



IBA Financial Support Program Regulations



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INTRODUCTION

Article 29.1 of the IBA Constitution provides that the IBA Board of Directors has the authority to enact regulations, determine criteria for redistribution of resources for boxing development and projects, and undertake all other acts that do not fall within the specific competence of another body.

This provision has enabled the IBA to launch impactful programs aimed at fostering the sport's growth worldwide, including the Financial Support Program (FSP), initiated by the then AIBA Board of Directors on 22 March 2021.

Since its implementation, the FSP has served as a tool for providing financial assistance to National Federations, facilitating their participation in international events and advancing boxing development across all regions. The program aligns with the IBA's mission to promote equity and accessibility in the sport, particularly for Federations in under-resourced nations.

The purpose of these Regulations is to outline clear principles and conditions for financial support, including eligibility criteria, application and approval processes, and obligations of National Federations.

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Capitalised terms used in these Regulations shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the IBA Constitution.

1.2 The following terms – used in these Regulations only – have the meanings ascribed to them in this article:

“**Constitution**” means the IBA Constitution adopted on 13 December 2025, together with all subsequent amendments;

“**FSP**” means the IBA Financial Support Program;

“**FSP Grant**” means the amount granted by IBA to a National Federation in the framework of the FSP, which can be either direct funding managed and disbursed by IBA for specific initiatives, the provision of “value in kind”, or – under rare and duly justified circumstances approved by the FSP Committee – a bank transfer into the beneficiary National Federation's designated account.

“**FSP Manager**” means a Secretary General or another official appointed by a National



Federation and responsible for monitoring the implementation of the FSP or FSP Grant within their territory;

“**Force Majeure**” means an objective (rather than a personal) impediment, beyond the control of the ‘obliged party’, that is unforeseeable, that cannot be resisted and that renders the performance of the obligation impossible, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, power supplies, epidemics, pandemics, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion.

“**IBA FSP Committee**” means the ad hoc Committee responsible for the attribution and monitoring of the FSP Grant. It is composed by the members decided by the IBA Board of Directors as per article 3 of the IBA Organisational Regulations and article 29.1 (xvi) of the Constitution. Managers of National Federations can be invited to the FSP Committee meetings as needed.

“**Membership Policy**” means the IBA Membership Policy approved by the IBA Board and made effective on 9 December 2023, together with all subsequent amendments.

“**Need-Based Project**” means a project undertaken by a National Federation with the aim of hosting sporting events or ensuring athlete participation in continental and world competitions under the IBA umbrella, improving sporting facilities or athlete conditions, developing educational programs, etc.

1.3 In these Regulations, unless otherwise specified:

- a. references to articles are references to articles in these Regulations;
- b. a reference to any of the regulations, or to any provision or provisions in a regulation, shall be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as including a reference to any amendment or replacement made to the same from time to time; and
- c. in the event of any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.

1.4 All headings and titles in these Regulations have been inserted for ease of reference only and may not be considered as an aid to its interpretation.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM (FSP)

- 2.1 The FSP is established to provide financial support to IBA's National Federations in their endeavours to enhance and promote boxing at all levels within their territories. In particular, this FSP shall be exclusively allocated to IBA-organised/sanctioned competitions and events.
- 2.2 As such, the objectives of the FSP are to enable the National Federations to advance, reinforce, and sustain boxing in all its forms – from grassroots to the elite, for girls and boys, women and men. Additionally, it aims to strengthen their governance, management, and administration systems in order to improve the organisation and professionalism of their operations. The ultimate goal is to increase efficiency, transparency and independence.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 In order to benefit from the FSP or a FSP Grant, National Federations are required to complete the [Compliance Form](#) available online. This form encompasses several criteria, ensuring that National Federations:
- a. have a strategic project or business plan approved by the IBA FSP Committee;
 - b. can demonstrate their lack of adequate financial means to support their boxing development and/or management activities. This evidence should be supported with an audit account balance, income statement, and other relevant documents. If these are not available, approved financial statements must be provided;
 - c. are in full compliance with all obligations outlined in the IBA Membership Policy, including notably their reporting obligations;
 - d. have their own constitution, statutes, and regulations compliant with the IBA Constitution, Membership Policy, and any decisions issued by the IBA Board;
 - e. have a designated Secretary General or another official responsible for monitoring the implementation of the FSP or FSP Grant within their territory, who shall act as FSP Manager.
- 3.2 The IBA FSP Committee holds the authority to make decisions on its discretion relating to the eligibility of a National Federation to join the FSP or benefit from a FSP Grant. Such decision shall be final and not subject to any appeal.

