

BOXING AUSTRALIAN INC. COMPETITION RULES

RULE 1 THE PRINCIPLES OF BOXING AUSTRALIA INC. (BAI) COMPETITION

1.1 The following principles will apply to the conducting of all Boxing Australia Inc. (BAI), including all Member Association, competition:

- (a) boxers will, as far as is possible, be evenly matched in regards to weight, age and competition experience,
- (b) referees and judges will be accredited,
- (c) coaches will be accredited,
- (d) BAI's Risk Management procedures will be implemented,
- (e) all participants will comply with BAI's Anti-Doping Policy, and
- (f) all competition will be conducted in a fair, transparent and equitable manner.

1.2 All Boxing Australia Inc. (BAI), including all Member Association, competition will be conducted in accordance with these Rules, but where these Rules are silent in relation to any matter or BAI has not given a direction pursuant to these Rules, then competition will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA).

RULE 2 COMPETITION WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION WITHIN AUSTRALIA

2.1 There will be 11 weight classes used within Australia for Male Senior, Male Under 19 years of age and Masters boxers. These classes will be as per international rules: 48 Kg, 51Kg, 54Kg, 57Kg, 60Kg, 64Kg, 69Kg, 75Kg, 81Kg, 91Kg, & 91+ Kilograms.

WEIGHT CATEGORY	OVER - KILOGRAM.	TO - KILOGRAM.
Light Fly Weight	-	48
Fly Weight	48	51
Bantam Weight	51	54
Feather Weight	54	57
Light Weight	57	60
Light welter Weight	60	64
Welter Weight	64	69
Middle Weight	69	75
Light Heavy Weight	75	81
Heavy Weight	81	91
Super Heavy Weight	91	+

2.2 There will be 15 weight classes used within Australia for Female boxers and Male Under 17 years of age boxers. These classes will be: 46Kg, 48Kg, 50Kg, 52Kg, 54Kg, 57Kg, 60Kg, 63Kg, 66Kg, 70Kg, 75Kg, 80Kg, & 86 kilograms, 92 Kg, and 92+ Kg.

WEIGHT CATEGORY	OVER - KILOGRAM	TO - KILOGRAM
Pin Weight	-	46
Light Fly Weight	46	48
Fly Weight	48	50
Light Bantam Weight	50	52
Bantam Weight	52	54
Feather Weight	54	57
Light Weight	57	60
Light Welter Weight	60	63
Welter Weight	63	66
Light Middle Weight	66	70
Middle Weight	70	75
Light Heavy Weight	75	80
Heavy Weight	80	86
Super Heavy Weight	86	92
	92+	

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2.3 Male boxers and Female boxers aged 10 to 16 years of age inclusive: such boxers are permitted to compete in BAI competition, subject to any legislative or government policy restrictions, and their weight divisions will include 22Kg, 24Kg, 26Kg, 28Kg, 30Kg, 32Kg, 34Kg, 36Kg, 38Kg, 40Kg, 42Kg, and 44 kilograms, in addition to those listed in clause 2.2.

2.4 Competing under 17 years of age boxers will have no more than 2 Kg difference in weight up to and including 54 Kg, then no more than the equivalent weight division difference up to and including 86 Kg. Over 17 years of age boxers will have no more than 3 Kg difference in weight up to and including 60 Kg, then no more than the equivalent weight division difference up to and including 91+ Kg. However, in Australian Boxing Championships and/or national team Selection bouts and State/Territory Championships a boxer is permitted to compete up one weight division. Additionally, if approved by the CEO of BAI, a boxer can be permitted to compete up one weight division in other contests.

RULE 3 AGE CATEGORIES

3.1 The age categories for BAI competition throughout Australia and which apply to both Female and Male boxers, subject to any legislative or government policy restrictions, are:

- Under-17: for a boxer under seventeen (17) years of age.
- Under-19: for a boxer seventeen (17) or eighteen (18) years of age inclusive.
- Senior: for a boxer seventeen (17) years to thirty-three (33) years of age inclusive.
- Masters: for a boxer aged thirty-four years of age or older.

3.2 Boxers (Male or Female) under 17 years of age are not permitted to compete against a boxer who is two calendar years or more of age older than them unless it would prevent them participating in a competition 'pathway' that could enable them to compete in an Olympic Games, or Commonwealth Games, or World Championships, or Oceania Championships, or other important international tournaments specially recognised by BAI. However, if approved by the CEO of BAI, a boxer can be permitted to compete against older boxers in other contests.

3.3 Excluding 'pathway' competitions for the Olympic Games or Commonwealth Games or other important international tournaments specially recognised by BAI, where an under 17 years of age boxer competes against an over 17 years of age boxer the bout will be contested by way of Under 17 years of age rules ie counts, duration, weights and computer score difference

RULE 4 FEMALE BOXERS

4.1 The following will apply to female boxing bouts in BAI competition:

- 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.
- Female boxers may wear a well-fitting breast protector, manufactured of materials which are not harmful to an opponent.
- Hairnets, barrettes, head cloths, rubber bands or other banding devices may be used to secure hair beneath the head guard. Hair pins or clips or any devices made of metal, plastic or any other hard material are not permitted.
- Female boxers shall furnish, prior to any competition, a declaration that if pregnant they are aware of the danger to themselves and their unborn child if they compete in a boxing bout and confirm the declaration with their signature.
- Tournament organisers will, 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 then offer to the female boxers to conduct their weigh-in and medical examination 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 5 ROUNDS

