

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (“WBC”)**

### **ARTICLE “A”**

#### **WBC CODE OF ETHICS**

Any person involved in professional boxing should:

- I. Place loyalty, fairness, and integrity as the highest moral principles, and the sport of boxing above the interests of any person or group.
- II. Protect the health and well-being of boxers at any cost.
- III. Reject any compromise that goes against justice and honesty in the ring, in the offices, and in the gym.
- IV. Expose corruption of any kind wherever discovered.
- V. Oppose discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, and religion, and act forcefully to counteract it, never cooperating with those who practice it.
- VI. Uphold the constitution, laws, and regulations of all countries affiliated with the World Boxing Council, and never be a party to their evasion.
- VII. Uphold and respect the Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and principles of the WBC at all times. Failure to do so is failure to the sport.
- VIII. Never – whether you are a boxer, manager, promoter, trainer, matchmaker, official, commissioner, or any member of the WBC – use the communications media to slur, slander, libel, or otherwise defame, humiliate, or insult other members of the boxing community and thereby damage the sport itself, but instead expose, respectfully, actions by persons who unfairly hurt others.
- IX. Devote best efforts to our sport as expected and deserved by the public, and expect the same from promoters, managers, boxers, and all the people of boxing.
- X. Refrain from unethical behavior that may bring disgrace to many people involved in the sport.
- XI. Never seek monetary profit at the expense or to the detriment of the boxers, who should always be fairly paid for their efforts.
- XII. Pursue absolute equality for the people of boxing by always respecting the rights of others, disregarding wealth or power as influencing factors on any decisions.
- XIII. Never use misrepresentations or other means to deceive others, but instead always present the facts and the truth in goodwill to solve problems.
- XIV. Never engage in business or activities that might constitute extortion, create a conflict of interest, or present an unfair restriction of competition.
- XV. If a boxer, behave as a good sportsman in and out the ring, in public statements, and in attitude towards all members of the public, the boxing community, and media.
- XVI. If a boxer, shake hands before the commencement of the contest and at the beginning of the final round, and show respect for their opponents before and after the contest.
- XVII. Subject only to valid protest in accordance with this Constitution and the WBC Rules & Regulations, regard decisions of the referee and judges as final.

### **ARTICLE “B”**

## **A WORLD CHAMPION**

A WBC world champion is not only an excellent fighter in the ring and the best boxer in his division; this boxer is also a lady or gentleman who has won this title cleanly and fairly, and is willing and ready at all times to defend it against any qualified opponent.

A WBC world champion is a true example to the youth of the world, in and out of the ring. Our champion is always committed to respect, support, and comply with the WBC Constitution and its Rules & Regulations, and always carries the representation and world championship of the WBC with sportsmanship, dignity, loyalty, and pride.

A WBC world champion is a boxer who is true to their vocation, to the rules of the sport, and to their commitments... she is a lady, and he is a gentleman.

## **ARTICLE “C”**

### **EQUALITY OF RIGHTS**

The WBC shall be a body dedicated to promote equal rights at all times in boxing, impartially, honestly, and fairly. The WBC shall engage in tireless efforts for the betterment of boxing all over the world as its goal. The WBC shall not accept any inequalities based on race, religion, politics, or nationality, and will further oppose all organizations and persons who advocate or conduct themselves so as to promote such inequalities of rights.

It will be a prime objective of the WBC to strive for equality in boxing and to fight against such conditions that damage the free practice of professional boxing, including discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, or religion by any country or organization as unethical and contrary to the principles and spirit of the WBC.

## **ARTICLE I – NAME AND NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Council, constituted as a consequence of that meeting held in Mexico City in 1963, shall be known as the WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (“WBC”). The WBC is a nonprofit body dedicated to serving the sport of boxing and to implementing safety measures for the protection of all boxers. Each member of the WBC dedicates himself to the service of the sport of boxing as a vehicle of opportunity for the least fortunate in society. Each member of the WBC shall be dedicated in his service in all matters to the principle, “He who does not live to serve, does not serve to live.”

