

IBA RULES OF SUCCESSION



INTRODUCTION

Article 7.4 of the Constitution provides that the Board shall be entitled to decide on the succession of the legal entity of a National Federation, and the Board will establish the corresponding Rules of Succession.

The purpose of these Rules of Succession is to establish the conditions and the procedure governing the succession of the legal entity of a National Federation.

1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 Capitalised terms used in these Rules shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Constitution and other IBA Regulations, unless otherwise provided herein.
- 1.2 In these Rules, unless otherwise specified:
 - a) references to articles are references to articles in these Rules;
 - b) reference(s) to a “person” shall be construed so as to include any individual, firm, company, corporation, body corporate, government, state, or agency of a state, local or municipal authority or government body or any joint venture, association, federation, confederation, or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
 - c) 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
 - d) in the event of any inconsistency between these Rules and the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.
- 1.3 All headings and titles in these Rules have been inserted for ease of reference only and may not be considered as an aid to their interpretation.

2. PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

- 2.1. The succession of a National Federation may arise in circumstances where a legal entity that was previously recognized as a Member (the “Predecessor National Federation”) is replaced, reorganized, dissolved, liquidated, suspended, or otherwise ceases to operate in its existing legal form.
- 2.2. The purpose of these Rules is to preserve the continuity, stability, and integrity of boxing governance within the relevant Country or Territory and to protect the interests of the Boxers, Coaches, Officials, and other stakeholders.

- 2.3. The concept of succession under these Rules is based primarily on the principle of sporting continuity, namely, where a new or existing entity continues the sporting activities and functions previously carried out by a Predecessor National Federation. A determination on succession may be made irrespective of whether the successor entity is deemed a legal successor under the applicable national law.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. The Board shall have sole discretion to determine whether an entity constitutes the successor of a National Federation (the “Successor National Federation”).
- 3.2. Proceedings concerning succession shall be initiated upon an application submitted by a Successor National Federation.
- 3.3. The application shall provide the grounds for the claimed succession and an explanation of the relevant circumstances. The Successor National Federation shall also submit:
- (a) a written self-declaration confirming its willingness to assume the rights and obligations of the Predecessor National Federation to be filled-in as per Exhibit 1;
 - (b) an application form to be filled-in as per Exhibit 2;
 - (c) all documents required under article 10.2 the IBA Membership Policy for the admission of a new National Federation. If any of such documents are already in the possession of IBA, they need not be resubmitted.
- 3.4. The Board may request any additional documents, information, explanations, or other evidence it considers necessary for the proper determination of the application.
- 3.5. In exercising its discretion, the Board shall take into account the criteria set out in these Rules along with all other relevant facts and circumstances of the particular case.
- 3.6. The Board’s decision recognizing a Successor National Federation shall take effect on the date specified in the decision or, in the absence of such specification, on the date on which the decision is adopted by the Board.

- 3.7. The Board may take all provisional measures necessary to ensure that Boxers are not adversely affected by organizational, legal, or administrative changes involving a National Federation.

4. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SPORTING SUCCESSION

- 4.1 In determining whether sporting succession exists, the Board may consider, among other factors:
- (a) the continuation of the governance and administration of boxing within the Country or Territory;
 - (b) the continuation of national championships, competitions, and other sporting activities;
 - (c) the affiliation of the same or substantially the same regional associations, boxers, coaches, referees, officials, and other boxing stakeholders;
 - (d) the use of the same name, symbols, trademarks, branding, website, and other identifying elements;
 - (e) the continuity of ownership, shareholders, management, employees, technical staff, and other personnel;
 - (f) any other circumstances the Board deems relevant.
- 4.2 The factors set out above are non-exhaustive and are intended solely to assist the Board in assessing whether sporting succession exists. No single factor shall be decisive, and the absence of any particular factor shall not preclude a finding of sporting succession.
- 4.3 The Board shall have broad discretion in assessing the relevance and weight to be given to each factor in light of the specific facts and circumstances of the case.

5. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE SUCCESSOR FEDERATION

- 5.1. As from the effective date of the Board's decision recognizing the Successor National Federation as a successor to a particular National Federation, the Successor National Federation shall, for all purposes, be deemed the same Member as the Predecessor National Federation.

- 5.2. The Successor National Federation shall succeed to and exercise all membership rights previously held by the Predecessor National Federation.
- 5.3. The Successor National Federation shall assume and remain liable for all obligations attributable to the Predecessor National Federation, including but not limited to financial obligations, disciplinary sanctions and any other obligations arising from the IBA Constitution, IBA Regulations or decisions of IBA bodies.

6. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 6.1. In the event these Rules are translated into a different language or languages, the English version shall prevail.
- 6.2. These Rules have been adopted by the Board by means of mail vote on 11 August 2026. These Rules come into force with immediate effect.

EXHIBIT 1 – SELF-DECLARATION FORM

In accordance with IBA Rules of Succession the undersigned, on behalf of _____ (the “Successor National Federation”) hereby confirms its willingness to be recognized as the sporting successor of _____ (the “Predecessor National Federation”).

In this regard, the Successor National Federation hereby expressly, irrevocably, and unconditionally agrees, upon recognition by the IBA Board of Directors as the successor of the Predecessor National Federation, to assume and be bound by any and all rights, obligations and responsibilities previously held by or applicable to the Predecessor National Federation under the IBA Constitution, IBA Regulations, and any decisions adopted by the competent IBA bodies.

Signature _____

Name: _____

Position in the Federation: _____

Date: _____

**This Self-Declaration shall be made on the letterhead of the Successor National Federation*

EXHIBIT 2 – APPLICATION FORM

	APPLICATION FORM		
1. COUNTRY			
2. NAME OF SUCCESSOR FEDERATION			
3. FULL POSTAL ADDRESS			
4. WEBSITE – EMAIL ADDRESS	Website: Official e-mail:		
5. GOVERNANCE			
(a) Date of last Annual General Meeting			
(b) Date of last election of Officers			

(c) Names of Principal Officers elected	President : Vice President General Secretary Treasurer										
(d) No. of Meetings held during the year	Executive Committee		General Membership								
(e) When was your Constitution and/or Bye-Laws last updated?											
(f) Does the Successor Federation have: An Athletes Commission A Referee/Judges Commission A Coaches Commission	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">YES</td> <td style="width: 50%;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YES</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YES</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table>					YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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6. MEMBERSHIP											
What is the approximate size of your membership											

	Approximate No. Of Gyms		
	Approximate number of boxers:		
	MEN		WOMEN
	Approximate No. of Coaches:		
	National	1-Star	2-Star
	3-Star	Other	
	Approximate No. of Referee/Judges		
	National	1-Star	2-Star
	3-Star	Other	
	Other Officials:		
Ringside Doctor	ITOs	Other Types of Members:	
7. FUNDING			

Your Association's main source of Funds	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND SPECIAL REQUESTS	
9. DATA PROTECTION	
The undersigned, on behalf of the Successor Federation and of himself/herself, acknowledges that IBA, and any third parties contracted by IBA, may collect, store, process, use and disclose to third parties any personal information including, but not limited to name, date of birth, contact details of anyone affiliated with the Successor Federation, image, historical and statistical data related to the Successor Federation and its affiliation, as well as to the participation, in any capacity, of athletes or officials in IBA Competitions, to the extent necessary or helpful to the conduct by IBA of its activities. IBA may create and update personal data in any other way in which the undersigned has provided or will provide express consent or as may be required by law.	
The undersigned, on behalf of the Successor Federation and of himself/herself, is aware that he/she can ask to have access to any personal data and that he/she is entitled to request their rectification to correspond to the truth. He/she has been duly informed and understands that IBA may disclose personal information to third parties where such disclosures are required by law, informational purposes or deemed otherwise necessary. He/she is also entitled to object and refuse at any time the processing of personal data as described above, by written and signed communication sent to IBA, bearing in mind that such refusal may affect its participation in IBA activities and competitions. He/she can request that all personal data collected by IBA, be erased, notably if and when such personal information is no longer relevant.	

The undersigned, on behalf of the Successor Federation and of himself/herself, further acknowledges that data processing by IBA occurs in compliance with IBA Data Protection Regulations	
10. GENERAL UNDERTAKINGS	
By signing this Application Form, the undersigned, on behalf of the Successor Federation, hereby confirms that he/she has read, understood and that he/she and the Successor Federation agree without any restriction or limitation to be bound at all times by and to comply with the IBA Constitution, as well as all IBA relevant regulations.	
The Successor Federation agrees to be bound by any decision to be taken by the IBA Board of Directors and any other IBA body with respect to this application.	
The undersigned, on behalf of the Successor Federation, further confirms that – to the best of his/her knowledge – the Successor Federation fulfils all requirements to become a National Federation under the IBA Constitution and the IBA Membership Policy.	
The undersigned, on behalf of the Successor Federation, hereby agrees without any reservation that any dispute that may arise with respect to this application and, more generally, the application by the Successor Federation to be recognized as the sporting successor shall be finally settled by arbitration before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, in accordance with the arbitration clause contained in the IBA Constitution. Any recourse to State Courts is forbidden.	
Signature:	NAME:
Date:	Position in Federation:
	Place Your Federation's Stamp here: