

Amended Tuesday, October 17, 2023

10.B. Fee for Requesting an Exception (FEMALE)

Said written request shall be accompanied by a certified, non-refundable Exception application fee of \$5,000.00. However, in the event the Exception requested is due to an injury, disability or illness which has been proven to and accepted by a physician approved by the President of the IBF, no fee is required.

Amended Friday, May 10, 2024 - San Juan, PR

5.F. Qualifications for #1 & #2 Positions in Each Weight Division

To insure that the Champion in each weight class defends mandatorily against the preeminent contender, the # 1 and # 2 positions in each weight division will be left vacant until two top five (5) leading available contenders ranked #10 or above and approved by the Championships Committee and the President, vie for the vacancy by process of elimination in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 9, Process of Elimination. In order to qualify for the #1 and #2 positions, boxers must engage in a twelve (12) round elimination bout. Boxers who engage in bouts less than twelve (12) rounds will not be eligible for ranking above #3. Sanction Fees are required for elimination bouts for positions #1 and #2. The fees for said elimination bouts are included in Exhibit "B".

10.B Form of Bids

To ensure the integrity of the bidding process, all bids must be submitted in person by promoter or promoter's representative, by registered or certified mail or by overnight service such as UPS, FedEx, DHL, or wire transfer. For wire transfers, a wire receipt, and an email itemizing what the transfer is for, must be submitted prior to the Bid. All bids will be kept confidential until the time designated in the notice for the opening of the bids.

Amended Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Rule 1. Weight and Weigh-Ins

World Championships shall be recognized in the following listed weight divisions:

	<u>Official Weigh-in</u>	<u>Second Day Weigh-in</u>
Jr. Mini-Flyweight (Female Titles Only)	102 lbs. or 46.266 Kg	112 lbs. or 50.802 Kg
Mini flyweight	105 lbs. or 47.627 Kg	115 lbs. or 52.163 Kg
Jr. Flyweight	108 lbs. or 49.988 Kg	118 lbs. or 53.524 Kg
Flyweight	112 lbs. or 50.802 Kg	122 lbs. or 55.388 Kg
Jr. Bantamweight	115 lbs. or 52.163 Kg	125 lbs. or 56.699 Kg
Bantamweight	118 lbs. or 53.524 Kg	128 lbs. or 58.060 Kg
Jr. Featherweight	122 lbs. or 55.388 Kg	132 lbs. or 59.874 Kg
Featherweight	126 lbs. or 57.153 Kg	136 lbs. or 61.689 Kg
Jr. Lightweight	130 lbs. or 58.967 Kg	140 lbs. or 63.503 Kg
Lightweight	135 lbs. or 61.235 Kg	145 lbs. or 65.771 Kg
Jr. Welterweight	140 lbs. or 63.503 Kg	150 lbs. or 68.039 Kg
Welterweight	147 lbs. or 66.678 Kg	158 lbs. or 71.668 Kg
Jr. Middleweight	154 lbs. or 69.853 Kg	165 lbs. or 74.843 Kg
Middleweight	160 lbs. or 72.575 Kg	172 lbs. or 78.018 Kg
Super Middleweight	168 lbs. or 76.204 Kg	180 lbs. or 81.647 Kg

Light Heavyweight	175 lbs. or 79.379 Kg	188 lbs. or 85.275 Kg
Cruiserweight	200 lbs. or 90.719 Kg	214 lbs. or 97.069 Kg
Heavyweight	Unlimited	Unlimited

1.A. Timing of Initial Weigh-In

The initial weigh-in shall be no less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty (30) hours before the scheduled start of the first bout on the bout card or a time determined by the local commission. If either the Champion or Challenger fails to make the prescribed weight at the initial weigh-in time, each will have two (2) hours, or a time determined by the local commission thereafter to make the prescribed weight.

1. Champion's Failure to make weight

If a Champion fails to make the prescribed weight prior to the expiration of the two (2) additional hours or a time determined by the local commission, the title shall be forfeited on the scale.

The contest may be staged, however, as a fight for the vacant title. If the Challenger, having made the prescribed weight, shall win, they will be declared the winner of the vacant title. However, should the former Champion win, the title will remain vacant.

2. Challenger's Failure to Make Weight

If the Champion makes the weight and the Challenger fails to do so, the fight may be staged with the understanding that the Champion will retain their title whether he wins or loses the bout.

3. Failure to Make Weight in Fight for Vacant Title or Elimination Bout

If a contestant failing to make weight in a fight for a vacant title or an elimination bout wins the bout, they shall not be declared the winner, and the title or ranking shall remain vacant. If a contestant who makes the weight defeats a contestant who did not make the weight, that contestant shall be declared the winner of the vacant title or the elimination bout.

4. Both Boxers' Failure to Make Weight

In the event both contestants in a vacant title or elimination bout fail to make the prescribed weight, the sanction of the bout will be withdrawn.

