of talent** that must be harnessed and nurtured in the right way – a timely reminder of what is on offer:

- IBA Elite Men and Women's World Boxing Championships
- Olympic Games and associated pathway and qualification process
- Continental Championships throughout the year in all age categories
- IBA World Boxing Championships – Youth, Junior, School – new product
- IBA Pro Series – Champions' Night/IBA Kun Lun
- IBA World Series of Boxing (new product to be announced at the IBA Global Forum in Dubai)
- IBA Pro Series – Contender and undercard development

IBA World Championships

The IBA World Boxing Championships stands as the premier international tournament organized by the International Boxing Association (IBA), where elite boxers from across the globe vie for the esteemed title of World Champion in separate male and female competition. This prestigious event occurs biennially and is renowned for showcasing intense skill, athleticism, and the highest level of amateur boxing talent across various weight categories. With athletes from over 100 countries participating, the Championships have become one of the most anticipated events in the sport. It serves as a vital platform for both emerging talents and growing IBA professionals, setting the stage for our athletes while also cementing both foundation and legacies within the IBA Boxing Family. We look forward to hosting the 2025 male edition in Asia.

Education and Development

Over the past 24 months, IBA has successfully delivered **more than 40 courses across ASBC**, highlighting a significant commitment to educational growth within the continent. With continued support from Asia, the organization has maintained a prominent level of expertise, ensuring that the quality of training and education remains intact. This dedication has not only enriched the knowledge base of coaches and officials but has also played a crucial role in supporting athletes. The valued work of both IBA and ASBC has contributed to the success of numerous boxers competing at the highest levels of the sport, reinforcing the importance of education in fostering sporting excellence.

IBA Congress 2024. This detailed information, and the '*what does good look like*' regarding our development and calendar management will be provided at the IBA Congress in Dubai on the 7 December 2024. I would respectfully like to take this opportunity to thank all those Asian National Federations who have registered for this upcoming prominent event. We will all be more than happy to see you all in Dubai and to share our positive news for the future of our collective sport.





Financial Support Programme (FSP)

Furthermore, IBA provides immense support to both athletes and National Federations, which currently cannot be provided by any other organization.

In May 2021, the International Boxing Association (IBA) launched a pioneering Financial Support Programme (FSP) aimed at developing, supporting, and strengthening boxing across all levels, including grassroots initiatives. This program seeks to enhance the independence, efficiency, and transparency of management, government, and administrative systems to meet future development needs. IBA reserves funds of up to **\$20,000 for each National Federation**, ensuring that financial resources are available to foster growth in the sport. Through the FSP, the IBA provides significant assistance to athletes who require support in attending major tournaments (both IBA and Olympic), while also facilitating the organization of boxing events. This dual approach not only generates greater interest in the sport but also helps to identify and nurture new talent, ensuring a vibrant future for boxing.

On 4 May 2024, the IBA Board of Directors at the meeting in Madrid approved the comprehensive event roadmap for 2024-2028. IBA is investing over **\$80 million into prize money** over the next four-year cycle until 2028. The prize money fund for the IBA Men's World Boxing Championships is set at **\$10.4 million** per event, and the IBA Women's Boxing Championships is set **\$4.8 million** per event. Said investments also include the **prize money for Continental Championships**.

In addition, IBA has allocated **\$500,000 prize money fund** for medalists and quarterfinalists of the [ASBC Asian Boxing Championships](#) that will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 28 November – 12 December 2024.

The final element to this will be the continental support directly managed to the ASBC office in the form of **\$500,000 financial support** that we will also go some way towards the development of boxing across Asia.

Summary

In conclusion, whilst we understand the current issues we face, along with the extremely challenging environment in our sport, this narrative serves as a timely reminder of the positive impact that IBA has had on its members. The support provided by the **IBA together with ASBC** has been invaluable, contributing to a sense of community and cooperation among its members. We appreciate the continued contribution and dedication of all participants, as it strengthens our collective efforts for the future.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our common goals, and we look forward to seeing you all in Dubai.

Yours sincerely,



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