5.1 This rule prescribes the maximum number of rounds that may be boxed in a BAI bout. The following is to be observed:

- Boxers (Male or Female) aged Under 17 years of age but weighing less than 48 kg will box three (3) rounds of one-and-a-half (1½) minutes duration.
- Boxers (Male or Female) aged Under 17 years of age and weighing in the 51kg division or above will box three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes duration.
- Female boxers aged seventeen (17) years of age and above will box three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes duration.
- Male boxers competing as Under-19s (17-18 years of age inclusive) may elect to box three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes duration, or four (4) rounds of two (2) minutes duration, except that in any Australian Boxing Championships or Selection bout or State/Territory Championship bout they will box four (4) rounds of two (2) minutes duration.
- Male boxers competing as Senior Men (aged 17-33 years of age inclusive) may elect to box three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes duration, or four (4) rounds of two (2) minutes duration, except that in any Australian Boxing Championships or Selection bout or State/Territory Championship bout they will box four (4) rounds of two (2) minutes duration.
- Boxers (Male or Female) competing as Masters (aged 34 years of age and above) will box three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes duration.

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

RULE 6 DRESS OF BOXERS

6.1 All boxers shall be dressed in accordance with the following:

- **Clothing.** Competitors will box in lightweight boots/shoes (without spikes and without heels), and wear socks, shorts which must reach at least half-way down their thigh, and a vest/singlet that covers their chest and back. Each boxer must be in possession and have available for wearing in competition, in accordance with the corner from which he or she is boxing, one Red and one Blue vest/singlet.
- Where shorts and vests/singlets are of the same colour, the belt line must 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.)
- **Gum shields and a cup protector** will be worn by males, and in addition they may wear a jockstrap; women will wear gum shields and may wear a cup protector. The gum shield should be form fitted and preferably manufactured by a dentist so as not to easily dislodge.
- It is forbidden for a boxer to intentionally remove his or her mouthpiece during the contest and if he or she does so, he or she will be warned or disqualified.
- If a boxer has his or her mouthpiece knocked out, the Referee will take the boxer to his or her corner where the boxer's coach will wash the mouthpiece and fit it correctly in the boxer's mouth. While this is being done the coach is not allowed to talk to his or her boxer.
- **Head guards:** The head guard is an individual and form fitted item of the boxer's equipment. The use of head guards is mandatory in all BAI competitions. Only BAI or BAI Member Association approved head guards will be worn.
- **Prohibited Objects:** No other objects may be worn during the competition. 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, the use of pure Vaseline rubbed into the forehead and eyebrow to prevent an injury is permitted.

- **Beards** are forbidden. Boxers will be clean shaven at the medical examination and weigh-in on the day in which they are to box.
- **Hair** may be secured underneath a boxer's head-guard using a net, cloth or rubber band or similar, but pins or clips or other objects made of metal or plastic or other hard material are forbidden.
- **Dress Infractions:** A referee will exclude from competing any boxer who does not wear a gum shield, or who is not clean and shaven, or who is not properly dressed, or who does not otherwise comply with this Dress code.

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In the event of a boxer's glove or dress becoming undone during a bout the referee will stop the contest and have it attended to by the boxer's coach who is not allowed to talk to his or her boxer while this is being done.

RULE 7 GLOVES

7.1 The following applies to the boxing gloves used at all BAI competition:

- **Authorised Gloves:** Competitors will wear red or blue gloves as per the respective boxer's corner and which have been approved by BAI or a BAI Member Association. Boxers are not allowed to wear their own gloves.
- **Specifications:** The gloves will weigh 10ozs (284grams) 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 will not be displaced or broken. Only the Velcro type of gloves will be worn by the boxers. Only clean and serviceable gloves will be used.
- All competitors in any one competition must wear exactly the same gloves.
- **Gloving Supervision:** All gloves and bandages will be fitted under the supervision of a knowledgeable official appointed by the tournament manager for the purpose and who will ensure that these gloving and bandages rules have been carefully observed.

7.2 **The Gloving Supervisor** will delegate security duties to ensure that these rules are observed until the boxers enter the ring.

RULE 8 BANDAGES IN BAI COMPETITION

8.1 All boxers will use bandages in accordance with the following:

- Specifications: A "Velveau" bandaging not longer than 2.5 meters (8ft. 2.25 ins.) and 5.7 cm (2 ¼ inches) wide on each hand can be used. No other kind of bandage may be used.
- The use of any kind of tapes, rubber or adhesive plaster, as bandages, is strictly forbidden, but a single strap of adhesive 7.6cm (3 ins.) long and 2.5cm (1 in.) wide, but in no case to exceed 5 cm (2ins.) wide, may be used at the upper wrists to secure the bandages.

RULE 9 MEDICAL EXAMINATION

9.1 At all BAI competition a qualified Doctor of Medicine licensed to practise must:

- medically examine and pass fit to box each boxer who is to compete in that competition,
- enter his or her decision in each boxer's International Competition Record Book that the boxer is or is not fit to box,
- be present at the ring for all bouts, and

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- medically examine every boxer after a bout that he or she deems should be so examined.
- In the event of a KOK or RSCH write in the boxer's International Competition Record Book below the decision 'Boxer is not to box or spar for 28 days'.

