

RULES FOR COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

RULE 1 Boxing Australia Incorporated Competition Principles

- 1.1** The following principles will apply to all competitions conducted by Boxing Australia Inc. (BAI) and its Member Associations:
- 1.1.1 Boxers will, as far as is possible, be evenly matched in regards to weight, age and competition experience,
 - 1.1.2 Female boxers shall not compete against male boxers at public events in any capacity, including, but not limited to, exhibition demonstrations.
 - 1.1.3 Officiating referees and judges must be accredited and each have in his or her possession a R&J Record Book,
 - 1.1.4 Coaches must be accredited,
 - 1.1.5 Referees, judges, coaches and tournament officials shall not consume alcohol on the day they officiate, or during a tournament in which they officiate, until all their duties have been completed.
 - 1.1.6 BAI's Risk Management procedures must be implemented,
 - 1.1.7 BAI's Member Protection Policy must be implemented,
 - 1.1.8 All participants shall comply with BAI's Anti-Doping Policy, and
 - 1.1.9 All competitions shall be conducted in a fair, transparent and equitable manner.
- 1.2** All competitions conducted by BAI and its Member Associations shall comply with these Rules, but where these Rules are silent in relation to any matter, and BAI has not given a direction, then competition shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

RULE 2 Australian Boxing Championships

- 2.1** The Australian Boxing Championships shall be conducted annually under the direction and supervision of the Board of BAI in accordance with these Rules. However, where these Rules are silent in relation to any matter, and BAI has not given a direction, then the Australian Boxing Championships shall be conducted under the Rules of AIBA. A BAI Member Association from time to time shall host the Australian Boxing Championships each year.
- 2.2** The Australian Boxing Championships shall incorporate Championships for Elite male and female boxers, and Youth (Under 19 years) and Junior (Under 17 years) male and female boxers.
- 2.3** Boxers competing in the Australian Boxing Championships must be Australian citizens.
- 2.4** The Member Association hosting the Australian Boxing Championships from time to time shall pay a conduct fee of \$700.00 to BAI. This conduct fee shall be paid by the host Member Association to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BAI no less than 6 months prior to the commencement of the Australian Boxing Championships concerned.

Specific Conditions

- 2.5** The Australian Boxing Championships shall be conducted each year at a date

and at a venue approved by the Board of BAI.

- 2.6** BAI has the right to alter the date of the Australian Boxing Championships in order to meet the selection requirements associated with the selection of teams representing Australia at the Olympics Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Oceania Championships, Olympic Qualifying tournaments or other important international tournaments.
- 2.7** The Member Association hosting the Australian Boxing Championships shall conduct the Championships at a venue in the capital city of its State/Territory. If the host Member Association conducts the Australian Boxing Championships at a venue more than 20 kilometres outside the G.P.O. of the capital city of its State/Territory, it shall be responsible for any additional travel expenses incurred by any Member Association competing team travelling to the competition venue. The venue selected by the hosting Member Association must have a smoke free policy.
- 2.8** No boxer at the Australian Boxing Championships shall compete in more than one bout per day.
- 2.9** The Member Association hosting an Australian Boxing Championships must notify the CEO of BAI in writing at least 6 months before the championships of the date and the venue on and in which it proposes to hold the Championships.
- 2.10** The hosting Member Association must also advise the CEO of BAI and the Secretary of each Member Association of the price of accommodation and meals at a minimum of 3 hotels or motels, or equivalent accommodation, suitable for those competing in the Australian Boxing Championships.

The Holding Of Championships

- 2.11** The Australian Boxing Championships for male Elite boxers shall be held, unless otherwise determined by BAI, in successive years in:
Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.
- 2.12** Other Australian Boxing Championships shall be held as determined by BAI from time to time.
- 2.13** During the Australian Boxing Championships, and during other Boxing Selection Events, no other organised boxing/combat sports shall be conducted at the same venue unless first approved by BAI.

Submission Of Entries

- 2.14** Subject to Rule 2.15, each Member Association must lodge a list of the names of all proposed competing boxers from the State or Territory concerned (together with such other information concerning such boxers as may be required from time to time by the Board of BAI) with the Secretary of the host Member Association and with the CEO of BAI no less than one month prior to the commencement of the Australian Boxing Championships.
- 2.15** Each Member Association may lodge or vary the information required by Rule 2.14, in the manner required by that Rule, within one month prior to the commencement of the Australian Boxing Championships subject to the following:

2.15.1 The Board of BAI shall be at liberty, in its absolute discretion:

- (a) to bar any or all boxers so proposed by the Member Association from competing in the Australian Boxing Championships; and/or
- (b) to require the Member Association to pay a fine to BAI of \$100.00 for each late entrant.

2.15.2 Where a proposed competing boxer is withdrawn by the Member Association from competing in the Australian Boxing Championships within 14 days prior to the commencement of such Championships:

- (a) the Member Association must provide the CEO of BAI with a medical certificate justifying such withdrawal; and
- (b) where the withdrawal of the boxer leaves only one other boxer entered in a weight division for the Australian Boxing Championships, the Member Association shall pay all reasonable travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the remaining boxer as determined by the Board of BAI.

2.16 The Board of BAI shall have the power in any event to refuse any entry of any boxer to competition in the Australian Boxing Championships.

Competition Colours

2.17 All boxers must be in possession of Red and Blue competition singlets (and wear according to the corner they have drawn for a bout the appropriate coloured singlet) on which the emblem of a Member Association may be worn. Shorts may depict the following Member Association colours:

- 2.17.1 New South Wales: Light/Dark Blue
- 2.17.2 Queensland: Maroon
- 2.17.3 Tasmania: Green with Badge
- 2.17.4 Victoria: Dark Blue
- 2.17.5 South Australia: Red with Blue and Gold
- 2.17.6 Western Australia: Black / Gold with Badge
- 2.17.7 Northern Territory: Black, White and Ochre
- 2.17.8 Australian Capital Territory: Blue and Gold

Member Association Representation

2.18 Member Associations shall be entitled to be represented in any weight division, as fairly and equitably determined by BAI.

2.19 At every Australian Boxing Championships, each competing Member Association must be represented by at least one referee or referee/judge accredited to Australian level. Failure of such an officer to attend the Championships will result in that Member Association being fined \$200.00, to be paid to BAI.

2.20 At every Australian Championship and Selection Event each Member Association is entitled to the following number of coaches:

- 2.20.1 One to 3 boxers – one coach and one manager.

- 2.20.2 4 to 7 boxers – 2 coaches and one manager.
- 2.20.3 8 to 11 boxers – 3 coaches and one manager.
- 2.20.4 12 to 16 boxers – 4 coaches and one manager.
- 2.20.5 17 to 22 boxers – 5 coaches and one manager.
- 2.20.6 23 or more boxers – 6 coaches and one manager.

Event Session Times

- 2.21 At all Australian and Member Association Championships and/or Selection Events, the evening session shall ordinarily end no later than 10.00 pm. However, in extreme circumstances, the Director of Competition may extend the finish time to no later than 11.00 pm.
- 2.22 At all other events bouts are to be completed no later than 11.00 pm.

Medal ceremony

- 2.23 A Gold Medal will be awarded to each winning boxer at the Australian Boxing Championships, and a Silver Medal to the runner up, in each contested weight division. No Bronze Medals will be awarded.
- 2.24 No medal will be awarded to a boxer unless he/she has actually competed against an opponent in his or her own weight division: one entrant in a weight division shall not receive a medal nor be recognised as champion. However, where a boxer has not boxed up to the final, and wins the final on a walkover, and is the defending Australian Champion from the previous year, boxing in his or her previous year's weight division, he/she will be declared the winner.
- 2.25 All medals will be suitably inscribed with a weight division. All medals will be cast from the standard die of BAI, and will be presented with a suitable ribbon.

Perpetual Awards

- 2.26 At every Australian Boxing Championships, 3 perpetual awards will be presented in accordance with Appendix 1.

Demonstrations

- 2.27 No boxer, coach or Member Association shall demonstrate during the Australian Boxing Championships or any Selection Event for whatever reason. If a demonstration occurs, the boxer, coach or Member Association concerned shall be excluded from competing in the event from the time of said demonstration.

RULE 3 Team Selection Tournaments

- 3.1 Where the Board of BAI resolves that a tournament shall be used to select a boxer or boxers to represent BAI and/or Australia at a tournament or tournaments, the following special conditions will apply:
 - 3.1.1 All competing boxers must be an Australian citizens.
 - 3.1.2 Any boxer selected by a Member Association to represent his/her State/Territory in such a tournament shall have won a box-off conducted by his/her Member Association in his/her weight division, or have been the only entrant for a box-off in his/her weight division.
 - 3.1.3 A boxer who has dual nationality and has represented another country at an AIBA competition, or who becomes an Australian

citizen, cannot represent Australia for 3 years from the time of the AIBA competition, or from when he/she became an Australian citizen; and cannot compete in the selection tournament.

- 3.1.4 Where the Board of BAI so resolves, it can enter a boxer or boxers to compete in any selection tournament.
- 3.1.5 Where only one boxer enters the draw for a weight division, or after the time for entries for a weight division has closed, and at any time thereafter, for whatever reason, the number of competitors in that weight division is reduced to only one boxer, the Board of BAI can resolve upon a different method of selecting a boxer for that weight division to represent BAI and/or Australia.
- 3.1.6 Where a boxer or boxers in a weight division is/are eliminated by a boxer who is then unable, for whatever reason, to continue participating in the tournament, the Board of BAI can resolve upon a different method of selecting or not selecting a boxer for that weight division to represent BAI and/or Australia.
- 3.1.7 Where a boxer wins the weight division he/she has entered and by doing so gains selection to represent BAI and/or Australia but subsequently, for whatever reason, is unable to do so, then every boxer the winning boxer defeated at the designated selection tournament will be given the opportunity to compete at a further selection tournament to win selection to represent BAI and/or Australia.

State / Territory Championship / Selection Bouts

- 3.2 A boxer cannot compete in a Member Association's tournament or bout if the tournament or bout is part of the selection process of that Member Association to select a boxer to represent its State/Territory in an Australian Boxing Championships or National Team Selection tournament and/or bout unless he/she is registered as a boxer with that Member Association and is an Australian citizen.

RULE 4 National Competitions

- 4.1 Any competition purporting to be a 'national' competition will be conducted under these Rules, and meet the requirements and standards for Australian Boxing Championships and be held under the direction and supervision of the BAI Board.

RULE 5 International Competitions

- 5.1 Any competition purporting to be a 'international' competition will be conducted under these Rules, and meet the requirements and standards for Australian Boxing Championships and be under the direction and supervision of the BAI Board.

RULE 6 Age Categories

Categories for Australian Boxing Championship/Selection Events

- 6.1 A boxer's age shall be determined in accordance with Appendix 2.
- 6.2 The competition categories at Australian Boxing Championship and Selection Event competitions are:

- 6.2.1 Elite male.
 - 6.2.2 Elite female.
 - 6.2.3 Youth male (Under 19 years).
 - 6.2.4 Youth female (Under 19 years).
 - 6.2.5 Junior male (Under 17 years).
 - 6.2.6 Junior female (Under 17 years).
- 6.3** A boxer must be within the specified age limits for his or her competition category on the first day of the weigh-in at the Australian Boxing Championships or Selection Event, subject to the following provisions:
- 6.3.1 A boxer who is aged 17-18 years may compete either as a Youth boxer or in the Elite category.
 - 6.3.2 A boxer who is aged under 17 years and is the only entrant in his/her competition category may be permitted to compete in the Youth category provided his/her age is within 3 months of the lower limit for that higher competition category on the first day weigh-in.
 - 6.3.3 A boxer who is aged under 17 years but would be eligible to compete in the next scheduled Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Oceania Championships/Olympic Qualifying tournament or other important international tournament specially recognised by BAI will be eligible to compete in the Australian Elite Male Championships and/or Selection Event if it is an event leading to selection for that tournament.
 - 6.3.4 Any application to invoke a provision of clause 6.3.3 must be made to the CEO of BAI in writing by the boxer's Member Association at least 2 weeks prior to the weigh-in on the first day of the Australian Boxing Championships or Selection Event concerned.
- 6.4** The upper limit for boxers to compete in an Australian Boxing Championship is 34 years. That is to say, a boxer who has reached the age of 35 years or more is ineligible to compete.

State / Territory Championship / Selection Bouts

- 6.5** Age categories for competitions throughout Australia, excluding Australian Boxing Championships and/or Selection Events, and which apply to both female and male boxers, and subject to any legislative or government policy restrictions, shall be:
- 6.5.1 Under 11: for a boxer aged 10 years.
 - 6.5.2 Under 13: for a boxer aged 11 or 12 years.
 - 6.5.3 Under 15: for a boxer aged 13 or 14 years.
 - 6.5.4 Junior: for a boxer aged 15 or 16 years.
 - 6.5.5 Youth: for a boxer aged 17 or 18 years.
 - 6.5.6 Elite: for a boxer aged 17 years to 34 years.
 - 6.5.7 Masters: for a boxer aged 35 years or more.

All Events

- 6.6** Boxers (male or female) under 17 years of age shall not be permitted to compete against boxers who are 2 calendar years or more older than them unless it would prevent them participating in a 'pathway' competition for Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Oceania Championships, or other important international tournament recognised by BAI. However, the Board of BAI may issue an exemption permitting a boxer to compete against older boxers in other contests if satisfied that such exemption is warranted.
- 6.7** Where a boxer competes against a boxer outside his/her competition category, the lower age division rules apply (ie counts, duration, weight division) except if the boxers are participating in a 'pathway' competition for Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Oceania Championships or other important international tournaments recognised by BAI.
- 6.8** A Masters boxer shall not compete against a boxer under the age of 35 years.

RULE 7 Competition Weight Divisions within Australia

- 7.1** Appendix 3 specifies the applicable Table of Weight Divisions and Weight Ranges.

Elite And Youth Males

- 7.2** Males over 17 years shall compete in accordance with international rules in the following weight divisions: 48 Kg, 51Kg, 54Kg, 57Kg, 60Kg, 64Kg, 69Kg, 75Kg, 81Kg, 91Kg, and 91+ Kg.

Elite And Youth Females

- 7.3** Females over 17 years shall compete in the following weight divisions: 46 Kg, 48 Kg, 51Kg, 54Kg, 57Kg, 60Kg, 64Kg, 69Kg, 75Kg, 81Kg, 91Kg, and 91+ Kg. The 91Kg and 91+ Kg divisions are not recognised for international competition, and boxers competing in these categories will be considered as 81+ Kg for any international event selection.

Junior Male And Female – Australian Boxing Championships/Selection Events

- 7.4** Male and female boxers aged 15 and 16 years of age shall compete in: 46Kg, 48Kg, 50Kg, 52Kg, 54Kg, 57Kg, 60Kg, 63Kg, 66Kg, 70Kg, 75Kg, 80Kg, & 86 Kg, 92 Kg, and 92+ Kg. The 86Kg, 92Kg and 92+Kg divisions are not recognised for international competition, and, as such, those boxers competing in these categories shall be considered as 80+Kg for any international event selection.

Under 17 Male And Female

- 7.5** Male and Female boxers aged 10 to 16 years of age inclusive shall be permitted to compete in BAI competitions, subject to any legislative or government policy restrictions, and their weight divisions shall include 22Kg, 24Kg, 26Kg, 28Kg, 30Kg, 32Kg, 34Kg, 36Kg, 38Kg, 40Kg, 42Kg, and 44 Kg: in addition to those listed in Rule 7.4.

Weight Restrictions On Matching Boxers

- 7.6** In bouts that are not selections or championships, boxers in differing weight divisions may only be matched according to the restrictions in this Rule:

- 7.6.1 Boxers aged under 17 years shall have no more than 2Kg difference in weight up to and including 54 Kg; and then no more than the equivalent weight division difference up to and including 92+ Kg.
- 7.6.2 Boxers aged 17 years or more shall have no more than 3Kg difference in weight up to and including 60Kg; and then no more than the equivalent weight division difference up to and including 91+ Kg.
- 7.6.3 At Australian Boxing Championships, National Team Selection Events and State/Territory Championships, a boxer shall be permitted to compete up or down one weight division if he/she is unable to make their nominated weight and there is a vacancy at that other weight division.
- 7.6.4 The Board of BAI may issue an exemption permitting a boxer to compete up one weight division in contests if it is satisfied that such exemption is warranted.

RULE 8 Medical Examination

- 8.1 At all BAI competitions a qualified medical practitioner who holds a current licence to practise medicine must:
 - 8.1.1 Medically examine each boxer who is to compete in that competition,
 - 8.1.2 Record in each boxer's Competition Record Book whether the boxer is, or is not, fit to box,
 - 8.1.3 Be present at the ring for all bouts, and
 - 8.1.4 Medically examine a boxer after a bout if he/she deems that boxer should be so examined.

Australian Boxing Championships And Selection Events

- 8.2 At every Australian Boxing Championships and Selection Event, 2 qualified medical practitioner holding current licences to practise medicine shall be present and conduct medical checks on competing boxers each morning of the competition, and be present through all competition sessions.

Knock Out Head Or Referee Stopped Contest Head

- 8.3 In the event of a Knock Out Head or Referee Stopped Contest Head, a qualified medical practitioner who holds a current licence to practice medicine shall record in the boxer's Competition Record Book, 'Boxer is not to box or spar for 28 days' and sign the annotation.