Each championship bout certified by the WBC shall be designated a “WBC Championship”. Every WBC-recognized champion, and every person involved in with matchmaking, promoting, and the conduct of WBC-recognized bouts, and all those who request certification of such bouts, understand and acknowledge that the right to the title and designation “WBC Champion” is owned exclusively by the WBC. WBC certification of a match as a “WBC Championship” and the designation of “WBC Champion” are privileges and not rights of any kind or nature, vested or otherwise, and all boxers, promoters, and their representatives must comply with this Constitution, Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and rulings of the WBC in order to qualify for or maintain such certification or designation.

The WBC World and World Silver Championships, the WBC Youth World and Intercontinental Championships, the WBC Female World Championships, the WBC International Championships, the WBC Asia Continental Championships, the WBC Baltic Sea Championships, the WBC Continental Americas Championships, the WBC Latino Championships, the WBC Mediterranean Championships, the WBC United States Championships, and any other present or future title that is authorized to carry the WBC name and certification, shall be subject to the terms of this paragraph.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of the WBC shall be as follows:

- A. Uniform Control and Supervision of Boxing. To promote and obtain efficiency and harmony in the control and supervision of professional men’s and women’s boxing throughout the world, through the development and implementation of uniform standards and rules applicable to the sport worldwide.
- B. Develop and Institute Best Medical Standards. To institute and develop the best available medical standards, procedures, and rules to ensure the safety of the boxers and of the sport.
- C. Encouragement of Boxing as Sport. To encourage boxing as an activity conducive to physical fitness and as a sport that is a source of wholesome entertainment for the public.
- D. Encouragement of Public Appreciation of Boxing. To encourage greater public appreciation and patronage for the sport of boxing.
- E. Promotion of Clean, Fair, and Equitable Competition. To keep professional boxing, and all activities connected therewith, clean, fair, and equitable to all parties concerned.
- F. Promotion of Boxers’ Safety and Welfare. To make professional boxing as safe a sport as possible for boxers, and to promote their welfare.
- G. Recognition of Champions. To recognize the best boxer in each division as the champion of the world, having won such title in the ring, in compliance with all provisions of this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations of the WBC.
- H. Certification and Recognition of Championship and Elimination Bouts. To certify and recognize championship bouts in each weight division for WBC championships, provided that such bouts are held in compliance with this Constitution, and the Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and rulings of the WBC.
- I. Promotion of Competition in Boxing. To promote, enhance, and establish quality competition in boxing, with WBC-recognized champions defending their titles against qualified opponents on a regular basis.
- J. Elimination of Discrimination in Boxing. To prevent discrimination by reason of race, religion, or national origin, which is an abhorrent affront to human dignity and, as such, incompatible with the purposes and principles of the WBC as embodied in this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations of the WBC. Consequently, apartheid and/or discrimination is prohibited and shall be penalized accordingly.
- K. Mediation to Resolve Controversies. To mediate in controversies whenever and wherever possible, with the goal of making boxing a clean business, with ethical competition and respect for the rights of everyone involved.
- L. Promotion of Cooperation and Respect among WBC Federations. To ensure that mutual cooperation and respect is maintained among all federations affiliated with the WBC, respecting the decisions and territories of each other, and that the solutions created by the WBC are applied uniformly around the world.
- M. Advance and Reform Amateur Boxing. To encourage, advance, and reform amateur boxing, as both a foundation to the sport of professional boxing and an activity to encourage health, physical fitness, good

sportsmanship, and positive lifestyles in youth around the world, and to institute international amateur boxing tournaments in the best interests of the sport.

### ARTICLE III – FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

The WBC shall have the following functions and duties:

- A. Powers. The WBC shall have all powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities generally accorded to a nonprofit corporation. In addition, but not by way of limitation, the WBC shall have the power to enter into license agreements, own stock in for-profit corporations, and donate funds to charitable organizations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the WBC shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code in the USA, its equivalent Article 70, Chapter III, Ley del Impuesto Sobre la Renta (Law on Internal Revenue Income) in Mexico, or any such similar law in jurisdictions of other nations of the world where WBC bouts are held.
- B. Promotion of the Best Interests of Boxing. To do all things conducive to attaining the purposes of the WBC and the promotion of uniformity, safety, and fair competition in boxing throughout the world in the best interests of boxing, including:
  1. Support proper training worldwide of boxers, trainers, ring doctors, ring officials, and affiliated commissioners in the proper techniques, tactics, training, physical conditioning, safe and scientific / medical weight loss, and other elements of the sport.
  2. Endorsement, support, and adoption by the WBC of worldwide standards for the protection of health and prevention of injuries in the sport, with a pledge to do everything within its power to foster and enhance the field of sports medicine and to employ this expertise in service of the best interests of boxers, the public, and boxing itself.
  3. Endorsement, support, and adoption of an International Boxers Traveling License, including a yearly medical certificate and a boxer ID card to be carried by all boxers, which should contain their records of medical examinations and comments by the ringside physicians after every bout, as well as all additional information necessary for the strict supervision of the health and safety of traveling boxers throughout the world. The WBC will also encourage the use of the Internet and other future technologies to make information regarding boxers' health available to authorities around the world.