4. APPLICATION

- 4.1 In order to benefit from the FSP, a National Federation must complete and submit to the IBA Head Office a written application using the online form specified in art. 3.1.
- 4.2 To apply for the FSP Grant, a National Federation shall send an official letter to IBA via email at international@iba.sport, along with the strategic project / business plan, following the template in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Applications to join the FSP or for “Need-Based” Projects shall be submitted at least 3 (three) months before the relevant sport event/competition, or within the deadlines prescribed by IBA. Upon exceptional justified circumstances, the deadlines for joining the FSP may be more flexible and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.4 Along with the application to receive FSP or FSP Grant, a National Federation must provide to the IBA Head Office a detailed budget for every project requiring FSP funds, along with supporting evidence and written explanations of the needs in FSP funds.
- 4.5 The application, along with the documents specified in this article, shall be transferred by the IBA Head Office to the IBA FSP Committee. The decision to accept or reject applications to join the FSP rests solely with the IBA FSP Committee. The IBA FSP Committee may, at its discretion, request additional documents or clarifications from the applicant, which must be provided within 15 (fifteen) days, unless an alternative deadline is established by the Committee. Failure to comply with the above-mentioned deadline shall be a valid reason to reject application for FSP or FSP Grant. If no response is received from the IBA FSP Committee within 1 (one) month of submitting the application, the application shall be deemed as rejected.
- 4.6 If the IBA FSP Committee approves an application, it shall decide upon the date on which the applicant National Federation shall commence receiving the FSP Grant.
- 4.7 Where an application is rejected, the National Federation may re-apply the following year or for another “Need-Based” Project. However, a rejection of an application to join FSP shall be final and cannot be subject to appeal. Upon request of the applicant, the IBA FSP Committee will provide a brief explanation for the rejection of an application.

5. AMOUNT MADE AVAILABLE TO NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND ADMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- 5.1 National Federations may use FSP funds primarily for the advancement of boxing within their respective regions, aligning with their long-term plans, and explicitly acknowledging IBA as the funding source, as well as to strengthen their organizational capacity.
- 5.2 Subject to compliance with these Regulations, IBA may provide financial assistance to a National Federation for the implementation of 1 (one) project, in the form of a FSP Grant amounting to a maximum of USD 20,000 (twenty thousand American dollars), or an equivalent value in kind.
- 5.3 The precise funding available to each National Federation is subject to change and may vary contingent on broader financial considerations.
- 5.4 Only 1 (one) project per National Federation can be funded per IBA financial year. Projects should not overlap within a period of 12 (twelve) months, and each proposal will undergo thorough evaluation by the IBA FSP Committee in line with the remaining yearly FSP budget.
- 5.5 If a National Federation chooses not to apply for FSP during a specific IBA financial year, the funds available for that year will not carry over into the next.
- 5.6 If the proposed project receives approval, the management of the FSP Grant will be undertaken directly by the IBA. Alternatively, the grant may be provided in the form of value in kind, a decision that will rest with the IBA FSP Committee.
- 5.7 In exceptional cases, where direct management of the payment by the IBA is not feasible, the FSP Grant may be disbursed either in full or in instalments to the National Federation's account. This disbursement will follow a predefined schedule to ensure transparency and effective allocation of funds.
- 5.8 The FSP Grant shall be utilized by National Federations exclusively for the approved project. It shall not be used by National Federations for purposes, including but not limited to:
 - a. covering debts from previous years, except for the settlement of IBA accounts. The IBA FSP Committee shall decide on any exceptions to this rule;

- b. settling travel expenses debts;
- c. providing any form of stipend or bonus to boxers;
- d. disbursing staff salaries or bonuses;
- e. covering the expenses of National Federations related to activities within another international or national boxing organization.