RULE 10 WEIGH IN

10.1 The following will be the regulations regarding the weigh-in:

- A boxer will be ready to weigh-in on the first morning of the competition between the hours of 8am and 10am unless otherwise determined by the tournament manager.
- The weigh-in time on the following days when a competitor is required to box will be between the hours of 8am and 9am unless otherwise determined by the tournament manager.
- In non-championship tournament bouts the weigh-in will be held more than three hours before the bout.
- The weigh-in will be carried out by officials appointed by the tournament manager. Coaches and/or Team Managers may be in attendance but in no way will interfere.
- The weight registered at the official weigh-in on the first day decides the weight class for each boxer for the tournament.
- The weight of the boxer is the one shown by the scale. The weight shown will be in the metric scale. Electronic scales may be used. A boxer may only box in the weight for which he or she has qualified at the official weigh-in.
- In Australian Boxing Championships and/or national team Selection bouts and State/Territory Championships two identical scales will be made available, one being the official scale and one being the check scale. Both will have been calibrated within the preceding seven days.
- A boxer will be allowed to present him or her self at the official scales only once at the weigh-in each day he or she is to box. Trial scales must be available at the weighing area.
- An appointed weigh-in official will enter in each boxer's International Competition Record Book that the boxer has or has not duly weighed-in.
- No boxer will compete in more than one bout per day.

RULE 11 THE COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES

11.1 The following applies to the appointment of coaches and assistant coaches in BAI competition:

- **Coaches and Assistant Coaches:** No person will be allowed to officiate in the corner of any boxer as a coach or assistant coach (second, or corner man),

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unless he or she holds the Level One Coaches Accreditation or higher, and wears his or her badge for identification.

- **Coaches Age Limitation:** The minimum age for any person to be an Accredited Coach under the BAI Level One Coaches Accreditation Examination is 18 years of age.
- **Interstate Coaches:** A coach or assistant coach will not be allowed to corner a boxer in another Member Association unless he or she is the holder of at least a Level One Coaches Accreditation and wears his or her badge for identification.
- **Member Association Accreditation:** BAI and Member Associations will only recognise coaches accredited through the Member Association for the State/Territory in which they live.

11.2 Each boxer in a BAI competition bout is entitled to one coach and one assistant coach who will be governed by the following rules:

- Only the coach and assistant coach can mount the apron of the ring and only one may enter the ring.
- No advice, assistance or encouragement will be given to a boxer by his or her coach or assistant coach during the progress of the rounds.
- A coach may give in for a boxer, and may, when he or she considers his or her boxer to be in difficulty do so by throwing a towel into the ring, except when the referee is in course of counting.
- During the boxing, neither the coach nor assistant coach will remain on the platform of the ring. The coach or assistant coach will, before a round begins, remove from the platform of the ring any seat, towel, bucket etc. for which they are responsible.
- 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 will not be permitted to continue to act as a coach or assistant coach or official at the tournament where the offence is committed.
- If a coach or assistant coach infringes the rules he or she may be warned or disqualified. Additionally, a boxer may be cautioned, warned or disqualified by the referee for offences committed by his or her coach and/or assistant coach.
- Both the coach and assistant coach will wear latex 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 will dispose of the latex gloves and any used pads or tissues in the plastic bag provided in the corner of the ring.

11.3 **Coaches and Assistant Coaches Dress Standard:** no person will be allowed to officiate in the corner of any boxer as a coach or assistant coach unless he or 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.

RULE 12 THE REFEREES AND JUDGES

- 12.1 Only persons who are accredited as a Referee and/or Judge are to officiate in such positions in BAI competition and:
- must be an amateur as per BAI's Constitution and the AIBA Rule XI for International Competition or Tournaments (Qualifying for admission to and maintenance of the International List of Referees and/or Judges).
 - hold one or more of the following levels of Referee and/or Judge accreditation :
 - State/Territory
 - Australian
 - Oceania
 - AIBA (International Amateur Boxing Association)
 - Referees will wear latex 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 latex gloves and any used pads or tissues in either of the plastic bags provided in the ring's neutral corners.

RULE 13 THE TIMEKEEPER

- 13.1 The following duties are assigned to the official Time Keeper:
- The main duty of the Timekeeper is to regulate the number and duration of the rounds and the intervals between rounds.
 - He or she will be seated directly at the ringside.
 - Five seconds before the commencement of each round he or she will clear the ring by ordering "clear the ring" or "seconds out".
 - He or she will commence and end each round by striking the gong or bell.
 - He or she will announce the number of each round immediately prior to commencing it.
 - He or she in correctly calculating the duration of a round will take off time for temporary stoppages, or when instructed to do so by the Referee.
 - He or she will regulate all periods of time and counts by a watch or clock.
 - At a "knock-down" he or she will signal to the referee with his or her hand the passing of the seconds while the Referee is counting.
 - If at the end of a round a boxer is "**down**" and the Referee is in the course of counting, the bell/gong indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. The bell/gong will be sounded only when the Referee gives the command "Box" indicating the continuation of the match.
 - The intervals between rounds will be of a full minute's duration.

RULE 14 SCORING OF BOUTS

14.1 In all competition electronic computer scoring should be used, as a minimum the handheld computer calculators may be used. However, electronic computer scoring must be used for Australian Boxing Championships and/or national team Selection bouts and State/Territory Championship bouts. The 20-point manual scoring system is obsolete and any results obtained through its use will not be recognised.