- C. Establish Weight Divisions. To establish and/or recognize the champions in weight divisions with the following limits:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Kilograms</u>
Minimumweight	105	47.727
Lightflyweight	108	48.988
Flyweight	112	50.802
Super Flyweight	115	52.163
Bantamweight	118	53.524
Superbantamweight	122	55.338
Featherweight	126	57.153
Superfeatherweight	130	58.967
Lightweight	135	61.235
Superlightweight	140	63.503
Welterweight	147	66.678
Superwelterweight	154	69.853
Middleweight	160	72.575
Supermiddleweight	168	76.364
Lighthheavyweight	175	79.379
Cruiserweight	200	90.892
Heavyweight	over 200	over 90.892 with no upper limit

- D. Establishment of Ratings. To establish and promulgate ratings each month in each weight division, and to recognize an outstanding boxer or boxers monthly and annually.
- E. Adoption of Rules, Regulations, and Standards. To prescribe the rules and regulations that will govern every championship or elimination bout, and to establish rules and standards for the conduct and scoring of every boxing contest in order to attain uniformity throughout the sport.
- F. Mediation in Disputes. To act upon, decide, settle, and mediate in disputes between member federations, boards or commissions, boxers, managers, promoters, and other licensed boxing people, and other disputes and appeals that may arise in the sport of boxing, whenever the local commission, board, or member federation shall have been unable to resolve them, as well as to mediate in any disputes involving the WBC or any of its champions, challengers, or their managers, promoters, or other interested parties.
- G. Resolution of Grievances and Appeals. To resolve grievances and appeals as they arise in the sport of boxing, according to the provisions of Rule 5 of the WBC Rules & Regulations.
- H. Coordination of the WBC with Commissions and Member Federations. To coordinate all activities and actions of member federations and commissions worldwide, so that all actions of the WBC regarding suspensions, revocations of licenses, and other penalties or sanctions enforced lawfully by member federations or commissions against any boxer, manager, trainer, or other boxing person shall be enforced and respected through the world.
- J. Withdrawal or Suspension of Recognition. To suspend or withdraw WBC recognition from any champion and challenger for any violation of this Constitution, the Rules & Regulations, or the rulings of the WBC, or for such other cause which, in the opinion and discretion of the Board of Governors, justifies such suspension or withdrawal of recognition.

#### **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS; BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

- A. Term of Office. Elections of the WBC's Officers will be held every four (4) years at the annual convention, with each officer elected for a term of office of four (4) years.
- B. Eligibility of Elective Voting Representatives. The representatives who are eligible to vote for the officers are each member of the full Board of Governors, which includes two (2) representatives for each federation.
- C. Executive Positions. The voting elective representatives, which includes the representatives of the member federations, shall elect the President in a first ballot, and up to seven (7) Vice Presidents in a second ballot.
- D. Elective Officers. Upon the election of the President and Vice Presidents, the President may nominate the following additional officers: the Secretary General; Executive Director; up to nine (9) International Secretaries; the Treasurer, up to two (2) General Advisors at Large, and the Honorary Lifetime Vice Presidents, all of whom will be elected by the majority voting of the full Board of Governors, including the representatives of the affiliated federations, the President, and the elected Vice Presidents.
- E. Special Elections. The Secretary General, or if none is then appointed or available, the Executive Director if one has been named, will become the interim successor of the President if he becomes permanently incapacitated, and shall organize a special meeting to elect officially the successor to the President within on or before ninety (90) days after the incapacitation. The successor President shall be elected by the majority voting of the Board of Governors, including each affiliated federation, which shall have two (2) votes, and each elected Vice President, who shall have one (1) vote for the election of a new president.