Concussion

- 8.4 A boxer unconscious for **less than one minute** shall not be permitted to take part in competition boxing or sparring for a period of at least 3 months thereafter.
- 8.5 A boxer unconscious for **more than one minute** shall not be permitted to take part in competition boxing or sparring for a period of at least 6 months thereafter.
- 8.6 The medical practitioner present will determine the unconsciousness and record the same in the boxer's Competition Record Book with the appropriate non-competition period, and sign the annotation.
- 8.7 Where a boxer is concussed during a bout at the Australian Boxing

Championships, his/her Member Association Team Manager shall be notified by the Head of the Jury of the boxer's non-competition period.

- 8.8** Where a boxer is concussed at any other boxing event, his/her coach shall be notified by the Head of the Jury of the boxer's non-competition period.

Medical Certification Following Non-Competition

- 8.9** Before resuming boxing after any medically recorded non-competition period, a boxer must first be certified by a qualified medical practitioner holding a current licence to practice medicine as being fit to take part in competitive boxing.
- 8.10** The certification examination shall be conducted by a medical practitioner of the boxer's choice.
- 8.11** Upon so certifying the boxer as fit to take part in competitive boxing, the medical practitioner concerned shall record in the boxer's Competition Record Book the words 'Fit to Box' below the relevant non-competition period annotation; and shall sign and date his/her 'Fit to Box' annotation.

Boxers With Allowed Handicap

- 8.12** Boxers who are deaf, mute, missing a finger (but not a thumb), or with less than one toe on a foot (as long as the remaining toe is the big toe) may box. Boxers may also box with a soft knee brace without steel or hard plastic.

Orthodontic Braces

- 8.13** Boxers who have orthodontic braces and wish to compete are required to have attached to their Competition Record Book a completed 'Release to Compete with Orthodontic Braces/Appliances' form, in accordance with Appendix 7. This form requires the written approval of the boxer's dentist, parent and/or guardian (if under the age of 18 years) and the wearing of a dentist-moulded mouthpiece. This Rule covers upper and/or lower dental braces. Boxers competing with orthodontic braces waive the right to dental coverage under any BAI insurance policy.

RULE 9 Weigh-In

- 9.1** The conduct of the weigh-in at tournaments conducted by BAI and its member associations in Australia shall be in accordance with Appendix 4.

Tournaments Which Are Championships Or Selection Events

- 9.2** At all Australian team selection events, a boxer shall weigh-in on the first morning of the competition between the hours of 8.00 am and 10.00 am.
- 9.3** The weigh-in time on the following days that a competitor is required to box shall be between the hours of 8.00 am and 9.00 am.
- 9.4** The Director of Competition may, in exceptional circumstances, vary the weigh-in times above; provided all affected parties are given reasonable notice of the variation.
- 9.5** Referee/Judge (R&J) officials shall carry out the weigh-in. In State/Territory

competitions, the designated R&J coordinator for the Member Association, or an R&J official delegated by him/her to do so, shall appoint the R&Js. At Australian Boxing Championships and Selection Events, the BAI R&J Committee shall appoint the R&Js.

- 9.6** Two metric scales shall be made available at each weigh-in; one being the official scale and the other being a check scale. Both shall have been calibrated within the preceding 7 days, and the calibration certificates provided to the Director of Competition.
- 9.7** A boxer shall be allowed to present at the official scales only once at the weigh-in each day he/she is to box.
- 9.8** The weight registered at the official weigh-in on the first day decides the weight division for each boxer for the tournament.
- 9.9** If a boxer fails to make the weight division for which he/she has nominated, and if there is a vacancy in the next highest or lowest weight division, the team manager may nominate the boxer for that weight division. Otherwise, the boxer is ineligible to be included in the draw.
- 9.10** If a boxer who was included in the draw fails a subsequent day's medical examination, or fails to make weight, the boxer will lose by walkover.
- 9.11** The boxer's weight shall not exceed the maximum of the boxer's weight division nor be below the minimum of the boxer's weight division. A boxer may only box in the weight division for which he/she has qualified at the official weigh-in.
- 9.12** The medical examination of a boxer shall normally precede the weighing-in of the boxer, but the R&J official in charge may reverse this sequence if it is deemed desirable for health and safety reasons.

Tournaments Which Are Not Championships Or Selection Events

- 9.13** In bouts which are not championships or selection events, the weigh-in will be held at least one hour before a boxer is due to box.
- 9.14** The weigh-in will be carried out by R&J officials appointed by the designated R&J coordinator for the Member Association.

At All Events

- 9.15** Persons acting as coaches, matchmakers or team managers at an event shall not have any role in the management or conduct of the weigh-in or any medical examination.
- 9.16** An appointed weigh-in official shall enter in each boxer's Competition Record Book the date, place and weight shown on the official scale at the weigh-in.
- 9.17** A boxer shall be clean-shaven before the weigh-in. Beards and moustaches are not allowed. No type of body piecing and no body accessories will be worn during a bout.
- 9.18** No boxer will compete in more than one bout per day.

RULE 10 Draws And Byes

- 10.1** The following Rule applies to the conduct of the draw for Australian and Member Association Boxing Championships and Selection Events:
 - 10.1.1** The draw shall be conducted according to the Australian Boxing

Championships Draw Policy adopted by BAI and set out in Appendix 5.

- 10.1.2 The draw shall take place after the medical examination and weigh-in, and within one hour of the completion of the weigh-in on the first day of the competition.
- 10.1.3 Corners: competitors shall occupy corners of the ring as determined by the competition draw. The first boxer drawn always takes the Red Corner.
- 10.1.4 In weight divisions where there are more than two competitors a sufficient number of byes shall be drawn in the first series to reduce the number of competitors in the second series to 2, 4, 8, 16 or 32.
- 10.1.5 Competitors drawing a bye in the first series shall be the first to box in the second series.
- 10.1.6 If there are an odd number of byes, the boxer who draws the last bye will compete in the second series against the winner of the first bout in the first series.
- 10.1.7 Where the number of byes is even, the boxers drawing byes shall box the first bouts in the second series in the order in which they are drawn.

RULE 11 Rounds

- 11.1 This Rule prescribes the maximum number of rounds that may be boxed in a BAI bout as set out in Appendix 6. For Novice boxers refer to Rule 21.

Tournaments Which Are Championships Or Selection Events

- 11.2 Elite males (aged 17-34) shall box 3 rounds of 3 minutes duration each.
- 11.3 Elite females (aged 17-34) shall box 4 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.
- 11.4 Youth males (aged 17 and 18 years) shall box 4 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.
- 11.5 Youth females (aged 17 and 18 years) shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.
- 11.6 Junior males and females (aged 15 and 16 years) shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.

Tournaments Which Are Not Championships Or Selection Events

- 11.7 Boxers (Male or Female) aged 10-14 years shall box 3 rounds of 1½ minutes duration each.
- 11.8 Boxers (Male or Female) aged 15 and 16 years shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.
- 11.9 Female boxers aged 17 years and over may elect to box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each, or 4 rounds of 2 minutes duration each; except that in any Australian Boxing Championships or Selection Event or State/Territory Championship Event, if such boxers are eligible and elect to box in the Youth category, they shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each, otherwise, they shall box 4 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.
- 11.10 Male boxers 17 years and over may elect to box 3 rounds of 2 minutes

duration each, or 4 rounds of 2 minutes duration each, or 3 rounds of 3 minutes duration each; except that in any Australian Boxing Championships or Selection Event or State/Territory Championship Event, if such boxers are eligible and elect to box in the Youth category, they shall box 4 rounds of 2 minutes duration each. Otherwise, they shall box 3 rounds of 3 minutes duration each.

- 11.11** Boxers (Male or Female) competing as Masters (aged 35 years of age and above) shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.

At All Events

- 11.12** All bouts will have a one minute interval between rounds.

RULE 12 Scoring Of Bouts

- 12.1** In all BAI competitions, electronic computer scoring should be used. Where this for any reason is not possible, handheld computer calculators, clickers or similar may be used. The 20-point manual scoring system is obsolete and its use is forbidden. Any results obtained through its use shall not be recognised.

Tournaments Which Are Championships Or Selection Events

- 12.2** Electronic computer scoring must be used for Australian Boxing Championships, National Team Selection Events and State/Territory Championships and Selection Events.
- 12.3** Unless a specific exemption is granted by BAI's Board, 5 accredited judges must officiate in all Australian Boxing Championships, National Team Selection Events and State/Territory Championships and Selection Events.

Tournaments Which Are Not Championships Or Selection Events

- 12.4** Whenever possible, 5 accredited judges should officiate in all bouts. However, as a minimum, 3 accredited judges must be used in non-championship and non-national team selection events.
- 12.5** The referee and timekeeper must not score a bout.