14.2 Unless specific permission is given by BAI to not comply with this rule five accredited Judges must officiate in all Australian Boxing Championships and/or national Selection bouts and State/Territory Championship bouts. Whenever possible five accredited Judges should officiate in all bouts, however, as a minimum three accredited judges must be used in non-championship and non-national team selection bouts. A Member Association can request from BAI specific exemption from the requirement for five accredited Judges at a State/Territory championship bout and BAI may grant such exemption.

RULE 15 COMPULSORY COUNT LIMITS

15.1 This rule prescribes compulsory count limits for all BAI competition contests.

- For males aged 17-33 inclusive, a contest shall be terminated as Referee Stopped Contest if there are three counts in any one round or four counts in the bout.
- For all other divisions, a contest will be terminated as Referee Stopped Contest if there are two counts in any one round or three counts in the bout.
- A count caused by a foul will not be included in this count limit.
- The referee will determine whether the decision is RSC H (head injury) or RSC O (outclassed).

RULE 16 COMPUTER-SCORED RSC OUTSCORED DECISION

16.1 This rule prescribes computer-scored RSC-OS thresholds for all contests. The following is to be observed:

- For males aged 17-33 inclusive, a contest shall be terminated as Referee Stopped Contest (Outscored) if prior to the final round the computer scoring system records a points difference of 20 points.
- For all other divisions, a contest shall be terminated as Referee Stopped Contest (Outscored) if prior to the final round the computer scoring system records a points difference of 15 points.

RULE 17 SHAKING OF HANDS

17.1 The following rule applies to boxers shaking hands in BAI competition:

- **Purpose for shaking hands:** Boxers are to shake hands in the proper boxing manner, by touching gloves, as a sign of a purely sporting and friendly rivalry in accordance with the boxing rules.
- **Authorised times for shaking hands:** The shaking of hands is to take place **before beginning the first round** (not when the boxers come out to box after the 'bell' signalling the commencement of the first or any subsequent round), and **after the announcement of the contest result**. Any further shaking of hands by boxers is prohibited.

RULE 18 ADMINISTRATIONS OF DRUGS

18.1 All participants in BAI activity including competition must comply with BAI's Anti-Doping Policy (ADP) and be subject to it:

- any boxer or official or other participant in BAI activities not complying with BAI's ADP will be liable to disqualification or suspension by BAI.
- any boxer who refuses to undergo any medical or doping test to ascertain if he or she has committed any breach of BAI's ADP will be liable to disqualification or suspension.
- any official or other participant in BAI activities who encourages a boxer to refuse to undergo any medical or doping test to ascertain if the boxer has committed any breach of BAI's ADP will be liable to disqualification or suspension.

RULE 19 JURY

19.1.1 There will be a Jury appointed by the Board of Directors of BAI or the Committee of Management of each Member Association for each bout and/or tournament for which it has responsibility.

Each BAI conducted bout will have a Jury of at least three persons which will include a BAI Director and a member of the BAI Referee and Judges Committee

Each Member Association conducted bout will have a Jury of at least one person who will hold accreditation as a Referee and Judge of at least Australian level.

The Jury will oversee the scoring and decisions of Referees and/or Judges of boxing bouts and has the power to hear Protests and to overturn boxing contest decisions.

RULE 20 PROTESTS

- 20.1 Boxers have the right to Protest to the Jury appointed for the bout regarding the conducting and scoring of a bout in which they have competed.
- 20.2 The Protest must be made within 30 minutes of the finish of the Session in which the bout occurred
- 20.3 The Jury may uphold or dismiss the Protest or otherwise deal with it and take action as it sees fit.

RULE 21 THE RING

21.1 In all BAI competition the ring will conform to the following requirements.

- **Size:** 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. The ring will not be less than 91cm (3 feet) or more than 1.22m (4 feet) above the ground or base.

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- **Platform and Corner Pads:** The platform will be safely constructed, level and free from any obstructing projections and will extend for at least 46cm (18 inches) outside the line of the ropes. It will be fitted with 4 corner posts which will be well padded or otherwise so constructed as to prevent injury to the boxers.
- Whenever possible, the ring's corner pads are to be arranged in the following way in relation to the President 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:** The floor will be covered with felt, rubber or other suitable approved material having the same quality of elasticity, 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 canvas, will cover the entire platform.
- **Ropes:** There will be three or four 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 will be covered with a soft or smooth material. The ropes will 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 and which must not be able to slide along the ropes.
- **In the case of 3 ropes :** the ropes will 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.
- **In the case of 4 ropes:** the ropes will be 40.6 cm (16ins), 71.1cm (28ins.), 101.6 cm (40ins.) and 132.1cm (52 ins.) high respectively from the platform.
- **Steps:** The ring will be provided with three sets of steps: there will be a set of steps at each of the opposite corners for the use of each of the contestants and their coaches and one set of steps in a neutral corner for use by the Referees and Doctors.
- **Plastic Bags:** In the two neutral corners on the outside of the ring corner posts a plastic bag will be fixed in which the referee will drop the latex gloves and cotton or tissue pads used by him or her to nurse bleedings and to wipe and remove blood on a boxer or boxing glove. Similarly, in both the red and blue corners on the outside of the ring corner posts a plastic bag will be fixed in which the coach and assistant coach will drop the latex gloves and cotton or tissue pads used by them to nurse bleedings and to wipe and remove blood on a boxer or boxing glove.
- **Water Containers:** The only water containers allowed in a corner for the use of a boxer where water is not piped directly to the ringside are capped utensils containing water for drinking or mouth wash only or sprays. No other type of water container is permitted at ringside for use by the boxers or coaches.