The above list is non-exhaustive.

6. FSP SUPPORT FOR IBA COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 Given the importance of international competitions for the growth of boxing, requests that are specifically aimed at facilitating participation in IBA World and/or Continental Championships will receive higher priority.
- 6.2 To successfully apply for FSP support targeting participation in IBA World and/or Continental Championships, a National Federation must register its team for the IBA concerned competitions through the IBA registration platform.
- 6.3 National Federations are responsible for ensuring that all necessary travel arrangements are finalized well in advance of the event. This includes obtaining visas and fulfilling any other entry requirements specific to the host country.
- 6.4 Should National Federations require tickets and/or accommodation for their teams, these will be booked directly by the IBA or third party authorized by IBA in consultation with the respective National Federation.
- 6.5 The IBA must be duly informed of the team composition. Additionally, valid travel documents for each participant covered by the FSP Grant must be submitted.
- 6.6 National Federations are obliged to inform the IBA in a timely manner about any changes related to travel arrangements that may lead to additional expenses or loss of funds.
- 6.7 In the event of any team member's non-availability for travel, the National Federation must notify the IBA no later than 72 hours before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in fines imposed by airlines or loss of funds. In such cases, the National Federation will be responsible for paying any incurred fines and/or reimbursing the IBA for the cost of the ticket / accommodation.

6.8 FSP Grant cannot be used for extra expenses, including but not limited to per diem, meals not covered by the Local Organizing Committee, medical insurance, etc.

7. VALUE IN KIND

7.1 If a National Federation wishes to receive support from the FSP in the form of value in kind, the type and quantity of equipment will depend on the official provider selected by the IBA. This means that the equipment received may differ from what was originally requested by the National Federation.

7.2 The equipment can only be sourced from an official IBA provider. However, exceptions can be made in specific circumstances where delivery or logistical arrangements cannot be efficiently facilitated. In such cases, the IBA will coordinate with the respective National Federation to arrange alternative solutions, subject to the approval of the FSP Committee.

7.3 To apply for value in kind support, a National Federation must submit a comprehensive business plan to the IBA Head Office. This plan should outline how the requested equipment will be utilized and distributed effectively within the National Federation.

7.4 Upon receiving a request, the IBA Head Office will collaborate with the selected provider to assess the availability, cost, quantity, and delivery expenses associated with the requested equipment. Once finalized, the National Federation will receive a detailed list of the available equipment for their review and approval.

7.5 After all three parties — the IBA, the provider and the National Federation — have reached an agreement on the order, the provider will manage the delivery process. Deadlines for delivery will be established at this time, ensuring a clear timeline for the National Federation.

7.6 The funds allocated for value-in-kind support will only cover the delivery costs to the Federation's country. Any additional expenses, such as customs duties or domestic transportation costs within the country, will remain the responsibility of the National Federation.

8. FSP GRANT DISBURSEMENT

8.1 Other than in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the IBA FSP Committee)

and where direct management of the funds by the IBA is not feasible, the receipt and disbursement of the FSP Grant must only be done via the National Federation's official account where it clearly appears as a beneficiary, and in no case whatsoever a payment of the FSP Grant can be made to an account of an individual.

- 8.2 If a National Federation does not use all of the FSP funds awarded to it in a specific year, it shall immediately inform the IBA FSP Committee accordingly, which, together with the respective National Federation, will take appropriate measures and decide whether any residual amount will be carried over for use in subsequent years until they are used up, used in a different project or returned to the IBA. The final decision will be taken by the IBA FSP Committee.