Computer Scoring System Failure

- 12.6** If the computer scoring system becomes defective during a bout, the jury shall cease the bout for one minute.
- 12.7 Scores retained.** If, during the one minute period, the system cannot be repaired, and the scores at the time of the stoppage are retained, the following scoring procedure shall be adopted:
- 12.7.1** The judges shall use hand held scoring devices (includes clicker devices) and record the bout for the duration, and record the score onto scoring paper.
 - 12.7.2** At the end of the contest, the jury shall collect the scoring papers from the judges.
 - 12.7.3** The jury will add the judges' individual scores from the computer to the scores from the scoring papers, and delete the high and low scores from the red and blue corner to arrive at the winner.
- 12.8 Scores Not Retained.** If, during the one minute period, the system cannot be repaired, and the scores at the time of the stoppage are not retained, the following scoring procedure shall be adopted:

- 12.8.1 If the failure occurs in the 1st or 2nd rounds or, in the case of a 4 round bout, the 3rd round, and there are at least 3 more bouts scheduled in that session, the bout shall be rescheduled as the final bout of the session.
- 12.8.2 If the incident occurs in the 1st or 2nd rounds or, in the case of a 4 round bout, the 3rd round, and there are less than 3 more bouts scheduled in that session, the bout shall be rescheduled to the start of the next session; but if there are no further sessions scheduled for the event, then the judges will be asked to decide the winner.
- 12.8.3 If the incident occurs after the end of the 2nd round or, in the case of a 4 round bout, the 3rd round, the judges will be asked to decide the winner.

RULE 13 Compulsory Count Limits

- 13.1 In the Elite competition category, a contest shall be terminated as a Referee Stopped Contest if there are 3 counts in any one round, or 4 counts in the bout.
- 13.2 For all other competition categories, a contest shall be terminated as a Referee Stopped Contest if there are 2 counts in any one round, or 3 counts in the bout.
- 13.3 A count caused by a foul shall not be included in the count limit.
- 13.4 The referee shall determine whether the decision is Referee Stopped Contest Head (RSCH) or Referee Stopped Contest Outclassed (RSCO).

RULE 14 Knock Out (KO) And Win By Disqualification

- 14.1 Where a boxer receives a blow to the head illegally after the referee has called “break” or “stop”, and the boxer is counted out, the boxer cannot continue to compete at the event even if awarded the bout by disqualification.

RULE 15 Both Boxers ‘Down’

- 15.1 If both boxers are counted out, they shall both lose by KO. However, in a semi-final or final, the boxer with the higher score at the time of the KO shall be declared the winner.
- 15.2 A boxer who wins a semi-final in the manner referred to in Rule 15.1 nevertheless may not compete in the final by reason of the operation of Rule 8.3; or where one boxer or both boxers are concussed, by reason of the operation of Rule 8.4 or Rule 8.5.

RULE 16 Shaking Of Hands

Purpose

- 16.1 Boxers shall shake hands in the proper boxing manner, by touching gloves, as a sign of a purely sporting and friendly rivalry and, in accordance with boxing protocol.

Authorised Times

- 16.2 The shaking of hands shall take place under the referee’s direction and **before the commencement of the bout** (not when the boxers come out to box after the ‘bell’ signalling the commencement of the first or any subsequent round), and again **after the announcement of the contest result**. Any further

shaking of hands by boxers shall be prohibited.

RULE 17 Protests

- 17.1** A designated person may lodge a protest with the jury seeking to have the result of a bout overturned where the referee or the jury has announced or otherwise publicly indicated, or authorised to be announced or publicly indicated the result of the bout. When considering such protest, the jury may use video evidence.
- 17.2** In this Rule, the term “designated person” means the team manager of the relevant team at National and Selection Events, including the Australian Boxing Championships. For other tournaments, the designated person is the coach who cornered the relevant boxer during the bout in question.
- 17.3** The protest must be lodged with the jury within the appointed time, being within 30 minutes of the announced result of the bout. Provided, however, that if the bout is a final bout, the protest must be lodged within 5 minutes of the announced result of the bout.
- 17.4** The protest must:
- 17.4.1 be in writing, and must be signed by the designated person,
 - 17.4.2 specify the ground or grounds on which the protestor seeks to have action taken,
 - 17.4.3 be accompanied by the protest fee of AU\$220.00 (GST inclusive), and
 - 17.4.4 be lodged within the appointed time;
- otherwise the appeal is invalid.
- 17.5** At least one member of the jury will remain at the ringside for at least 30 minutes after the announcement of the result of each bout to ensure that any protest can be delivered. If no protest is received by the end of that period, the jury member shall record that fact and the date and time, in writing, and retain that written record for inclusion in the records of the tournament.
- 17.6** A protest received by the jury will be immediately annotated to show the date and time it was received and signed, and the receiving jury member shall show that annotation to the designated person.
- 17.7** Any protest received will be examined by the jury to determine whether the protest was validly lodged. If the jury finds the protest was not validly lodged (out of time, not correctly signed, no ground stated or no fee included), then the jury shall record that finding in writing. The finding will be retained for inclusion in the records of the tournament, and a copy will be provided to the designated person as soon as practical.
- 17.8** The protest shall be the only avenue of appeal against the announced result, and the decision of the jury is final and is not appealable. The jury may confirm the original result of the bout, overturn the original result and award the decision to the other boxer, or take any other action it deems appropriate.
- 17.9** The decision of the jury, and the statement of reasons for that decision, will be retained in the records of the tournament, and a copy will be provided to the designated person concerned as soon as practical.

RULE 18 Administrations Of Drugs

- 18.1** All participants in BAI activities, including competition, must comply with BAI's Anti-Doping Policy (ADP) and be subject to it.
- 18.2** Any boxer, official or other participant in BAI activities not complying with BAI's ADP will be liable to disqualification or suspension by BAI.
- 18.3** Any boxer who refuses to undergo any medical examination or doping test to ascertain if he/she has committed any breach of BAI's ADP shall be liable to disqualification or suspension by BAI.
- 18.4** Any official or other participant in BAI activities who encourages a boxer to refuse to undergo any medical examination or doping test to ascertain if the boxer has committed any breach of BAI's ADP shall be liable to disqualification or suspension by BAI.

RULE 19 Female Boxers

- 19.1** The following will apply to female boxing bouts in competition conducted by BAI or its Member Associations:
 - 19.1.1** A female boxer may wear a short-sleeved t-shirt under her singlet. The singlet must be coloured red or blue in accordance with the corner from which she is boxing.
 - 19.1.2** Female boxers may wear a well-fitting breast protector, manufactured of materials that are not harmful to an opponent.
 - 19.1.3** Hairnets, barrettes, head cloths, rubber bands or other banding devices may be used to secure hair beneath the head guard. Hairpins, clips or any devices made of metal, plastic or any other hard materials shall not be permitted.
 - 19.1.4** Female boxers shall furnish to tournament organisers, prior to any competition, a declaration that states: 'To the best of my knowledge and belief I am not pregnant, and if I am pregnant I am aware of the danger to myself and my unborn child if I compete in a boxing bout while pregnant'; and confirm the declaration with their signature and the date.
 - 19.1.5** Tournament organisers shall, where possible, conduct the weigh-in and medical examination of female boxers in a separate area from that of the male boxers; and, if that is not possible, offer to the female boxers to conduct their weigh-in and medical examinations in the prescribed area at a different time to the weigh-in and medical examination of the male boxers; and, where possible, ensure the weigh-in official reading the scales for a female boxer is also female.

RULE 20 Walkovers

- 20.1** When a boxer is present in the ring fully attired for boxing and his/her opponent fails to appear after having been publicly called, and the bell has sounded, and a maximum period of one minute has lapsed, the referee shall declare the first boxer to be the winner by a "Walkover".

RULE 21 Novice Boxers

- 21.1** Novice boxers are normally those boxers who have not won a title or a championship; or who have had a limited number of bouts.

- 21.2** Where Member Associations hold novice championships, such championships shall be restricted to boxers who have had 5 bouts or less (exhibitions excluded). Novice divisions will not be contested at Australian Boxing Championships. Where a boxer who has 5 bouts or less wins selection to an Australian Boxing Championships, then that boxer shall compete as a non-novice boxer.
- 21.3** Novice championship bouts shall be contested over the time durations specified in Appendix 6.
- 21.4** During local tournaments matching a boxer with 5 bouts or less against a boxer with more than 5 bouts shall be acceptable.

Rounds

- 21.5** Novice boxers (Male or Female) aged 10-14 years shall box 3 rounds of 1 minute duration each.
- 21.6** Novice boxers (Male or Female) aged 15 and 16 years shall box 3 rounds of 1½ minutes duration each.
- 21.7** Novice boxers (Male or Female) aged 17 and 18 years shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.
- 21.8** Novice boxers (Male or Female) aged 17-34 years of age shall box 3 rounds of 2 minutes duration each.