RULE 22 RING EQUIPMENT

22.1 The following ring equipment should be available for all bouts and must be available at all Australian Boxing Championships and/or national team Selection bouts and State/Territory Championship bouts:

- Two seats for boxers use during the round intervals.
- Tables and chairs for officials and Referees and Judges.
- Gong (with striker) or bell.
- One (preferably two) stop watches.
- One first-aid kit.
- One microphone connected to a public address system.
- Two (2) pairs of BAI approved Velcro type 10oz boxing gloves as described in Rule 7.
- One stretcher.
- Two BAI approved head guards (one in red and one in blue)
- One complete set of the Electronic Scoring System as approved by AIBA.
- Sufficient hand held computer scoring machines to enable their individual use by each of the Jury members.
- Sufficient hand held computer scoring calculators to enable their individual use by each of the Judges in the case of a breakdown of the Electronic Scoring System.
- Sufficient latex gloves and cotton or tissue pads for the use of referees and coaches and assistant coaches.
- The plastic bags attached on the outside of each corner post referred to in Rule 21.

RULE 23 TEAM SELECTION TOURNAMENTS

23.1 Where the Board of BAI resolves that a tournament will 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:

- (i) The boxer must be an Australian citizen.
- (ii) Any boxer selected by a Member Association to represent his/her State/Territory in such a tournament will have won a box-off conducted by his/her Member Association in their weight division or have been the only entrant for a box-off in his/her weight division in their Member Association unless the Member Association concerned has reasonable grounds for not so selecting him or her.
- (iii) where the Board of BAI so resolves it can enter a boxer or boxers to compete in such selection tournaments.
- (iv) (a) where only one boxer enters the draw for a weight division, or
(b) 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 disregard the result of the remaining boxer in that weight division being determined the winner of that weight division and resolve upon a different method of selecting or not selecting a boxer for that weight division to represent BAI and/or Australia

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- (v) 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 disregard the result of a remaining boxer in that weight division being determined the winner of that weight division and resolve upon a different method of selecting or not selecting a boxer for that weight division to represent BAI and/or Australia

- (vi) where a boxer wins the weight division they have entered and by doing so 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.

RULE 24 STATE / TERRITORY CHAMPIONSHIP / SELECTION BOUTS

- 24.1 A boxer cannot compete in a Member Association tournament or bout if it is part of the selection process of that 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 or she is registered as a boxer with that Member Association.

RULE 25 NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 25.1 Any competition purporting to be a 'national' competition will be conducted under the 'Rules for Australian Boxing Championships' and be under the direction and supervision of the BAI Board.

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- 26.1 Any competition purporting to be an 'international' competition will be conducted under the 'Rules for Australian Boxing Championships' and be under the direction and supervision of the BAI Board.

RULES FOR AUSTRALIAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The Australian Boxing Championships will be conducted annually under the direction and supervision of the Board of Boxing Australia Incorporated (BAI) in accordance with these Rules, but where these Rules are silent in relation to any matter or BAI has not given a direction pursuant to these Rules, then the Australian Boxing Championships will be conducted under the Rules of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA). The Australian Boxing Championships will be hosted by a BAI Member Association.

1.2 The Australian Championships will be held for Senior Men and Women and Under 19 and Under 17 boxers.

1.3 A sanction fee of three hundred (\$300) dollars will be paid to BAI by the Member Association hosting an Australian Boxing Championships. This sanction fee is to be paid by the host Member Association to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BAI four weeks prior to the commencement of the championships.

2 SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

2.1 The Australian Boxing Championships are to be conducted each year at a date and at a venue approved by BAI.

2.2 BAI reserves 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 tournament or other important international tournaments specially recognised by BAI.

2.3 The Member Association hosting an Australian Boxing Championships will conduct the Championships at a venue in the capital city of its State/Territory. If the host Member Association conducts an Australian Boxing Championships outside the capital city of its State/Territory it will 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.

2.4 No boxer at an Australian Boxing Championships will compete in more than one bout per day.

2.5 The Member Association hosting an Australian Boxing Championships must notify in writing the CEO of BAI at least six (6) months before the championships of the date and the venue in which it proposes to hold the Championships.

2.6 The hosting Member Association must also advise the CEO of BAI and the Hon. Secretary of each Member Association the price of accommodation and meals at a minimum of 3 hotels or motels, or equivalent accommodation, for the championships.

3 THE HOLDING OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1 The Australian Boxing Championships for Men Seniors will be held, unless otherwise determined by BAI, as follows:

Queensland, and then in rotation: New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory.

3.2 Other Australian Boxing Championships will be held as determined by BAI.

3.3 Australian Boxing Championships are important in selecting Australian Teams and, therefore, every boxer competing in them must be an Australian Citizen prior to the commencement of the championships.

3.4 A penalty of fifty dollars (\$50), payable to the Member Association hosting the championships, will be imposed on any Member Association not represented by at least two (2) Senior Men competitors in an Australian Boxing Championships.