1.B. Timing of Second Day Weigh-In

There shall be a second weigh-in between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the event, unless otherwise approved by the IBF. The Second Day Weigh-In rule shall be waived for Heavyweight Championships and Unification Bouts. At this weigh-in, boxers cannot weigh more than the Second Day weight limit listed in Rule 1. If a boxer weighs more than the Second Day weight limit, they will have two (2) hours, or a time determined by the local commission thereafter to make the prescribed weight. If after two (2) hours or a time determined by the local commission they still weigh more than the Second Day weight limits listed in Rule 1, the fight can proceed only as described below.

1. Champion's Failure to Make Weight or to Appear for the Second Day Weigh-In

Weigh-In If a Champion fails to make the prescribed weight at the second day weigh-in or prior to the expiration of the two (2) additional hours or a time determined by the local commission, or in the event the Champion fails to appear for the second day weigh-in, the title shall be forfeited on the scale.

The contest may be staged, however, as a fight for the vacant title. If the Challenger, having made the prescribed weight, shall win, they will be declared the winner of the vacant title. However, should the former Champion win, the title will remain vacant.

2. Challenger's Failure to Make Weight or to Appear for the Second Day Weigh-In

If the Champion makes the weight at the second day weigh-in and the Challenger fails to do so or fails to appear for the second day weigh-in, the fight may be staged with the understanding that the Champion will retain their title whether they win or lose the bout.

3. Failure to Make Weight or Appear at the Second Day Weigh-In in Fight for Vacant Title or Elimination Bout

If a contestant fails to make weight at the second day weigh-in or failing to appear for the second day weigh-in for a fight for a vacant title wins the bout, they shall not be declared the winner of the title. If a contestant who makes the weight defeats a contestant who did not make the weight or did not appear for the second day weigh-in, they shall be declared the winner of the vacant title or the elimination bout.

9.A. Ordered Elimination Bout

The Championships Committee and the President, consistent with the monthly ratings, will notify the two highest ranked available contenders ranked #10 or above of the obligation to meet in a twelve (12) round elimination bout for the #1 or #2 positions toward mandatorily boxing the Champion. The recognized challengers shall be **given** 15 days to negotiate the contract for the contest, however, additional time to negotiate may be granted in cases where the Champion has more than one title or in cases where the Champion's mandatory will not become due for more than one year. For the purpose of determining the contenders eligible to participate in an eliminator under this rule, the Championships Committee may, in his discretion, exclude a boxer coming off of a KO or TKO loss.

Rule 10. Purse Bid Procedure

10.A. Notification of Purse Bid

If the camps are unable to come to an agreement as to the promotion of a Title bout in the initial thirty (30) day negotiation period, or if one of the camps certifies in writing after five (5) business days during the negotiation period that he is not willing to participate in negotiations, the President of the IBF shall notify each registered promoter that a purse bid will be held. The purse bid notice shall advise registered promoters of the minimum bid required under this Rule. The purses for each boxer include all expenses for the boxers and their trainers.

Rule 16. Interim Championship

16.B. Contestants/Result

The contestants for the interim title will be the mandatory challenger and the next highest ranked available contender according to the latest published IBF ratings. If an interim bout cannot be negotiated, a purse bid will be held. The purse bid split will be: The Mandatory Challenger will receive 65% and a challenger ranked #1 or #2 will receive 35% of the total amount of the bid. In a bout between a Mandatory challenger and a Challenger ranked #3 or below, the Mandatory challenger will receive 85% and the Challenger will receive 15% of the total amount of the bid. All other Purse Bid Procedures will be governed by Rule 10.

NEW RULES to be inserted in the "IBF RULES GOVERNING CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS"

Approved Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Rule 17. Interim Championships when there is a Unified or Undisputed Champion

17.A. When Permitted

In the event the #1 or #2 contender is advised that there is an undisputed Champion or a Unified champion with three (3) or more titles in their weight class and his mandatory will be delayed due to other mandatory obligations by the Champion, the Championships Committee, subject to the approval of the President may order a bout for an interim title subject to the agreement of the Championships Committee and the President on a case-by-case basis. The IBF will acknowledge the rotation system of titles along with the WBA, WBC, and WBO. If the WBA, WBC, or WBO's mandatory is outstanding for longer than the IBF, then the rotation prevails. However, if an organization permits an exception or their mandatory challenger is injured, the IBF will order a mandatory defense of the title in accordance with Rule 5.

Should both the #1 and #2 positions be unfilled, The Championships Committee and the President may, at their discretion, order a box off among the leading four (4) available contenders ranked #10 or above to determine the Interim Champion in a specific weight class and shall be governed by rule 9.E.

Any Interim title bout, if approved by the Championships Committee, will take priority over the mandatory. Despite the general prohibition in Rules 5 A.2.(b); B.2.; and D.1.(a).

17. B. Contestants for an Interim Championships

The contestants for an interim championship shall be the #1 *and* or #2 contenders against each other, or if either is unavailable, the #1 or #2 contender who is available against the leading available contender according to the latest published IBF ratings, and subject to the approval of the Championship Committee and the President. If either or both of the #1 and or #2 *or* next available contenders have a bout scheduled for which a contract was entered prior to knowledge of the date on which the Interim title bout was to be ordered, and if the bout is to take place within three (3) weeks thereof, then the President and the Championships Chairman may allow that bout to take place prior to noticing the Interim title. The winner of the interim title will become the IBF mandatory challenger for the unified or undisputed champion.

