

**BOXING AUSTRALIA INC. (BAI)
AUSTRALIAN BOXER
QUALIFICATION 'PATHWAY'
TO THE 2008 BEIJING OLYMPIC GAMES**

Male boxers registered with a Boxing Australia Inc. (BAI) Member Association, who will be no older than 33 years of age at the commencement of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Boxing Tournament (anticipated to commence on 9 August, 2008) are eligible to seek nomination by BAI to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection to the Australian 2008 Olympic Games Boxing Team if they are an Australian citizen. The AOC selects the Team. Any boxer who is under 17 years of age should make them self aware of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) age limitation on their participating in international amateur boxing competition and its effect on their particular eligibility to participate in the international qualification tournaments and, therefore, their eligibility to be selected by BAI to compete in any of those tournaments.

The qualification 'pathway' for an Australian boxer to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games is:

- ◆ If a boxer competing in the weight divisions 48 kg. to 81 kg. finishes in the first eight boxers in his weight division at the 2007 World Championships (anticipated to be held 15-30 September, 2007, in Russia), he will qualify to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games if he is selected for the Australian Olympic Team by the AOC
- ◆ If a boxer competing in the weight divisions 91 kg. 91 kg.+ finishes in the first four boxers in his weight division at the 2007 World Championships (anticipated to be held 15-30 September, 2007, in Russia), he will qualify to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games if he is selected for the Australian Olympic Team by the AOC
- ◆ If no boxer or boxers from AIBA's (the International Amateur Boxing Association's) Oceania Continent (which includes Australia) qualifies in a weight division at the 2007 World Championships to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games, then the winner of that weight division at the Oceania Continent's Olympic Qualifying Tournament anticipated to be held in April, 2008, will qualify to compete at the 2008 Olympic Games if he is an Australian and he is selected for the Australian Olympic Team by the AOC. However, please note that if a boxer or boxers from Oceania at the 2007 World Championships qualify to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games then the Oceania Continent's quota for a boxer in their division(s) to compete at the Olympic Games will have been filled, and that no further boxers from Oceania will be eligible to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in that weight division(s), and there will be no contest in that division(s) at the Oceania Continent's Olympic Qualifying Tournament to be held in 2008.

The AOC has made it clear that it will select the Australian Team to represent Australia at the 2008 Olympics and that the role of National Sporting Associations, such as BAI, is to nominate to it the proposed members of the Team.

Additionally, the Australian Olympic Committee has made it clear that it will accept no 'retrospective' qualification criteria for nomination by national sports associations of Team members.

Therefore, BAI's 2008 Olympic Games Team Nomination Process will commence with a Selection Tournament to be held at the AIS in Canberra 23-25 March, 2007.

Each BAI Member Association will be entitled to enter one boxer in the men's weight divisions 48 kg. to 91 kg.+.

The winners of the weight divisions 48 kg. through to 91 kg.+ , if they comply with BAI's 2008 Olympic Games Team Nomination Criteria will represent Australia at the 2007 Oceania Championships anticipated to be held 23-27 April, 2007, in Samoa and at the 2007 World Championships anticipated to be held 15-30 September, 2007, in Russia.

If an Australian boxer qualifies to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games as a result of their performance at the 2007 World Championships and they comply and continue to comply with BAI's 2008 Olympic Games Team Nomination Criteria, BAI will nominate them to the AOC to be a member of the Australian Team.

- ◆ In November or December, 2007, the Australian Championships will be held in Queensland. The winner of a men's weight division at those championships, if no boxer from the Oceania Continent has already filled the Oceania Continent's AIBA quota for that weight division at the 2008 Olympic Games, if he complies with BAI's 2008 Olympic Games Team Nomination Criteria, will be sent to compete by BAI to Oceania's Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament anticipated to be held in April, 2008, and if he wins his weight division at that tournament and continues to comply with BAI's 2008 Olympic Games Team Nomination Criteria, will be nominated by BAI to the AOC to be a member of Australia's Team to the 2008 Olympic Games.

Additionally, BAI may hold a Selection Tournament in February/March, 2008, to select an Australian 'B' Team to compete, at its members own expense, in Oceania's 2008 Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament, which is anticipated will be held in Fiji.

A copy of BAI's 2008 Olympic Games Team Nomination Criteria (when advice is received that it is approved by the AOC) will be posted on BAI's website.