3.5 At all 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 imposed with a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200), to be paid to BAI.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS CATEGORIES

4.1 The categories of Australian Boxing Championships competition will be:

- Senior Men
- Senior Women
- Under-19 males ("Junior males")
- Under-19 females ("Junior females")
- Under-17 males ("Cadet males")
- Under-17 females ("Cadet females")

4.2 A boxer's age is determined on the first day of the official weigh-in at the Championships. This age will be effective throughout the tournament if a boxer has a birthday during the competition. A boxer must be within the specified age limits for his or her division on the first day of the weigh-in at the Championship but is subject to the following provisions:

- A boxer who is aged 17-18 years may elect to compete as a Senior.
- A boxer who is aged under 17 years and is the only entrant in his or her age division may be permitted to compete in the Under-19 division provided his or her age is within three months of the lower limit for that higher division.
- 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 Senior Men Championships if it is an event leading to selection for that tournament.
- Any application to invoke a provision of this sub-clause must be notified to the CEO of BAI in writing by the boxer's Member Association at least two weeks prior to the weigh-in on the first day of the Championships.

4.3 The upper limit for boxers to compete in an Australian Boxing Championships is 33 years, that is, a boxer who has reached the age of 34 years or more is ineligible.

5. SUBMISSION of ENTRIES

5.1 All boxer entries to an Australian Boxing Championships must be lodged with the Secretary of the host Member Association and with the CEO of BAI in the real name of the competitor. Team entries of boxers must be forwarded to both the Secretary of the host Member Association and the CEO of BAI at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the Championships.

5.2 Failure by a Member Association to notify as stipulated the host Member Association promoting the Championships and the CEO of BAI of team boxer entries will result in a fine of one hundred \$100 per boxer late entry being imposed on the Member Association and such fine will be paid to the host Member Association. However, late entries may or may not be accepted at the discretion of the Board of BAI.

5.3 The Board of BAI will have the power to refuse to receive any entry to an Australian Boxing Championships.

6. REFEREES AND JUDGES

6.1 Only persons who are accredited as a Referee and/or Judge are to officiate in such a position at an Australian Boxing Championships.

6.2 All Referees and/or Judges at an Australian Boxing Championships must have an accreditation level of:

- (a) Australian, or
- (b) Oceania, or
- (c) AIBA (International Amateur Boxing Association)

6.3 Every bout at an Australian Boxing Championships will be conducted by a Referee and will be scored by five Judges.

6.4 Every bout at an Australian Boxing Championships will, if possible, be scored by Judges from Member Associations different from the boxers competing in the bout.

7. COMPETITION COLOURS

7.1 All boxers must be in possession of a Red and Blue competition singlet on which the emblem of a Member Association may be worn. Shorts can depict the following Member Association colours:

- New South Wales Light/Dark Blue
- Queensland Maroon
- Tasmania Green with Badge
- Victoria Dark Blue
- South Australia Red with blue and gold
- Western Australia Black / gold with badge
- Northern Territory Black, white and ochre
- Australian Capital Territory Blue and gold

8. MEMBER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

8.1 Member Associations will be entitled to be represented in any weight class as fairly and equitably determined by BAI.

9. MEDAL CEREMONY

9.1 A Gold Medal will be awarded to the winning boxer of an Australian Boxing Championship and a Silver Medal to the runner up in each contested weight category.

9.2 No medal will be awarded to a boxer unless he or she has actually competed against an opponent in his or her own weight category. However, if an Australian Champion from the previous year is present to defend his or her title in his or her previous year's weight category and he or she has no opponent in the present Championships, he or she will be declared the winner.

9.3 All Medals will be suitably inscribed with a weight category. All medallions will be struck off the standard die of BAI, and will be presented with a suitable ribbon. The host Member Association of an Australian Boxing Championships will be responsible for payment of the cost of all medallions or trophies for the championships.

RULE 10 OFFICIALS

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

- **Competition Director:** The Board of Directors of BAI will appoint a Competition Director to ensure that the competition venue and competition planning is appropriate for an Australian Boxing Championships.
- The Competition Director will ensure that the championships are conducted according to the rules of BAI.
- The duties of the Competition Director include: the validation of entries, overseeing the conduct of the draw, the conducting of technical meetings, the appointment of two time keepers, the appointment of a score technician, the appointment of a weighing steward, liaising with the Referees and Judges Standing Committee, and the overseeing of the conducting of the championships.
- **Jury:** The Board of Directors will appoint a Jury of at least three (3) persons which will include a BAI Director and a Member of the BAI Referee and Judges Committee.

The Jury will oversee the scoring and decisions of Referees and Judges of boxing bouts and has the power to suspend or disqualify Referees and Judges from Australian Boxing Championships, to hear Protests regarding the conducting and scoring of a bout, and to overturn boxing contest decisions.

- **Referees and Judges:** The BAI Referees and Judges Committee is responsible for recommending to the BAI Board of Directors, through the Competition Director, the names of Referees and Judges to officiate at an Australian Boxing Championships. Referees and/or Judges wishing to officiate at an Australian Boxing Championships will nominate to the BAI Referees and Judges Committee through BAI.

10.2 The host Member Association organising and promoting an Australian Boxing Championships is responsible for the appointment of other officials necessary to conduct the championships. These officials are directly responsible to the BAI Board of Directors through the Competition Director. The officials appointed

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by the host Member Association are to undertake responsibilities that will include:

- Competition Co-ordination
- Field of Play Marshalling
- Results System Management
- Equipment Supervision
- Presentation Management
- Sport information
- Team Liaison
- Medical Supervision
- Technical Officials Services Supervision, and
- Presentation Management.

Officials to be appointed by the host Member Association are to include:

- Competition Manager
- Whips
- Dressing Room Stewards
- Dress Stewards
- Gloving Stewards
- An Announcer
- Two Ring Attendants
- Medical Doctor

10.3 If deemed necessary, the host Member Association will be responsible for the provision of assistants for the above Officials.