9. OBLIGATIONS

- 9.1 National Federations have certain obligations to fulfill in order to benefit from the FSP Grant. These obligations are outlined below:

- a. fully comply with these Regulations at all times;
- b. provide IBA with all the necessary information and supporting documentation related to its benefit from the FSP Grant on the prescribed form in accordance with the deadlines set by IBA;
- c. fully submit to any audit conducted on the instructions of IBA;
- d. utilise the FSP Grant solely for the matters proposed in the approved project;
- e. have its participation in the FSP and relevant project or activities approved by its executive committee or board and notified to IBA FSP Committee;
- f. designate an individual FSP Manager responsible for monitoring the implementation of the FSP within its territory;
- g. immediately inform IBA of any difficulty encountered in the implementation of the FSP;
- h. obtain all necessary government approvals required to implement the FSP;
- i. assist IBA in monitoring and overseeing the implementation of the FSP within its territory;
- j. respect all applicable laws, including those relating to the confidentiality of data and privacy;

- k. respect international labour law, in particular, legal provisions that prohibit child labour and forced labour;
- l. avoid any situation giving rise to a conflict of interest;
- m. establish appropriate tender procedures (where applicable);
- n. provide IBA with a report on the use of the FSP Grant, in compliance with Article 12.

10. TAXES AND DUTIES

- 10.1 The National Federations are responsible for paying any applicable taxes, duties and other charges resulting from the receipt of a FSP Grant or its implementation in their territory, including receipt by and disbursement to third parties in relation to the FSP Grant.
- 10.2 These obligations must be disclosed by the relevant National Federation in their requests to IBA. IBA remains entitled to solicit additional information on the pertinent taxes and duties that apply.

11. FEES AND EXPENSES

- 11.1 The National Federations shall be liable for covering all fees and expenses associated with the execution of the FSP Grant, such as legal, administrative, custom, logistical, banking and exchange costs, etc.

12. REPORT

- 12.1 Within 2 (two) months upon completion of the respective project, or within the deadline otherwise prescribed by IBA upon exceptional circumstances, the National Federation shall provide the IBA FSP Committee with:
- a. an activity report setting out the usage of the FSP Grant provided to the National Federation;
 - b. if the funds are managed by a National Federation – details of all payments made out of the FSP Grant, supported by adequate evidence that the transaction actually occurred (e.g. original copies of receipts, invoices or bills).
- 12.2 The IBA FSP Committee establishes a mandatory [Reporting Form](#) to be filled online by the National Federation.

12.3 Failure to provide the report and the relevant documents after a formal notice by IBA may lead to the exclusion of the National Federation from the FSP in accordance with Article 14.

13. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

13.1 If the IBA FSP Committee believes, for whatever reason, that funds or other benefits in connection with a FSP Grant have been misused, it shall refer the matter to the BIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit.

13.2 Where the BIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit has determined that funds or other benefits in connection with a FSP Grant have been misused by a National Federation, it may:

- a. Impose a reprimand on the National Federation concerned and/or on the natural person(s) within the National Federation who are found responsible for such misuse;
- b. Impose a fine of up to CHF 50'000 (fifty thousand Swiss francs) on the National Federation concerned and/or on the natural person(s) within the National Federation who are found responsible for such misuse;
- c. Suspend the natural person(s) within the National Federation concerned who are found responsible for such misuse from all boxing activities for up to 2 (two) years;
- d. Suspend the National Federation concerned from the right to participate in a specified number of IBA Competitions, or impose that the Boxers affiliated to such National Federation participate in the IBA Competition as neutral athletes;
- e. Order the suspension of any further support to the National Federation until further notice;
- f. Order the National Federation to reimburse any expenses received from IBA to that date;
- g. Order the Finance Adviser, a member of the IBA Head Office or a third party contracted by IBA to inspect and audit the National Federation. The National Federation shall provide full access to relevant personnel, accounts, contracts, meeting minutes, and all other relevant documents;
- h. Take any other measures it deems appropriate in the circumstances to safeguard

the reputation and finances of IBA.

- 13.3 All disciplinary measures may be imposed individually or in combination with any other disciplinary measure.
- 13.4 Furthermore, based on a decision of the BIIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit confirming the misuse of funds, the IBA Board of Directors may decide to open a procedure aiming at suspending the National Federation concerned in accordance with Article 12 of the IBA Constitution.
- 13.5 The above Articles are not applicable if the misuse of funds or other benefits is caused by Force Majeure. The BIIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit is responsible for deciding whether Force Majeure is the cause of the misuse of funds or benefits.
- 13.6 In such cases, the BIIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit shall take whatever action it deems necessary.

