



Lausanne, 25 August 2026

To the attention of
IBA National Federations

Subject: Call for Candidates – 2026 IBA Election Congress

Dear Presidents, Secretaries General,

The International Boxing Association (IBA) would like to invite National Federations to nominate candidates, ahead of the IBA Election Congress scheduled to take place on **5 December 2026, in Istanbul, Turkey.**

The forthcoming elections will be for the positions of: **President and 12 Independent Directors** (at least one independent director must be representative of each continent) in line with the Article 24.1 of the Constitution and reduction in the size of the IBA Board from 18 members to 13. As part of IBA's commitment to the highest standards of governance, the application process requires careful preparation. Applicants should allow sufficient time to complete the required information and gather all mandatory supporting documents before submitting their application.

The application process must be completed online at: [IBA 2026 elections – IBA](#)

Should you have any questions at any stage of the electoral process, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at info@iba.sport. You may also refer to the IBA Constitution and the Regulations on Congress and Elections, which contain the relevant provisions governing the electoral process.

National Federations are not limited in the number of nominations they may submit, candidates may be nominated by **any** National Federation (Article 26.1 of the Constitution), and there is no requirement that a candidate be affiliated with the nominating National Federation. While there is no minimum quota for female candidates, National Federations are strongly encouraged to nominate qualified women candidates. **The final deadline for applications is Friday, 2 October 2026, 18:00 CET.**

The list of eligible candidates will be published by 16 November 2026 at the latest. Prior to being confirmed as an eligible candidate, each applicant will undergo a comprehensive eligibility assessment. This includes an unprecedented level of due diligence, with all candidates subject to independent background checks conducted by an external provider. For candidates seeking election as Independent Directors, the assessment will also include an evaluation of their skills and experience to identify that best placed to contribute to the future leadership of IBA. The skills sought include expertise in finance, marketing, exceptional sporting ability, sports science and athlete welfare among others. Following its assessment, the BIU Nominations Unit is expected to select at least 24 candidates for election.



Candidates for the position of Independent Director will also be required to answer specific questions and provide additional information to enable the BIU Nominations Unit to assess their experience and expertise against the Board's skills map.

We encourage all eligible candidates to submit an application and take this opportunity to contribute to the future leadership and continued development of our sport. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,



Christopher Roberts OBE
Secretary General & CEO