17.C. Purse offer

If the bout between the #1 or #2 contenders, each shall receive 50% of the purse bid. In a bout between a #1 or #2 contender and a challenger ranked #3 or below, the #1 or #2 contender shall receive 65% and the challenger ranked #3 or below will receive 35%. All other Purse Bid Procedures will be governed by Rule 10.

17.D. Defenses

An interim champion may make defense(s) of the interim title during the time period that the champion is unavailable to mandatorily defend the title due to other mandatory obligations. All optional defenses must be completed not less than ninety (90) days prior to the mandatory defense.

17.E. Champion unable to defend

If the Champion is justifiably disabled sixty (60) days or less before his mandatory due date and is unable to defend the title, he may be granted a medical extension not to exceed sixty (60) days. If a physician approved by the IBF determines that recovery from the injury or illness will extend beyond the sixty (60) day medical extension, the Champion must seek a Rule 11 Exception to extend his mandatory due date. There will be no fee for this Request for an Exception. If the Request for an Exception is not granted, the Championships Committee, subject to the approval of the President, may vacate the title. If the Champion chooses not to defend the title against the interim champion by the end of the time permitted by the IBF, then the interim champion shall become the champion.

17.F. Term

In no event shall an interim champion under these specific conditions hold the interim title for longer than eighteen (18) months subject to any alternative ruling by the Championships Committee and the President.

Rule 18. Antidoping

Drugs:

1. The use of substances and procedures banned by *the* WADA Prohibited list before or during a match or by any boxer is prohibited. The use of smelling salts, ammonia capsules or similar irritants is also prohibited. Any contestants violating this rule shall be subject to disqualification.
2. Any substance other than plain water or sports drinks, if permitted by the Local Commission, given to a contestant during the course of the contest is absolutely prohibited. The discretionary use of Vaseline may be allowed around the eyes, however, the use of Vaseline, grease or any other substance on the arms, legs and the body of either contestant is prohibited.
3. The following coagulants are approved for use during a championship bout: Adrenaline 1:1000, Avitine and Thrombin. Any others must be approved by the ringside physician, the Local Commission. The use of Iron type coagulants such as Monsel's solution is absolutely prohibited and the use of such coagulants to or by any contestant shall be considered a violation and shall be cause for immediate disqualification.

Antidoping:

1. Each boxer is required to take an anti-doping test immediately following the bout. The sample must be collected, and the sample collection procedure must be in line with the standards of the World Anti-Doping Agency (including but not limited to the use of accredited Doping Control Officers, use of tamper proof containers, and shipping of the sample to a WADA-accredited laboratory). The event promoter, in cooperation with the Local Commission, is responsible for organizing the Anti-Doping Tests. In cases where the Local Commission declares to be unable or unwilling to arrange the tests, the Promoter may appoint an acceptable Testing Authority with the promoter bearing the costs.
2. Should either boxer's A specimen be positive for a banned substance or procedure, all parties will be notified, and the Result Management process will start, which may include analysis of the B sample if requested by the boxer within the deadline specified upon notification of results. The IBF has adopted the World Anti-Doping Association ("WADA") World Anti-Doping Code prohibited list, with its annual updates. A link to the most current list of prohibited substances is located on the "WADA" website. It is the responsibility of the boxer and their camp to review the WADA website. The presence of any substance on the prohibited list in a boxer's specimen shall be considered a violation of IBF rules. The Local Commission is responsible for conducting the Result Management Process. In a case where the Local Commission declares itself unable or unwilling to conduct the process, the IBF may administer the process by acting as Result Management Authority (RMA), with the promoter bearing the costs.
3. If an Anti-Doping rule violation is confirmed, disciplinary actions will be taken. The same will apply in cases of the occurring of non-analytical violations as defined by the WADA's World Antidoping Code (including but not limited to refusing to submit to sample collection or tampering with any part of the Doping Control Process).
4. The following sanctions will apply in case of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation confirmed by the Result Management Authority, either analytical or non-analytical:

First Offence

Any boxer suspended by a State, National Association of Boxing Commissions, Combative Sports, or Commission recognized by the IBF, when acting as RMA, is suspended for an Anti-Doping violation, shall be ineligible to be ranked by the IBF or participate in any IBF sanctioned bout for one (1) year.

Second Offence

Any boxer suspended by a State, National Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports, or Commission recognized by the IBF, or by the IBF itself when acting as RMA, for an Anti-Doping violation for a second time shall be ineligible to be ranked by the IBF or participate in any IBF sanctioned bout for two (2) years.

Third Offence

Any boxer suspended by a State, National Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports, or Commission recognized by the IBF, or by the IBF itself when acting as RMA, for an Anti-Doping violation for a third time shall be permanently ineligible to be ranked by the IBF or participate in any IBF sanctioned bout.