RULE 22 Exhibitions

- 22.1** Amateur boxing contests are ordinarily contested by boxers of similar weight, age and experience. Where 2 boxers cannot be so matched, they may be able to box one another in an exhibition bout with the approval of their respective coaches. The final authority for the conduct of an exhibition bout lies with the matchmaker; who must carefully weigh the competition experience and other relevant characteristics of each boxer before finally authorising the bout. Exhibition bouts are less intense than competition bouts; punches are lighter and no results are provided. Exhibition bouts provide an opportunity for boxers to demonstrate their abilities and gain useful experience.
- 22.2** Exhibitions bouts shall be conducted over 3 rounds of 1½ minutes duration each; with intervals of one minute between rounds.
- 22.3** No judges shall officiate in exhibition bouts and the bout shall not be scored.
- 22.4** Boxers may use heavier gloves in exhibition bouts than specified in Rule 31.3, but the gloves must be identical; and the boxers may use full-face or more protective head guards.
- 22.5** Boxers in exhibition bouts shall 'not touch gloves' except during the approved times.
- 22.6** The referee shall stop an exhibition bout if either boxer takes advantage of his/her opponent, or if a count is applied.

RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

RULE 23 Coaches And Assistant Coaches

23.1 No person shall be allowed to officiate in the corner of any boxer as a coach or assistant coach (second, or corner man) unless he/she holds a Level One Coaches Accreditation or higher, and wears his/her coach badge for identification.

Age Limitation

23.2 The minimum age for any person to be an accredited coach under the BAI Level One Coaches Accreditation Examination system shall be 18 years.

Interstate Coaches

23.3 A coach or assistant coach, if granted permission by BAI or the Member Association conducting the bout, shall be allowed to corner a boxer in that Member Association conducted bout if he/she is the holder of at least a Level One Coaches Accreditation and wears his/her coach badge for identification.

Member Association Coach Recognition

23.4 BAI and Member Associations shall only recognise accredited coaches registered with the Member Association for the State/Territory in which they live.

23.5 Unless granted permission by BAI's Board, a coach shall only second a boxer registered with the Member Association with which they are registered as a coach.

23.6 Each boxer in a BAI competition bout is entitled to one coach and one assistant coach, who will each be governed by the following Rule:

23.6.1 Only the coach and assistant coach can mount the apron of the ring, and only one may enter the ring during the break period. The coach shall not enter the ring before the start of a contest or at any other time, but may mount the apron of the ring at the start of the contest.

23.6.2 No advice, assistance or encouragement shall be given to a boxer by his/her coach or assistant coach during the progress of the rounds.

23.6.3 A coach can retire a boxer, and may, when he/she considers his/her boxer to be in difficulty, do so by throwing a towel into the ring, except when the referee is in the course of counting.

23.6.4 During the boxing, the coach and assistant coach shall remain off the platform of the ring. The coach or assistant coach shall, before a round begins, remove from the platform of the ring any seat, towel, bucket, etc. for which he/she is responsible.

23.6.5 Any coach or assistant coach or official encouraging or inciting spectators by words or signs to advise or encourage a boxer during the progress of a round shall not be permitted to continue to act as a coach, assistant coach or other official at the tournament where the offence is committed.

23.6.6 If a coach or assistant coach infringes the rules, he/she may be cautioned or removed by the referee. The first time a coach or assistant coach is removed, he/she shall not officiate again in that

session; and where he/she is removed a second time, he/she shall not officiate again during the tournament. Additionally, a boxer may be cautioned, warned or disqualified by the referee for offences committed by his/her coach and/or assistant coach.

- 23.6.7 Both the coach and assistant coach shall wear disposable gloves when officiating in the corner of a boxer, and have in their possession cotton or tissue pads to nurse bleedings and to wipe and remove blood on a boxer or boxing glove. At the completion of the bout, they shall dispose of the gloves and any used pads or tissues in the plastic bag provided in the corner of the ring.

Coach And Assistant Coach Dress Standards

- 23.7** No person shall be allowed to officiate in the corner of any boxer as a coach or assistant coach unless he/she is appropriately dressed. Inappropriate dress is deemed to include bare feet, open-toed sandals or thongs, shorts, singlets or a t-shirt or top displaying offensive language or gestures. Dress should be sport shoes and tracksuit or similar.
- 23.8** At Australian Boxing Championship and Selection Events, coaches and assistant coaches shall each wear a State/Territory tracksuit, or a State/Territory shirt and shorts, disposable gloves and runners. Any changes to this standard shall only be at the discretion of the Director of Competition.

RULE 24 Referees And Judges

Accreditation

- 24.1** To officiate as a referee or judge at a boxing competition conducted by BAI or a Member Association, a person must be in possession of a BAI Referee/Judge Record Book, be an amateur in accordance with BAI's Constitution and hold one or more of the following levels of BAI Referee and/or Judge Accreditation:
- 24.1.1 Regional and/or State/Territory, or
 - 24.1.2 Australian, or
 - 24.1.3 Oceania, or
 - 24.1.4 International Boxing Association (AIBA)
- 24.2** Accreditation is attained and maintained in accordance with the BAI R&J Accreditation Policy.

Referee/Judge Record Book

- 24.3** Accredited referees/judges shall receive a Referee/Judge Record Book for recording all referee/judge activities. No referee or judge shall officiate unless he/she has in his/her possession a R&J Record Book.
- 24.4** The responsibility to ensure that each referee/judge has in his/her possession a R&J Record Book rests with the BAI R&J Committee for Australian Boxing Championships and Selection Events, and the R&J Coordinator for the relevant Member Association for all other tournaments.
- 24.5** At Australian Boxing Championships and Selection Events, the jury chairman shall sign the Record Book; and the R&J Coordinator for the relevant Member Association, or a senior R&J appointed by the R&J Coordinator for the

relevant Member Association, shall sign for all other tournaments.

Australian Boxing Championships And Selection Events

24.6 The BAI Referees and Judges Committee shall determine which referees and judges shall officiate at an Australian Boxing Championships, and at other events organised by BAI. Referees and/or judges wishing to officiate at an Australian Boxing Championships, or at other events organised by BAI, will nominate to the BAI Referees and Judges Committee through BAI. All referees and/or judges, other than candidates, at Australian Boxing Championships must have an accreditation level of:

24.6.1 Australian, or

24.6.2 Oceania, or

24.6.3 International Boxing Association (AIBA).

24.7 Every bout at an Australian Boxing Championships and at a Selection Event will be conducted by a referee and will be scored by 5 judges; where possible from Member Associations different from the boxers competing in the bout.

24.8 Referees will wear disposable gloves when they are officiating in a bout, and will carry cotton or tissue pads to nurse bleedings, and to wipe and remove blood on a boxer or boxing glove. At the conclusion of the bout, they will dispose of the gloves and any used pads or tissues in either of the plastic bags provided in the ring's neutral corners.

Acting As Coaches

24.9 Qualified AIBA, Oceania or Australian referees or judges cannot act as judges or referees at a tournament if acting as coaches, assistant coaches or team managers at the same tournament.

RULE 25 Timekeeper

25.1 The main duty of the timekeeper shall be to regulate the number and duration of the rounds and the intervals between rounds.

25.2 The timekeeper shall be seated directly at the ringside.

25.3 Five seconds before the commencement of each round, the timekeeper shall clear the ring by ordering "clear the ring" or "seconds out".

25.4 The timekeeper shall commence and end each round by striking the gong or bell or sounding the siren.

25.5 The timekeeper shall announce the number of each round immediately prior to commencing it.

25.6 In calculating the duration of a round, the timekeeper shall take off time for temporary stoppages, or when instructed to do so by the referee.

25.7 The timekeeper shall regulate all periods of time and counts by a watch or clock.

25.8 At a "knock-down", the timekeeper shall, with a chopping motion of the hand, signal to the referee the passing of the seconds while the referee is counting.

25.9 If, at the end of a round, a boxer is "**down**", and the referee is in the course of counting, the bell/gong/siren indicating the end of the round shall not be sounded. The bell/gong/siren shall be sounded only when the referee gives

the command "Box", indicating the continuation of the round.

25.10 The intervals between rounds will be of one full minute's duration.

RULE 26 Jury

26.1 At Australian Boxing Championships and other events organised by BAI, the Board of BAI shall appoint a jury of at least 3 from persons accredited as referees and/or judges at Australian level or above; one of whom shall be a member of the Referees and Judges Committee.

26.2 Each bout conducted by a Member Association shall have a jury of at least one person accredited as a referee or judge at State level or above; which juror or jurors shall be appointed by the R&J Coordinator for that association.

26.3 The jury shall oversee the scoring and decisions of referees and judges of boxing bouts, and has the power to recommend to the R&J Committee the suspension or disqualification of referees and judges, to hear protests regarding the conducting and scoring of a bout, and to overturn or change boxing contest decisions.

RULE 27 Australian Boxing Championships Officials

27.1 The following officials are essential for the conduct of Australian Boxing Championships:

Director of Competition

27.2 The Board of Directors of BAI shall appoint a director of competition to ensure that the competition venue and competition planning is appropriate for an Australian Boxing Championships.