RULE 11 DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

11.1 Specific duties and responsibilities of officials will include the following to ensure that the conduct of an Australian Boxing Championships are consistent with the rules of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA).

- **Competition Manager:** The Competition Manager will be responsible for the presentation of the Championships and is responsible to the Board of Directors of BAI through the Competition Director.
- **Time Keepers:** The two time keepers appointed will be seated at the side of the ring and will officiate in accordance with the rules.
- **Dressing Room Stewards:** There will 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 at the proper time,.
- **Whips:** There will be two or more Whips to escort competitors to the ring at the proper time.
- **Dress Stewards:** The Dress Stewards will see that the competitors are dressed in accordance with the rules.
- **Announcer:** The announcer will prior to the commencement of each bout announce the names of the competitors, their corner and the State/Territory they represent, and receive from the Chairman of the Jury and announce between rounds the official score to the public (if video screens for the public are not available) and, also, at the conclusion of each bout the official result of each contest.

- **Weigh-In Steward:** The Weigh-In Steward will be appointed to weigh the contestants in accordance with the Rules and, as each contestant weighs in, ensure the boxer sign his or her name under the weight division in which he or she is entered and make an appropriate entry in the boxer's International Competition Record Book. The decision of the Weigh-In Steward as to the weight of each entrant will be final and without appeal. Scales must be certified by a Government tester where possible.
- **Computer Scoring Operator:** The Computer Scoring Operator will maintain and operate the Electronic Scoring System for the recording of the judges' scoring and decision in each contest.
- **Gloving Stewards:** Official Gloving Stewards will be appointed to inspect bandages and to supervise gloving of the contestants.
- **Ring Attendants:** Two ring attendants will be appointed to attend to the corners. Their duties will include the good maintenance of the ring including ensuring the removal of the buckets and other material from the ring at the commencement of each round and the cleanliness of the ring covering.
- **Medical Doctor:** One or more Medical Doctors will be in attendance during the championships and will be prepared to deal with any medical emergency that may arise. The Medical Doctor on duty will thoroughly examine each boxer before his or her contest, and afterwards if the Doctor considers it necessary, and make the appropriate entry/entries in the boxer's International Competition Record Book. A Medical Doctor will be seated at ringside at all times of a bout.

RULE 12 *DRAWS AND BYES*

12.1 The following applies to the conduct of the official draw for an Australian Boxing Championships and the need for byes when required:

- The draw will be conducted according to the Australian Boxing Championships Draw Policy adopted by BAI (Attachment 1).
- The draw will 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.
- **Corners:** Competitors will occupy corners of the ring as determined by the competition draw. The first boxer drawn always takes the Red Corner.
- In weight divisions where there are more than two competitors a sufficient number of byes will be drawn in the first series to reduce the number of competitors in the second series to 2, 4, 8, 16 or 32.
- Competitors drawing a bye in the first series will be the first to box in the second series.
- 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.

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- Where the number of byes is even, the boxers drawing byes will box the first bouts in the second series in the order in which they are drawn.

RULE 13. WEIGH-IN

- 13.1 The Weigh-In will be conducted according to the Australian Boxing Championships Weigh-In Policy adopted by BAI (Attachment 2).

RULE 14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 A Team Manager of a Member Association Team may Protest to the Jury regarding a decision in or the conducting of a bout.
- 14.2 The Protest must be made within 30 minutes of the finish of the Session in which the bout giving rise to the Protest occurred and must be accompanied by a fee of \$110 (GST included) payable to BAI and refundable at the discretion of the Jury.
- 14.3 The Jury may uphold or dismiss the Protest or otherwise deal with it and take action as it sees fit.

RULE 15. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- 15.1 (i) A Perpetual Challenge Cup known as "The Sir Edgar Tanner Trophy", first presented by the Late Sir Edgar Tanner CBE, ED, in 1947, will be awarded to the Member Association whose representatives win the greatest number of Senior Men Championship titles at an Australian Boxing Championships.

(ii) Should the number of Championship title wins by two or more Member Associations be equal the Member Association with the greatest number of runners-up will be the winner of the Sir Edgar Tanner Trophy
- 15.2 A perpetual trophy known as "The Arthur Tunstall Trophy", first presented by Mr. Arthur Tunstall OBE, JP in 1963, will be awarded, with replica, at each Australian Boxing Championships to the best Senior Men's boxer of the Championships, the boxer so named to be chosen by the Jury at the Championships.
- 15.3 A perpetual trophy known as the "The Jamie Nicolson Trophy", first presented by Mr. Allan Nicolson Snr. and Mrs. Pat Nicolson in 1994, will 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 senior men since the last such championships.

ATTACHMENT 1

BAI DRAW POLICY for AUSTRALIAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS and NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION BOUTS

The draw shall be conducted in accordance with AIBA Rule V11. The draw shall provide the order of bouts and ensure that the number of boxers entered are reduced to 2, 4 or 8 boxers in the second session.

Authority

The BAI Referee and Judges Committee will direct the draw. A Director of the BAI Board will be present at all times to oversee the process.

Members present

The members present shall be the BAI Referee and Judges Committee, Directors of the BAI Board, computer scoring operator(s) and all Member Association Team Managers. No other members are required for the draw; however, if a person wishes to attend they are permitted to do so but are to remain at the rear of proceedings, be quiet, and in no way interrupt the proceedings.

All mobile phones must be turned off.

Time of draw

The draw shall be conducted on the first day of competition and following the weigh-in/medical. The draw shall commence at 11am.

Sequence of draw

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

- Under 17 females.
- Under 17 males.
- Under 19 females.
- Under 19 males.
- Senior females.
- Senior males.

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

Balls or marbles representing each Member Association for that division shall be used and placed into a bucket or similar to be drawn. The managers from each Member Association will draw the balls or marbles individually and from a position where the drawer's view of the entries is obstructed. Bouts will be drawn first and then the number of byes.

Computer scoring operator. As each ball or marble is drawn the computer scoring operator will assign a number for that boxer and enter that against the boxer in the computer. This will allow for 'pairing corrections' to be achieved and will ensure a successful matching of competitors.

At the conclusion of each age division the computer scoring 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.

The computer scoring operator shall now organise the 'event plan' and print the bouts for the first session.

ATTACHMENT 2

BAI WEIGH-IN POLICY for AUSTRALIAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS and NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION BOUTS

Authority

The BAI Referee and Judges Committee will direct the weigh-in, appoint checkpoint members, ensure the flow of boxers, and maintain entry and exit of key state members.

Scales

The host Member Association will ensure that there is available a minimum of one trial scale and one primary scale; both scales are to be identical.

Calibration of scales. The host Member Association will ensure that both trial and primary scales have been calibrated within the preceding seven (7) days.

Trial scales. A minimum of one trial scale will be made available and be placed in the venue of the official weigh-in, and in close proximity of the official weigh-in. The scale will not be manned, but simply used to check the weight of each boxer prior to proceeding onto the official scale.

Weigh-in times

Weigh-in times shall be the following unless BAI advises otherwise:

- **First day of competition** – 8am to 10am
- **Remaining days of competition** – 8am to 9am

Order of entry

The host Member Association will enter first followed by the remaining Member Associations in alphabetical order. Where a boxer fails at a checkpoint, or does not form up with the team, that boxer shall enter the medical/weigh-in area at the rear of the last Member Association team.. The alphabetical order of Member Associations is:

- ACT
- NSW
- NT
- QLD
- SA
- TAS
- VIC
- WA

Checkpoints

During the weigh-in there will be a number of checkpoints to check certain aspects of a boxer and to ensure an orderly flow of competitors.

First day of competition. On the first day of competition the following checkpoints will be manned:

- **Weigh-in area entry.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Regulate the flow of boxers into the weigh-in area.
 - Allow one other member from the Member Association (team manager/coach) to enter.
 - Ensure the boxer is clean-shaven on the day of the weigh-in.
 - Ensure each boxer has their medical record book and one other form of identification.

- **Medical record book verification.** This checkpoint will be manned by two members and their role is to:
 - Verify the boxer and ensure the boxer has a current registration.
 - Check the boxer's name against the entry sheet to ensure it is spelt correctly and record the entry on the BAI entry sheet.
 - Check photo is current.
 - Check that age of the boxer is correct for age category.
 - Ensure the boxer has had a medical within the last 12 months and that the doctor's examination pages are complete.
 - Ensure the boxer has signed below the photo and on page...
 - Ensure the boxer has not been KO'd or RSH'd within the last 28 days.
 - Enter the date and competition into the record book.
 - Inform the computer operator of any misspelt names.

- **Doctors.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Coordinate the flow of boxers to the doctors.
 - Ensure the doctors sign in the correct area of the medical record book.
 - Assist where necessary.

- **Official scales.** This checkpoint will be manned by two members and their role is to:
 - Record the boxer's entry onto the BAI entry sheet.
 - Verify the boxer's weight.
 - Enter the boxer's weight division into the medical record book and sign the entry.

- **Weigh-in area exit.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Ensure boxers correctly vacate the weigh-in area when their processing is completed.
 - Ensure the manager/coach vacate (s) the weigh-in area once processing of their Member Association is completed.

Remaining days of competition. On the remaining days of competition the following checkpoints will be manned:

- **Weigh-in area entry.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Regulate the flow of boxers into the weigh-in area.
 - Allow one other member from the Member Association (team manager/coach) to enter.
 - Ensure the boxer is clean-shaven on the day of the weigh-in.

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- **Medical record book verification.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Prepare the medical record books in such a way for ease of identification.
 - Coordinate the issue of the medical record books.
 - Enter the date and competition into the record book.

- **Doctors.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Coordinate the flow of boxers to the doctors.
 - Ensure the doctors sign in the correct area of the medical record book.
 - Assist where necessary.

- **Official scales.** This checkpoint will be manned by two members and their role is to:
 - Record the boxer's entry onto the BAI entry sheet.
 - Verify the boxer's weight.
 - Enter the boxer's weight division into the medical record book and sign the entry.

- **Weigh-in area exit.** This checkpoint will be manned by one member and their role is to:
 - Ensure boxers correctly vacate the weigh-in area when their processing is completed.
 - Ensure the manager/coach vacate (s) the weigh-in area once processing of their Member Association is completed.

Entry/exit flow path

The weigh-in area will be prepared in such a manner that a coordinated passage of boxers occurs, thereby eliminating possible bottlenecks.

Members present in weigh-in area

The members present during the weigh-in will comprise of those members rostered to work checkpoints, a representative of BAI, the doctor (s), a computer operator and the team manager or coach of the Member Association.

Computer operator

A computer operator is to be available during the weigh-in and is to enter boxers' names into the computer (if not already done); and amend weights and spelling if required. The computer operator shall be in possession of a working printer.