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Preamble

World Boxing acknowledges the significant danger to boxing integrity from the manipulation of bout results, competitions and championships. World Boxing is committed to safeguard the integrity of the sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions as stated in the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Olympic Agenda 2020.

World Boxing will co-operate with the IOC and the public authorities, in particular law enforcement, betting regulators and sports betting entities to prevent manipulation in Boxing and to tackle any problems that arise in the sport.

All stakeholders, members, any person associated or works with World Boxing must abide by the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and subsequently the IOC Code.

Definitions

- A **Benefit** means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money, material resources or positional gain or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager (This does not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other sports contracts).
- **Inside Information** means information relating to any bout or competition that a person possesses by virtue of his/her position in relation to a bout, competition or boxing generally that either cannot be known at that specific moment in time or is information not publicly accessible.
- A **Participant** refers to a boxer, training partner, coach, trainer, therapist, physician, management representative, agent, family member, event guest,

business associate or other affiliate or associate of any boxer, or any other person who receives accreditation at an event or Championship.

- An **Official** includes the elected officials, candidates for elections, executives, commission members, national federation members, continental confederation members, organisers, technical officials, judges and referees, paid staff and volunteers and staff (paid or unpaid).
- **Sports Betting, Bet or Betting** means any wager of a stake of monetary or material value in the expectation of a prize either of monetary or material value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.

In the event of conflict between this Code and any other World Boxing rules and regulations the provisions of this Code shall prevail.

This Code is in accordance with the IOC Code of Prevention and Manipulation of competitions. Where this code is silent, the IOC code will prevail.

Application and Scope

Every Participant and Official is bound by this Code and will be deemed to have read and understood it.

Participants and Officials should also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations including other rules of World Boxing.

Offences

It shall be a breach of this Code to engage in:

- Gaining or using inside information by Participants and Officials, and/or
- Betting by Participants and Officials in a bout, competition or championship in which they are directly participating or attending;
- Betting by Participants and Officials at any event of a multisport competition in which he/she is a participant or attendee, such as, the Olympic Games, Continental Games.
- For Participants and Officials betting in relation to any bout, competition or Championship related to Olympic-style boxing worldwide.

Manipulation of Boxing Competitions

Manipulation occurs when:

- An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a boxing bout in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others. This includes boxers not using their best efforts to win a bout, or fail to complete a bout without good reason.
- Corrupt conduct – A person providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition, or any other form of corruption, including making threats.
- Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of boxing competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant/Official or via another person and/or entity.
- Disclosing Inside Information to another person and/or entity, with or without a Benefit, where the Participant or Official knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, or any other form of manipulation or corrupt purposes of the competition.
- Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.

Failure to Report and Reporting Mechanism

Failing to report to World Boxing (specifically Ethics@worldboxing.org) or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the participant to engage in conduct or incidents that could amount to a violation of this Code.

Or failing at the first available opportunity to World Boxing, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another participant to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code.

For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following are not relevant:

- Whether or not the Participant is participating or has participated in the championship concerned;
- The outcome of the bout or championships on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;
- Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
- The nature or outcome of the Bet;
- Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Bout or championship concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
- Whether or not the result of the bout/championship concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
- Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a competition rule of World Boxing;
- Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of World Boxing.
- Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently.

Disciplinary Procedures

Investigations, disciplinary proceedings, hearings and appeals shall be conducted in accordance with World Boxing Ethics and Judicial Procedures.

The Participant who is alleged to have committed a violation of this Code must be informed of the alleged violations that have been committed, details of the alleged acts and/or omissions, and the range of possible sanctions.

Upon request by World Boxing or its approved independent third-party organisation the concerned Participant must provide any information which World Boxing or its approved independent third-party organisation considers may be relevant to investigate the alleged violation, including records relating to the alleged violation (such as betting account numbers and information, itemised telephone bills, bank statements, internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices), and/or a statement setting out the relevant facts and circumstances around the alleged violation.

The rights of the concerned person in all procedures linked to violations of this Code must be respected. The right to be informed of the charges, and the right to a fair, timely and impartial hearing either by appearing personally in front of World Boxing or its

approved independent third-party organisation and/or submitting a defence in writing. The Participant has the right to be accompanied and/or represented.

The burden and standard of proof shall rest with World Boxing to establish that a violation has been committed. The standard of proof in all matters under this Code shall be the balance of probabilities, a standard that implies that on the preponderance of the evidence it is more likely than not that a breach of this Code has occurred.

The principle of confidentiality will be strictly respected by World Boxing during all the procedures. Information should only be exchanged with entities on a need to know basis and confidentiality must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is public disclosure of the case. Anonymity of the person making a report is guaranteed.

Appeals

World Boxing has an appropriate appeal framework within the organisation through its independent third-party body which is an external arbitration mechanism. An Appeal needs to be communicated to World Boxing approved independent third-party organisation within 14 days of any decision being communicated to the Participant.

Provisional Measures

World Boxing may impose provisional measures, including a provisional suspension, on the Participant where there is a particular risk to the reputation of the sport or continued risk of violation of this code, while ensuring the rules under Disciplinary Procedures in this code are adhered to. Where a provisional measure is imposed, this shall be taken into consideration in the determination of any sanction which may ultimately be imposed.

Sanctions

Where it is determined that a violation has been committed, the World Boxing approved independent Third-Party organisation shall impose an appropriate sanction upon the participant from the range of permissible sanctions, which may range from a minimum of a warning, a fine or to a maximum of life ban.

Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances

When determining the appropriate sanctions applicable the World Boxing approved independent Third-Party organisation shall take into consideration all aggravating and mitigating circumstances and shall detail the effect of such circumstances on the final sanction in the written decision.

Such circumstances include:

- The general aggravating and mitigating circumstances listed;

For Betting

- Whether the Participant is betting on a competition she/he is competing in.
- Number and size of bets.

For Failure to Report

- Significance, content and amount of information that should have been reported or was purposefully concealed or destroyed during the investigation.
- Availability of a reporting/whistleblowing mechanism and promotion of such mechanism.
- Culture of reporting and protection available.

For Inside Information

- Nature and amount of information.

Substantial assistance

Substantial assistance provided by a Participant that results in the discovery or establishment of an offence by another Participant may reduce any sanction applied under this Code.

Continuous application of this Code

This Code shall continue to apply to any ineligible Participant and any violation committed during a period of ineligibility shall be treated as a distinct violation and separate proceedings may be brought against the Participant in accordance with this Code.

Reinstatement

Once the period of the Participant's ineligibility has expired, he/she will become automatically re-eligible to participate in boxing championships provided that he or she has:

- completed an official integrity education imposed on him or her as a sanction by the World Boxing approved independent third-party organisation;
- has paid, in full, any fine imposed under this Code and/or any order of costs made against him or her by the approved independent third-party organisation and has agreed to subject himself or herself to any reasonable and proportionate monitoring of his or her future activities in connection with boxing and World

Boxing which may be necessary given the nature and scope of the violation that he or she has committed.

Mutual Recognition

Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by any other Sporting Organisation will be recognised and respected by World Boxing.

World Boxing will recognise and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not a Sporting Organisation as defined under this Code.

Implementation

Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Olympic Charter, all Sports Organisations bound by the Olympic Charter agree to respect this Code. World Boxing is bound by the Olympic Charter and therefore agrees to respect the Code. World Boxing commits to the implementation of the present Code within its own jurisdiction, including educational measures.

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