27.3 The director of competition will ensure that the Championships are conducted according to the Rules of BAI.

27.4 The duties of the director of competition include:

27.4.1 the validation of entries,

27.4.2 overseeing the conduct of the draw by the R&J Committee,

27.4.3 the conducting of technical meetings,

27.4.4 the appointment of two timekeepers; being qualified R&J officials,

27.4.5 the appointment of a computer scoring operator,

27.4.6 the appointment of weighing stewards; being qualified R&J officials,

27.4.7 liaising with BAI's Referees and Judges Committee, and

27.4.8 overseeing the conduct of the Championships.

Host Member Association Responsibility

27.5 The host Member Association organising and promoting the Australian Boxing Championships under the direction of the BAI Board is responsible for the appointment of other officials necessary to conduct the Championships. These officials include a competition manager directly responsible to the director of competition. Officials to be appointed by the host Member Association shall include:

27.5.1 the competition manager,

- 27.5.2 whips/escorts,
- 27.5.3 dressing room stewards,
- 27.5.4 dress stewards,
- 27.5.5 gloving stewards,
- 27.5.6 an announcer,
- 27.5.7 two ring attendants, and
- 27.5.8 two medical practitioners.

27.6 The officials appointed by the host Member Association shall undertake responsibilities that include:

- 27.6.1 competition co-ordination,
- 27.6.2 field of play marshalling,
- 27.6.3 results system management,
- 27.6.4 equipment supervision,
- 27.6.5 presentation management,
- 27.6.6 sport information,
- 27.6.7 team liaison,
- 27.6.8 medical supervision,
- 27.6.9 technical officials services supervision, and
- 27.6.10 presentation management.

27.7 If deemed necessary, the host Member Association shall be responsible for the provision of assistants for the above officials.

RULE 28 Duties Of Officials

28.1 Specific duties and responsibilities of officials shall include the following to ensure that the conduct of the Australian Boxing Championships is consistent with the Rules of AIBA.

Competition Manager

28.2 The competition manager shall be responsible for the presentation of the Championships, and is responsible to the director of competition.

Dressing Room Stewards

28.3 There shall be two or more dressing room stewards to generally supervise the dressing rooms; and, in particular, to see that competitors are ready to enter the ring on time in accordance with the program and the official announcements.

Whips/Escorts

28.4 There will be two or more whips/escorts to escort competitors to the ring on time in accordance with the program and the official announcements.

Dress Stewards

28.5 The dress stewards shall ensure that the competitors are dressed in accordance with the Rules.

Announcer

28.6 The announcer shall, prior to the commencement of each bout, announce the names of the competitors, their corners and the State/Territory each represents; and shall receive from the chairman of the jury, and announce between rounds, the official score (if scoring display screens for the public are not available); and, also, at the conclusion of each bout, the official result of each contest.

Weigh-In Stewards

28.7 The weigh-in stewards shall weigh the contestants in accordance with the Rules and, as each contestant weighs in, register the boxer's entry on the entry sheet under the weight division in which he/she is entered, and make an appropriate entry in the boxer's Competition Record Book. The decision of the weigh-in steward as to the weight of each entrant shall be final and beyond appeal.

Computer Scoring Operator

28.8 The computer scoring operator shall maintain and operate the Boxing Scoring System for the recording of the judges' scoring and decision in each contest.

Gloving Stewards

28.9 Official gloving stewards shall be appointed to inspect bandages, and to supervise the gloving of the contestants.

Ring Attendants

28.10 Two ring attendants shall be appointed to attend to the corners. Their duties shall include the good maintenance of the ring, and the cleanliness of the ring canvas.

Medical Practitioners

28.11 Two medical practitioners shall be in attendance during the Australian Boxing Championships.

28.12 A medical practitioner will attend the weigh-in and thoroughly examine each boxer on the day in which the boxer is to compete, and make the appropriate entry/entries in the boxer's Competition Record Book.

28.13 A medical practitioner shall be seated at ringside throughout a bout. If considered necessary, the medical practitioner on duty will examine a boxer following a contest, and make the appropriate entry/entries in the boxer's Competition Record Book.

RULES FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

RULE 29 The Ring

Size

- 29.1** In Australian Boxing Championships and BAI Selection Events, the ring shall conform to the following size requirement: 6.10m square (20 sq. feet); measured inside the line of the ropes.
- 29.2** In all other BAI competitions, the ring shall conform to the following requirements: the minimum size will be 4.90m square (16 sq. feet) and the maximum size 6.10m square (20 sq. feet); measured inside the line of the ropes.
- 29.3** The ring shall not be less than 91cm (3 feet) or more than 1.22m (4 feet) above the ground or base.

Platform And Corner Pads

- 29.4** The platform shall be safely constructed, level and free from any obstructing projections; and shall extend for at least 46cm (18 inches) outside the line of the ropes. It shall be fitted with 4 corner posts that shall be well padded so as to prevent injury to the boxers.
- 29.5** Whenever possible, the ring's corner pads shall be arranged in the following way in relation to the chairman of the jury: in the nearer left-side ring corner - red; in the far left-side corner - white; in the far right-side corner - blue; and in the near right corner - white.

Floor Covering

- 29.6** The floor of the ring shall be covered with felt, rubber or other suitable material, not less than 1.3cm (half an inch) and not more than 1.9cm thick (3/4 of an inch), over which canvas shall be stretched and secured in place. The felt, rubber or other approved material, and the canvas, shall cover the entire platform.

Ropes

- 29.7** There shall be 3 or 4 ropes, of a thickness of 3cm (1.2 ins.) minimum to 5cm (1.97 ins.) maximum, tightly drawn along the ring's sides from the corner posts. The ropes shall be covered with a soft or smooth material. The ropes shall be joined on each ring side, at equal intervals, by two pieces of close-textured canvas, 3 to 4 cm (1.2-1.6 ins.) wide, which must not be able to slide along the ropes.
- 29.8** In the case of 3 ropes, the ropes shall be at heights of 40cm (1ft 3.7 ins.), 80cm (2ft 7 ½ ins.) and 1m 30cm (4 ft 3 ins.) high respectively from the platform.
- 29.9** In the case of 4 ropes, the ropes shall be 40.6 cm (16ins), 71.1cm (28ins.), 101.6 cm (40ins.) and 132.1cm (52 ins.) high respectively from the platform.

Steps

- 29.10** The ring shall be provided with 3 sets of steps. There shall be a set of steps at each of the red and blue corners for the use of the contestants and their coaches, and one set of steps in a neutral corner for use by the referee and

medical practitioner.

Plastic Bags

29.11 In the 2 neutral corners, on the outside of the ring corner posts, a plastic bag shall be fixed in which the referee shall drop the disposable gloves and cotton or tissue pads used by him/her to nurse bleedings and to wipe and remove blood on a boxer or boxing glove. Similarly, in each of the red and blue corners, on the outside of the ring corner posts, a plastic bag shall be fixed in which the coach and assistant coach shall drop the disposable gloves and cotton or tissue pads used by him/her to nurse bleedings and to wipe and remove blood on a boxer or boxing glove.

Water Containers

29.12 The only water containers allowed in a corner for the use of a boxer, where water is not piped directly to the ringside, shall be capped utensils containing water for drinking, mouthwash or sprays. No other type of water container shall be permitted at ringside for use by the boxers or coaches.

RULE 30 Ring Equipment

30.1 The following ring equipment should be available for all bouts, and must be available at all Australian Boxing Championships, National Team Selection Events and State/Territory Championship bouts:

- 30.1.1 Two seats for boxers' use during the round intervals.
- 30.1.2 Tables and chairs for officials, including referees and judges.
- 30.1.3 A gong (with a striker), or a bell or a siren.
- 30.1.4 One (preferably two) stopwatches or timers.
- 30.1.5 One first-aid kit.
- 30.1.6 One microphone connected to a public address system.
- 30.1.7 One red and one blue pair of BAI approved Velcro type 10oz boxing gloves.
- 30.1.8 One stretcher.
- 30.1.9 Two BAI approved head guards (one in red and one in blue).
- 30.1.10 One complete Electronic Scoring System, as approved by the International Boxing Association (AIBA).
- 30.1.11 Sufficient hand held computer scoring machines to enable individual use by each of the jury members.
- 30.1.12 Sufficient hand held computer scoring calculators to enable individual use by each of the judges in the case of a breakdown of the Electronic Scoring System.
- 30.1.13 Sufficient disposable gloves and cotton or tissue pads for the use of referees, coaches and assistant coaches.
- 30.1.14 Plastic bags attached on the outside of each corner post.

RULE 31 Gloves

Authorised Gloves

- 31.1** Boxers shall wear red or blue gloves in accordance with the respective boxer's corner colour. The gloves must be approved by AIBA, BAI or a BAI Member Association. Where a Member Association approves non-AIBA approved gloves, the Member Association shall provide to the Board of BAI the name(s) of its approved glove manufacturer/manufacturers.
- 31.2** Boxers may only wear the gloves supplied by the competition management. At Australian Boxing Championships and/or National Team Selection Events, only AIBA approved gloves shall be worn.

Specifications

- 31.3** The gloves shall weigh 10ozs (284grams) each; of which the leather portion will not weigh more than half of the total weight, and the padding not less than half the total weight. The regular hitting surface must be marked on the gloves with a clearly discernable colour. The padding of the gloves must not be displaced or broken. Boxers shall only wear gloves with Velcro fasteners: laced gloves shall not be permitted.
- 31.4** The gloves supplied must be clean and in good condition. Each boxer in a bout must wear exactly the same type of gloves save only for colour.

Gloving Supervision

- 31.5** All gloves and bandages shall be fitted under the supervision of a knowledgeable official appointed by the tournament manager for the purpose (the gloving supervisor); who will ensure that the gloving and bandages Rules have been carefully observed. The gloving supervisor shall stamp or sign the bandages.
- 31.6** The gloving supervisor may delegate security duties to other officials present to ensure that the gloving Rules are observed until the boxers enter the ring.

RULE 32 Head Guards

Authorised Head Guards

- 32.1** The head guard is an individual and form fitted item of a boxer's equipment. The use of head guards shall be mandatory in all BAI competitions. Only head guards approved by AIBA, BAI or a BAI Member Association shall be worn. Where a Member Association approves non-AIBA approved head guards, the Member Association shall provide to the Board of BAI the name(s) of its approved head guard manufacturer/manufacturers.

Australian Boxing Championships And Selection Events

- 32.2** At Australian Boxing Championships and Selection Events, only AIBA approved head guards shall be worn.

Fitting And Removal

- 32.3** Boxers shall place their head guards on after entering the ring, and shall remove the same at the end of the bout. Head guards shall not be worn during the announcement of the decision at the conclusion of the bout.

RULE 33 Bandages

Specifications

- 33.1** Bandages, 2.5 meters to 4.5 meters in length and 5.7 cm in width, must be wound about each competing boxer's hands. No other kind of bandage shall be used.
- 33.2** A single strip of adhesive tape, not more than 7.6cm (3 ins.) long and between 2.5cm (1 in.) and 5 cm (2ins.) wide, may be used at the upper wrists to secure the bandages

Australian Boxing Championships And Selection Events

- 33.3** At Australian Boxing Championships and Selection Events, only AIBA approved bandages shall be worn.

RULE 34 Dress Of Boxers

Clothing

- 34.1** Boxers shall box in lightweight boots/shoes (without spikes and without heels), wear socks, shorts which must reach at least half-way down their thighs, and singlets that cover their chests and backs. Each boxer must be in possession of a red and a blue singlet and wear in competition, in accordance with the corner from which he/she has been drawn to box, the appropriate coloured singlet,
- 34.2** Where shorts and singlets are of the same colour, the belt line shall be clearly indicated by using a white elastic waistband 10cm wide. The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips.
- 34.3** All boxers shall wear gum shields. The gum shield shall be form fitted, and preferably manufactured by a dentist, so as not to easily dislodge. Red coloured gum shields shall not be worn in competition.
- 34.4** It is forbidden for a boxer to intentionally remove his/her gum shield during a boxing contest. If he/she does so, he/she shall be cautioned, warned or disqualified; depending on the circumstances.
- 34.5** If a boxer has his/her gum shield knocked out, the referee shall take the boxer to his/her corner where the boxer's coach will wash the gum shield and fit it correctly in the boxer's mouth. While this is being done, the coach shall not talk to his/her boxer. If the gum shield falls down for a third time in a bout for any reason whatsoever, the boxer shall receive a warning. If it happens again, the boxer shall receive a second warning.
- 34.6** Male boxers shall always wear a groin protector; female boxers may do so if desired by them.

Prohibited Objects

- 34.7** The use of grease, vaseline, liniment or products on the face, arms, or any other part of the body where it is likely to be harmful or objectionable to an opponent is forbidden. However, a minimum amount of pure vaseline rubbed into the forehead and eyebrow to prevent an injury shall be permitted.

Hair

- 34.8** Hair may be secured underneath a boxer's head guard using a net, cloth or rubber band or similar. But pins, clips or other objects made of metal, plastic

or other hard material are forbidden. Long hair beyond shoulder length must be tied in a ponytail or similar, and secured under the head-guard to prevent injury.

Dress Infractions

- 34.9** The referee shall exclude any boxer from competing who does not wear a gum shield, or who is not clean-shaven, or who is not properly dressed, or who does not otherwise comply with the dress code embodied in these Rules.
- 34.10** In the event that a boxer's apparel or equipment is required to be re-fastened or adjusted during a bout, the referee shall stop the contest temporarily, and have the re-fastening or adjustment attended by the boxer's coach; who shall not speak whilst this is being done.

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APPENDIX 1

Perpetual Trophies

Sir Edgar Tanner Trophy

- 1.1** A Perpetual Challenge Cup known as "The Sir Edgar Tanner Trophy", first presented by the late Sir Edgar Tanner CBE, ED, in 1947, shall be awarded to the Member Association whose representatives win the greatest number of Elite Male Championship titles at an Australian Boxing Championships.
- 1.2** Should the number of Championship title wins by 2 or more Member Associations be equal, the Member Association with the greatest number of runners-up shall be the winner of the Sir Edgar Tanner Trophy

Arthur Tunstall Trophy

- 1.3** A perpetual trophy known as "The Arthur Tunstall Trophy", first presented by Mr. Arthur Tunstall OBE, JP in 1963, shall be awarded, with a replica, at each Australian Boxing Championships to the best Male Elite boxer of the Championships. The boxer shall be chosen by the referees and judges officiating at the Championships.

Jamie Nicolson Trophy

- 1.4** A perpetual trophy known as the "The Jamie Nicolson Trophy", first presented by Mr. Allan Nicolson Snr. and Mrs. Pat Nicolson in 1994, shall be awarded at each Australian Boxing Championships to the boxer who, in the opinion of the BAI Board, is considered to have held the highest international ranking of Elite Male since the last such Championships.

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APPENDIX 2

Year Of Competition / Year Of Birth Matrix

		YEAR OF COMPETITION											
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
		BOXER'S YEAR OF BIRTH											
AGE	10	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	11	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	12	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	13	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	14	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	15	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	16	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	17	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
	18	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	19	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	20	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	21	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
	22	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	23	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	24	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	25	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
	26	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
	27	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
	28	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	29	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
30	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	
31	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	
32	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	
33	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	
34	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1984	1986	

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APPENDIX 3

Table Of Weight Divisions And Weight Ranges

OVER 17 YEAR MALE WEIGHT DIVISIONS			
Over kg	To kg	Nat Division	Int'l Division
	48	Y	Y
>48	51	Y	Y
>51	54	Y	Y
>54	57	Y	Y
>57	60	Y	Y
>60	64	Y	Y
>64	69	Y	Y
>69	75	Y	Y
>75	81	Y	Y
>81	91	Y	Y
>91	---	Y	Y

OVER 17 FEMALE WEIGHT DIVISIONS			
Over kg	To kg	Nat Division	Int'l Division
	46	Y	Y
>46	48	Y	Y
>48	51	Y	Y
>51	54	Y	Y
>54	57	Y	Y
>57	60	Y	Y
>60	64	Y	Y
>64	69	Y	Y
>69	75	Y	Y
>75	81	Y	Y
>81	91	Y	Y
>91	---	Y	N

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UNDER 17 YEAR WEIGHT DIVISIONS			
Over kg	To kg	Nat Division	Int'l Division
	22	Y	N
>22	24	Y	N
>24	26	Y	N
>26	28	Y	N
>28	30	Y	N
>30	32	Y	N
>32	34	Y	N
>34	36	Y	N
>36	38	Y	N
>38	40	Y	N
>40	42	Y	N
>42	44	Y	N
>44	46	Y	Y
>46	48	Y	Y
>48	50	Y	Y
>50	52	Y	Y
>52	54	Y	Y
>54	57	Y	Y
>57	60	Y	Y
>60	63	Y	Y
>63	66	Y	Y
>66	70	Y	Y
>70	75	Y	Y
>75	80	Y	Y
>80	86	Y	Y
>86	92	Y	N
>92	---	Y	N

APPENDIX 4

BAI Weigh-In Policy For Australian Boxing Championships And National Team Selection Events

Authority

- 4.1 The BAI Referee and Judges Committee shall direct the weigh-in, appoint checkpoint members, ensure the flow of boxers, and maintain entry and exit of appropriate persons to the weigh-in site.

Scales

- 4.2 **Responsibility.** The host Member Association shall ensure that there is a minimum of one trial scale and one primary scale available at the weigh-in site.
- 4.3 **Calibration of scales.** The host Member Association shall ensure that both trial and primary scales have been calibrated 7 days prior to the Event and provide the calibration certificates provided to the director of competition.
- 4.4 **Trial scales.** The trial scale or scales shall be located in close proximity of the primary weigh-in scale. The trial scales need not be manned. However, they may be used by boxers wishing to check their weight prior to proceeding onto the primary scale.

Weigh-In Times

- 4.5 Weigh-in times shall be as follows, unless the director of competition determines otherwise:
- 4.5.1 **First day of competition** – 8.00 am to 10.00 am
- 4.5.2 **Remaining days of competition** – 8.00 am to 9.00 am

Order Of Entry

- 4.6 On each day of the Event, the host Member Association shall enter the weigh-in area first, followed by the remaining Member Associations in host rotation order; with the previous year's host being the final team.
- 4.7 Where a boxer fails at a checkpoint, or does not form up with his/her team, that boxer shall enter the weigh-in area at the rear of the last Member Association team.

Checkpoints

- 4.8 During the weigh-in, there shall be a number of checkpoints to regulate boxers and to ensure their orderly flow into and out of the weigh-in area.
- 4.9 **First Day Of Competition.** On the first day of competition, R&J officials shall control the following checkpoints:
- 4.9.1 **Weigh-In Area Entry.** One R&J member will:
- 4.9.1.1 regulate the flow of boxers into the weigh-in area;
- 4.9.1.2 exclude from entering the weigh-in area other persons (including any Member Association team manager, coach or other official);
- 4.9.1.3 ensure that each boxer is clean-shaven; and
- 4.9.1.4 ensure that each boxer has his/her Competition Record

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Book and one other form of identification.

- 4.9.2 **Medical Record Verification.** Two R&J members shall:
 - 4.9.2.1 verify each boxer and ensure the boxer is registered;
 - 4.9.2.2 check the boxer's name against the entry sheet to ensure it is spelt correctly, and record the entry on the BAI entry sheet;
 - 4.9.2.3 check that the boxer's photograph is current;
 - 4.9.2.4 check that the age of the boxer is correct for the age category;
 - 4.9.2.5 ensure that the boxer has had a medical examination within the last 12 months and that the medical practitioner's examination pages are complete;
 - 4.9.2.6 ensure that the boxer has signed below his/her photograph and on the Local Records page of his/her Competition Record Book;
 - 4.9.2.7 ensure that the boxer does not have a current medical restriction period preventing competition;
 - 4.9.2.8 enter the date and the Event name into the boxer's Competition Record Book; and
 - 4.9.2.9 inform the computer operator of any misspelt names.
 - 4.9.3 **Medical Practitioners.** One R&J member shall:
 - 4.9.3.1 coordinate the flow of boxers to the medical practitioner or practitioners;
 - 4.9.3.2 ensure that a medical practitioner signs in the correct area of the boxer's Competition Record Book; and
 - 4.9.3.3 assist the medical practitioner or medical practitioners where necessary.
 - 4.9.4 **Official Scales.** Two R&J members, each from different Member Associations, shall:
 - 4.9.4.1 record the boxer's entry onto the BAI Entry Sheet;
 - 4.9.4.2 verify the boxer's weight; and
 - 4.9.4.3 enter the boxer's weight division into his/her Competition Record Book, and sign the entry.
 - 4.9.5 **Weigh-In Area Exit.** One R&J member shall:
 - 4.9.5.1 ensure each boxer correctly vacates the weigh-in area when his/her processing is completed.
- 4.10 Remaining Days Of Competition.** On the remaining days of competition, the following checkpoints will be manned:
- 4.10.1 **Weigh-In Area Entry.** One R&J member shall:
 - 4.10.1.1 regulate the flow of boxers into the weigh-in area;
 - 4.10.1.2 exclude from entering the weigh-in area other persons

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(including any Member Association team manager, coach or other official); and

- 4.10.1.3 ensure that each boxer is clean-shaven.
- 4.10.2 **Boxer's Competition Record Book Verification.** One R&J member shall:
 - 4.10.2.1 prepare the Competition Record Books for ease of distribution;
 - 4.10.2.2 coordinate the issue of the Competition Record Books; and
 - 4.10.2.3 enter the date and competition particulars into the Competition Record Books.
- 4.10.3 **Medical Practitioners.** One R&J member shall:
 - 4.10.3.1 coordinate the flow of boxers to the medical practitioner or practitioners;
 - 4.10.3.2 ensure that a medical practitioner signs in the correct area of the boxer's Competition Record Book; and
 - 4.10.3.3 assist the medical practitioner or practitioners where necessary.
- 4.10.4 **Official Scales.** Two R&J members; each from different Member Associations, shall:
 - 4.10.4.1 record the boxer's entry onto the BAI Entry Sheet;
 - 4.10.4.2 verify the boxer's weight; and
 - 4.10.4.3 enter the boxer's weight division into the boxer's Competition Record Book and sign the entry.
- 4.10.5 **Weigh-In Area Exit.** One R&J member shall:
 - 4.10.5.1 ensure each boxer correctly vacates the weigh-in area when his/her processing is completed.

Entry/Exit Flow Path

- 4.11 The weigh-in area shall be prepared in such a manner as to allow for a coordinated passage of boxers; thereby eliminating possible bottlenecks.

Persons Present In Weigh-In Area

- 4.12 The persons present during each weigh-in shall be those R&J members rostered to work at checkpoints, a representative of BAI, the medical practitioner or practitioners, and the computer scoring system operator.

Computer Scoring System Operator

- 4.13 A computer scoring system operator, complete with a printer, shall be available during the weigh-in and shall enter boxers' names into the computer (if not already done); and amend weights and spellings if required.

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APPENDIX 5

BAI Draw Policy For Australian Boxing Championships And National Team Selection Events

5.1 The draw shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant AIBA Rule. The draw shall provide for the order of bouts, and ensure that the number of boxers entered is reduced to 2, 4, 8 or 16 boxers in the second session.

Authority

5.2 The BAI Referee and Judges Committee shall conduct the draw. The Director of Competition will be present to oversee the process.

Persons present

5.3 The persons present shall be the BAI Referees and Judges Committee (or its representatives), the director of competition, the computer scoring system operator, and all Member Association team managers. No other persons are required for the draw. However, if any other person wishes to attend, he/she may do so but is not to interrupt the proceedings.

5.4 All mobile phones must be turned off during the draw.

Time Of Draw

5.5 The draw shall be conducted on the first day of competition, and following the weigh-in and medical examination. The draw shall commence at 11.00 am. The director of competition may change the draw time where deemed necessary; but only if all Member Association team managers are advised within a reasonable time of any such variation.

Sequence Of Draw

5.6 The sequence of the draw shall commence at the lightest weight division in each category of competition, and shall be conducted as follows:

5.6.1 Junior females.

5.6.2 Junior males.

5.6.3 Youth females.

5.6.4 Youth males.

5.6.5 Elite females.

5.6.6 Elite males.

5.7 Prior to each weight division being drawn, the person directing the draw shall verify each entry for that division.

5.8 Labelled balls or marbles, representing, as required, each Member Association, shall be placed into a bucket or a similar container to be drawn. The team managers from each Member Association, chosen from time to time by the person directing the draw, shall draw the balls or balls/marbles individually, and from a position where the drawer's view of the entries is obstructed. Bouts shall be drawn first, and then the number of byes.

Computer Scoring System Operator

5.9 As each ball or marble is drawn, the computer scoring system operator shall assign a number for that boxer and enter the same against the boxer in the

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computer. This will allow for 'pairing corrections' to be achieved, and will ensure a successful matching of competitors.

- 5.10** At the conclusion of each age division, the computer scoring system operator shall print a 'spider' detailing the draw table. Copies shall be made for each manager; and if this is not possible, the 'spider' shall be displayed in a prominent position.
- 5.11** The computer scoring system operator shall promptly organise the plan for the entire event, and make copies available to each team manager. He/she shall also print the program for the first session, and make a copy available to each team manager.

APPENDIX 6

Table Of Round Duration For Each Age Category

Aus Age Div	Male	Female	Titles/Selection
<15 yr Novice*	3x1	3x1	N
<15 yrs	3x1 ½	3x1 ½	N
Junior Novice*	3x1 ½	3x1 ½	N
Junior	3x2	3x2	Y
Youth Novice*	3x2	3x2	N
Youth	4x2	3x2	Y
Over 17 yr Novice*	3x2	3x2	N
Elite	3x3	4x2	Y
Masters	3x2	3x2	N

*: Refer to Rule 21 for Novice Boxers.

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APPENDIX 7

Release To Compete With Orthodontic Braces/Appliances

Boxing Australia Incorporated Competition Rule 8.13: Boxers who wish to compete with orthodontic braces or other orthodontic appliances shall be required to have attached to their Competition Record Books the following completed 'Release to Compete with Orthodontic Braces/Appliances' form. This form requires the written approval of the boxer's dentist/orthodontist, and parent/guardian (if under 18 years), and a commitment by the boxer to wear during competition their dentist-moulded mouthpiece. Boxers competing with orthodontic braces waive the right to dental coverage under any BAI insurance policy:

I understand the above rule and give my permission for (boxer's name):

_____ to compete.

Dentist/Orthodontist Approval:

_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Approval:

_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Athlete:

_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date