

IBA – Guidelines for the Approval of Boxing Equipment





1. Objectives and Scope

- To ensure safety, fairness, and standardization in all IBA competitions.
- To define the minimum quality and performance requirements for gloves, headguards, and bandages.
- To establish the approval and fair certification process for suppliers and equipment.

2. General Principles

- All technical equipment must comply with international safety standards.
- Each product must undergo certified laboratory testing and practical in-ring verification conducted by IBA.
- The IBA maintains an official Register of Approved and Inspected Products (IBA Boxing Equipment List).
- The “IBA Approved” or “IBA Inspected” logo may only be used by officially licensed manufacturers.

2.1 Categories and Definitions

There are two (2) categories of homologated equipment subject to these production guidelines:

a) Approved equipment

- This refers to the highest quality standard for IBA homologated products.
- It may be supplied exclusively by IBA Official Licensees.
- To be homologated as “Approved”, products must successfully pass extensive quality and resistance laboratory tests, directly monitored by IBA.
- Only Official Licensees are eligible to supply “Approved” competition equipment for:
 - All IBA competitions, including International and Continental Level events.
 - IBA development programmes.

b) Inspected equipment

- This refers to the entry-level quality certification for IBA homologated products.
- Any manufacturer can apply to IBA to have its equipment inspected and homologated as “Inspected”.
- The use of “Inspected” equipment is limited to:
 - National Federation events.
 - International tournaments or cups organized by National Federations.

3. Technical Specifications

Gloves: specifications are defined in Article 45 and Appendix 11 of the IBA Technical and Competition Rules ([20240303-IBA-Technical-Competition-Rules-v7-clean.pdf](#)).

Headguards: specifications are defined in Article 46 and Appendix 12 of the IBA Technical and Competition Rules ([20240303-IBA-Technical-Competition-Rules-v7-clean.pdf](#)).

Bandages: specifications are defined in Article 47 of the IBA Technical and Competition Rules ([20240303-IBA-Technical-Competition-Rules-v7-clean.pdf](#)).





4. IBA Approval/ Inspection Procedure

1. Manufacturer submission: samples and technical documentation must be provided to IBA.
2. Laboratory testing: conducted by independent IBA-recognised facilities under IBA monitoring. IBA shall choose testing laboratory on its own discretion.
3. Field verification: trial usage in IBA competitions/training camps.
4. After laboratory testing and field verification IBA shall decide if relevant product can be “Approved”, “Inspected” or rejected. Decision of IBA shall be final and not subject to any appeal.
5. Certification: equipment listed in the IBA Boxing Equipment List.
6. Validity: approval is valid for 2 years, renewable upon review.

5. Compliance and Control

- IBA reserves the right to conduct random equipment testing during competitions.
- Non-compliant products will be disqualified, and manufacturers may lose certification.

6. Branding and Use of the Logo

- Clear guidelines regulate the use of the “IBA Approved” and “IBA Inspected” mark.
- Unauthorized or misleading commercial use is strictly prohibited.

7. Periodic Review

- These guidelines will be reviewed every 4 years, or earlier if required, to include new technologies and materials.

8. Costs and Fees

- Application fee: a non-refundable administrative fee must be paid by the manufacturer upon submission of the application for homologation.
- Testing costs: all laboratory and field testing costs shall be borne by the manufacturer. Fees may vary depending on the product type and number of tests required.
- Certification fee: once a product has successfully passed the approval process, a certification fee will be applied for inclusion in the IBA Boxing Equipment List.
- Annual license fee (for Approved equipment only): Official Licensees are required to pay an annual license fee to maintain the right to supply “IBA Approved” competition equipment.
- Inspection costs (for Inspected equipment): manufacturers applying for “Inspected” certification will cover inspection and administrative costs as determined by IBA.

Note: IBA reserves the right to revise fees periodically. The applicable fee structure will be communicated to applicants in advance.