14. EXCLUSION

- 14.1 A National Federation shall be excluded from the FSP by a decision of the IBA FSP Committee if:
- a. it is suspended by IBA;
 - b. the BIIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit determines that any of FSP Grant was misused (article 13);
 - c. it fails to provide IBA with the relevant report and documentation despite a formal notice pursuant to Article 12.2;
 - d. it no longer complies with the FSP eligibility requirements provided for in Article 3 or is in breach of any obligations provided for in Article 9 and does not remedy the situation despite a formal notice from the IBA FSP Committee, granting a reasonable time to do so, not exceeding 30 (thirty) days.
- 14.2 Where a National Federation is excluded from the FSP, it forfeits the remaining balance of the FSP Grant for that calendar year or the remaining balance of the Grant received for that specific project.
- 14.3 The IBA FSP Committee can order the expelled National Federation to reimburse in full the FSP Grant already received. The IBA FSP Committee may also take further

measures as required to safeguard the interests of boxing and boxers.

14.4 The expelled National Federation can re-apply for the FSP under the following conditions:

- a. In case of suspension: as soon as its suspension is lifted;
- b. In case of misuse of funds: after 2 (two) subsequent years from the date of the BIU Dispute, Ethics and Disciplinary Unit's decision, subject to any other decision by the competent bodies;
- c. In case of absence of delivery of the report, loss of eligibility or breach of another obligation: as prescribed by the IBA FSP Committee.

15. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

15.1 The IBA FSP Committee will provide regular updates on the status of the FSP to the IBA Board of Directors at each meeting, as well as any other committees as needed or requested.

15.2 All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, unless expressly stated otherwise, are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

15.3 Any matter not addressed in these regulations shall be decided by a simple majority of the IBA Board of Directors after a proposal of the IBA FSP Committee. Such decisions are final and binding.

15.4 The IBA Board of Directors retains the sole discretion to amend the objectives, requirements and amounts granted to National Federations.

15.5 These Regulations were adopted by the IBA Board of Directors on 2 April 2026 and come into force with immediate effect.

15.6 These Regulations shall apply on an annual basis, subject to prior approval of the Board who will consider the budget allocated for the respective financial year. In exceptional circumstances, or a force majeure, changes may be implemented with the IBA Board of Directors' approval throughout the financial year, dependent on the needs of the organization.

EXHIBIT 1 – STRATEGIC PROJECT / BUSINESS PLAN TEMPLATE FOR IBA FSP APPLICANTS

To ensure coherence, accountability, and alignment with IBA’s objectives, National Federations (NFs) seeking FSP support must develop a structured strategic project or business plan.

The following template outlines essential components:

Project Title & Executive Summary

- A concise overview of the initiative, including its name, objectives, and expected impact.

Funding Request

- Type of support requested (direct funding, value in kind, or bank transfer) and any relevant justifications if applicable.

Strategic Objectives

- Clear, measurable goals (e.g., athlete development, facility upgrades, training programs).
- Alignment with IBA’s global strategies and regional/national development priorities.

Target Audience

- Primary beneficiaries of the project (e.g., athletes, coaches, local communities).
- Specific needs the project addresses.

Implementation Plan

- Detailed action steps, timelines, and milestones.
- Resource allocation (staff, equipment, partnerships) and risk mitigation strategies.
- Location where the project will take place.

Budget Breakdown

- Itemized costs (training, equipment, event participation, administration).
- Justification of expenses and projected use of FSP Grant funds.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- KPIs for tracking progress (e.g., athlete performance data, participation rates).
- Methods for reporting outcomes to the FSP Committee.

Compliance & Sustainability

- Proof of adherence to IBA regulations and ethical guidelines.
- Post-grant sustainability plan (how the project will continue beyond funding).

Appendices

- Supporting documents:
 - letters of commitment from partners,
 - athlete lists,
 - infrastructure plans,
 - letters of support from local stakeholders,
 - data or research supporting the need for the project,
 - curriculum vitae of key project personnel etc.

This template ensures transparency, facilitates FSP Committee review, and empowers National Federations to design robust, actionable proposals that align with global boxing priorities.