Any vacancies in the officers or Board other than the President may be filled by a special election called by the President. Any successor shall be elected by the majority voting of the full Board of Governors. Voting may be conducted in person or in writing, by electronic mail, or by telephone.

- F. Composition. The duties, functions, and powers specified in this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations of the WBC shall be exercised by the Board of Governors.
  1. The Board of Governors will consist of the President, the Secretary General, up to seven (7) Vice Presidents, up to nine (9) International Secretaries, the Treasurer, any former Presidents, up to seven (7) Executive Lifetime Honorary Vice Presidents; up to two (2) General Advisors at Large; the Chief Legal Counsel and Executive Director, each of whom will not have the right to vote; and the two (2) voting representatives of each affiliated federation. The Board may elect from the sitting Vice Presidents a Senior Vice President, who shall have such powers and status as the President and such Vice Presidents shall agree.
  2. The Supreme Council of the WBC (the "Supreme Council") shall consist of such senior members and distinguished dignitaries and honored citizens from different countries of the world as shall be nominated by the President and elected by the majority voting of the Board of Governors. Their responsibility will be to act as a special advisory board to the WBC and its Presidency, assist the WBC in organizing events and support in their respective countries, and represent the WBC as ambassadors worldwide.
  3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Secretary General, the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Chief Legal Counsel, and the Chairmen of Committees, and shall attend to all matters related to the general administration of the WBC.

- G. Voting Procedures.

Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution or the WBC Rules & Regulations, after a voting has been called by the President, a simple majority vote of the Board of Governors shall be sufficient for the taking of any action or promulgation of any decision. Any reference in this Constitution or WBC Rules & Regulations to a vote by the majority of the Board of Governors shall mean, after a voting called by the President, a vote by the majority of total votes cast by all members of the Board of Governors, even though one or more of such members abstain or otherwise fail to cast a vote, provided that a quorum of the Board has voted. Any reference to a 2/3 vote of the Board of Governors shall likewise mean 2/3 vote of the total votes cast by all members of the Board of Governors (or such lesser number of members permitted to vote as provided hereunder), even though one or more such members abstain or otherwise fail to cast a vote, provided that a quorum of the Board has voted. Voting by written proxy, i.e., giving one's vote to another, is not permitted under these ordinary voting procedures. The only exception to this rule is upon the occasion of a Convention or other in-person meeting in which a quorum of the Board of Governors is physically present, in which case an affirmative or 2/3 vote by the majority of the Board of Governors shall mean a majority or 2/3, respectively, of all members present, including any member who may abstain or otherwise fail to cast a vote.

Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution or the WBC Rules & Regulations, only the two (2) members of the Board of Governors from each member federation, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, the Vice Presidents, the General Advisors at Large, the International Secretaries, and any former Presidents, shall be permitted to vote on all matters, with the President voting only in the event of a tie or for a tie.

- H. Emergency Voting. If, in the exercise of his discretion, the President determines that it is necessary and appropriate to take an immediate vote concerning a particular matter the resolution of which requires prompt and expeditious consideration, then such an immediate vote may be taken with or without a meeting and in accordance with the procedures established in paragraph I. below. In the event of a meeting, there will be a quorum when the President or the Secretary General or Executive Director, on his behalf, and five (5) of the nine (9) member federations are represented either by their Presidents or by duly proxied representatives, with the President (or the Secretary General or Executive Director, on his behalf) voting only in the event of a tie or for a tie. Emergency voting may be conducted in writing, by electronic mail, or by telephone. Voting members may be polled collectively or individually by the President or his designee.
- I. Voting System. All voting requests to the Board of Governors shall be called by the President or, in his absence or at his direction, by the Secretary General or other designee on his behalf. Such voting requests may be sent by the President directly or his designee, or through the WBC Executive Office. Voting may be conducted in writing, by electronic mail, or by telephone. All votes shall be returned by the voting members of the Board of Governors directly to the WBC Executive Office or to the President upon his request.

Any member of the Board of Governors who requests his vote to be made known to the Board, shall request it directly to the WBC Executive Office, which will have the obligation to do so.

- J. Voting Time Limits. In the absence of a meeting of the Board of Governors, each member must give his vote on any matter submitted to a vote by the President or Secretary General within four (4) days after receipt of the request for such a vote, unless a shorter time for response is required and requested, subject to reasonable extensions provided in the discretion of the President or Secretary General under the facts and circumstances of each case.

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Exclusive Membership. All members of the WBC Board of Governors and all members of the various WBC committees shall be not be an officer or member of any working committee of any other

international sanctioning organization or regional organization not affiliated with the WBC, except on special and reasonable circumstances, with the approval of the majority voting of the Board of Governors or the President.

B. Classes of Membership and Dues. The following classes of WBC membership shall exist:

1. Affiliated Member Federations. The WBC is comprised of the following affiliated member federations:

- African Boxing Union (ABU)
- Asian Boxing Council (ABCO)
- British Boxing Board of Control (BBB of C)
- Central American Boxing Federation (FECARBOX)
- CIS & Slovenic Boxing Bureau (CISBB)
- European Boxing Union (EBU)
- North American Boxing Federation (NABF)
- Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF)
- South Continent Federation (FECONSUR)

and such other federations as may be considered necessary for professional boxing and duly admitted to the WBC in accordance with this Constitution.

Boxing commissions may form a federation in their respective area and such newly-formed federation may apply for WBC membership, provided that the new federation does not include any area covered by an existing member federation (except countries that do not abide by this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and rulings of the WBC). A federation must have at least five (5) national boxing commissions to be eligible for admission as a member of the WBC and to be represented on the Board of Governors as such, provided however, that this provision shall not apply to any of the existing affiliated federations.

The WBC will give absolute respect to the boxing commissions of each country in each of its member federations, except countries that do not abide by this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and rulings of the WBC.

The annual membership dues for each continental federation shall be as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. The membership dues of any affiliated federation may be waived by the Board of Governors of the WBC if the Board of Governors, in its sole discretion, believes such federation will use such funds to cover the cost of such federation's participation in the WBC or under other special circumstances.

Each member federation shall have the right to two (2) votes on any matter presented for a vote to the membership of the WBC. Each member federation shall have the exclusive authority to determine who will cast the two (2) votes of the member federation.

Any federation not affiliated with the WBC may be provisionally accepted to membership by a 2/3rd vote of the Board of Governors, provided that the federation has fulfilled the requirements for eligibility set forth herein. The federation will be officially accepted for membership only during an annual or special WBC convention. An official representative of the federation seeking membership in the WBC must be present at such convention.

2. Board of Governors. All members of the WBC Board of Governors shall be members of the WBC at no charge.
3. Nonvoting Members:

- a. Ring Officials. Ring Officials shall be certified and approved members of the WBC and abide by its Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and Ring Officials Code of Ethics.
- b. Special Associate Members. Individual boxing commissions and commissioners, as well as managers, trainers, and representatives may become Special Associate Members of the WBC. Boxing commissioners and commissions who wish to participate in the affairs of the WBC may join under such fees and conditions as the WBC may establish from time to time, and their membership will entitle them to participate in a non-voting capacity in WBC conventions, congresses, and seminars, as well as receive WBC bulletins and communications on WBC activities.
- c. Associate Members. Boxing fans and any members of the general public interested in the sport of boxing may become associate members of the WBC. The annual dues for an associate membership in the WBC shall be established by the WBC from time to time.
- d. Members of the Media. Any member of the media desiring membership in the WBC may become a member at no charge.

All nonvoting members are entitled to a voice in the annual convention, and to request materials from and participation in the activities of the WBC.

- C. Membership Obligations. The acceptance of the WBC membership binds the member to abide by all of the conditions of the Constitution and Rules & Regulations of the WBC, and to accept and enforce all decisions of the general membership and the Board of Governors, subject only to any conflicting requirements that may be imposed by law of the member's jurisdiction.
- D. Suspension, Expulsion, or Lesser Penalties for Non-Adherence or Breach of the WBC Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or Rulings. The WBC shall have the right to suspend for a definite or indefinite period of time, or, depending upon the circumstances, expel, impose a fine, or otherwise penalize any member of the WBC, any boxer, promoter, matchmaker, manager, or any other person or organization participating in the activities of the WBC, if such person or organization:
  - 1. Contravenes any terms of the Constitution, Rules & Regulations, or rulings of the WBC;
  - 2. Makes an affirmative misrepresentation or actively conceals material facts from the WBC or any of its officers or committees;
  - 3. Makes or publishes any false or defamatory statements concerning the WBC or its officers;
  - 4. Materially breaches contractual commitments relating to the WBC, or while conducting activities in the sport of boxing;
  - 5. Is charged and convicted of a criminal offense; or
  - 6. Acts in any other manner which tends to bring disrepute upon the WBC, its officers, or the sport of boxing.
- E. Loss of Membership. A boxing commission or board will lose its membership in the WBC if it ceases to be affiliated with a member federation or may be removed, with or without cause, by vote of Board of Governors. Any other member may be expelled from membership in the WBC, with or without cause, by a vote of the Board of Governors.

## ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

- A. Officers. The officers of the WBC shall consist of the President, up to seven (7) Vice Presidents, the Secretary General, the Executive Director, the Treasurer, up to nine (9) International Secretaries, up to two (2) Counselors at Large, the Chief Legal Counsel, the former Presidents, and the Chairmen of permanent committees. Each officer must be a member of a member affiliated federation or an active national, state, provincial, county, or local boxing council, commission, board or federation in good standing with the WBC, unless the proposed officer has been a member of the WBC Board of Governors for at least twelve (12) years or has served as a boxing commissioner in any capacity for no less than fifteen (15) years, and is appointed by majority vote of the Board of Governors upon nomination by the President.
- B. Budget. Funds of the WBC shall be expended according to an annual budget, which shall be prepared by the Treasurer, and which shall be approved by the Finance Committee.
- C. Official Decisions. Any action or position voiced or taken individually by any officer shall not be construed as the position or action of the WBC, unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors, other than actions of the President pursuant to his power and authority to act in the best interests of boxing under this Constitution and the WBC Rules & Regulations.
- D. Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidential positions shall whenever possible be occupied by persons from different member federations in order to provide a broad basis for representation.
- E. General Advisors at Large. The General Advisors at Large shall be respected professionals and/or general boxing experts nominated by the President and elected as voting members of the Board of Governors to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President.
- F. Chief Legal Counsel. The Chief Legal Counsel, who may be designated as either Chief Special Counsel or General Counsel, if appropriate, shall be nominated by the President and approved by majority vote of the Board of Governors. The Chief Legal Counsel shall be a practicing attorney at law admitted to the bar of a country affiliated with a member federation. The Chief Legal Counsel shall sit on the Board of Governors but shall have no vote.
- G. International Secretaries. The International Secretaries shall be boxing experts of long standing and shall be nominated by the President and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President.
- H. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President.
- I. Commencement of Duties and Removal. All officers shall assume the duties of their respective positions immediately upon their designation or appointment. The President, Vice Presidents, and all other officers of the WBC may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of all members of the Board of Governors.
- J. Maximum Voting Rights. In the event that a Vice President of the WBC is also the president or a voting representative of his continental federation, then he shall have one vote in any vote of the Board of Governors, and his continental federation shall appoint the other two (2) representatives eligible to vote on behalf of the federation.

In the event of a meeting in which such federation has only one other representative present, such Vice President shall have two (2) votes, one in his capacity as Vice President, and the other on behalf of his federation. If such federation has no other representatives present, such Vice President shall vote the two (2) votes of his federation, but shall not be entitled to an additional vote as Vice-President.

- K. Officer Appointments. All other officers of the WBC shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

## **ARTICLE VII – POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- A. President. The President shall have all the obligations, rights, and duties customary to his position and all such power and authority as shall be granted to him pursuant to this Constitution and the WBC Rules & Regulations, including the following:
1. He shall have full power and authority to interpret this Constitution and the WBC Rules & Regulations, and to issue and apply such rulings as he shall in his sole discretion deem to be in the best interests of boxing.
  2. He shall be the official representative and spokesman of the WBC with respect to final decisions of the Board of Governors or other matters related to the WBC.
  3. He shall appoint as many committees as he deems necessary, with the approval of the Board of Governors. Such committees will report directly to him, and their decisions are subject to the WBC President's approval, unless such committee decision is supported by 2/3 of the votes of the Board of Governors.
  4. He shall have the right to appoint judges and referees and the WBC representatives to all WBC certified contests, and will have the right to agree on such with the local boxing commissions.
  5. He shall resolve, without seeking a vote, all routine matters, based on this Constitution and the WBC Rules & Regulations.
  6. He is authorized to announce any action when the required votes of the Board of Governors have been received approving such action.
  7. He shall have all rights and responsibilities attendant to his position, with the understanding that he is the representative of the affiliated member federations, which are the supreme authority of the WBC, acting through the Board of Governors.
  8. He shall mediate in matters of controversy, at the request of the parties, or at his discretion, when it is deemed convenient to help resolve such controversies and problems.
  9. He shall present a report at world conventions and at any other time requested by the Board of Governors.
  10. He shall organize and supervise the functions and work of the officers and committees that he appoints and he will be responsible to the highest authority in the WBC, the Board of Governors.
  11. He will be responsible to represent or appoint representatives to any activity related to the WBC.
  12. He shall be empowered to use his office and best efforts to pursue commercial affiliations toward the ends of: promulgating a positive image of the sport of boxing generally, and the WBC specifically; garnering funds to support the objectives of the WBC in boxing safety; aiding promoters with WBC-sanctioned events, work diligently to get the best boxers and the best fights to be under the WBC auspices, and increasing public awareness of the sport as well as of the WBC.

- B. Vice Presidents. The duties and responsibilities of the Vice Presidents include acting as substitute for the President and/or other Vice Presidents when necessary and to perform all activities duly designated by the President. They will be responsible for strengthening the position, participation, and image of the WBC in the countries of the member federations that they represent, as the highest WBC officer in his area.
- C. Secretary General. The Secretary General shall be nominated by the President and elected by and be a member of the Board of Governors, and shall hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President. The Secretary General shall be the officer who supports the President in the accomplishment of his responsibilities either directly and/or through the Permanent Secretariat or the Executive Office located in the country of the President; he shall report to the President and shall:
1. Act on matters in representation of the President and the WBC Executive Office; and
  2. Supervise activities including purse offer bids and Board of Governors voting pertaining to the business and activities of the WBC.
  3. When requested by the President, he shall distribute ballots, receive votes, and report them to the President and Board of Governors, under control at the WBC Executive Office and/or on his own.
  4. Be in charge of distribution and amendments to the WBC Constitution and Rules & Regulations.
  5. Assist the President to administer and control the meetings at world conventions.
  6. Perform all responsibilities attendant to his position, and, in case of a vacancy in the position, or incapacity of the President, organize a meeting of the member federations to elect a successor, within ninety (90) days of the day on which the vacancy or incapacity occurs. The meeting will be chaired by the Secretary General, who will have no vote except in the case of a tie.
- D. Executive Director. An Executive Director may be nominated by the President and elected by Board of Governors to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President. If elected, the Executive Director shall be the officer responsible for the general administration of the WBC at the direction of the President, and shall supervise and have authority over the Permanent Secretariat and/or Executive Office of the WBC as the President shall determine. The Executive Director shall have such duties and powers as shall be assigned or delegated by the President or provided for under this Constitution.
- E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:
1. Supervise and control the financial affairs of the WBC, including income and expenses, and prepare an annual budget for approval by the WBC Finance Committee.
  2. Prepare and present to the President and the Finance Committee a budget for expenses relating to the annual conventions.
  3. Prepare and present to the President and the Finance Committee, within six (6) months after the annual convention, an accounting of the actual expenses incurred and paid by the WBC relating to the convention.
  4. Sign all WBC checks in amounts of US\$5,000.00 or less.
  5. Countersign checks with a designee of the President, in excess of US\$5,000.

6. Reimburse all expenses made by the President, members of the Board of Governors, officers, and other persons who represent the WBC in any activity, including but not limited to insurance.
  7. Register the WBC account on the Treasury Departments of the nations where the WBC has financial business, where required.
  8. File tax returns to the fiscal authorities where applicable.
  9. Perform all additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the office of the Treasurer.
- F. Chief Legal Counsel. The Chief Legal Counsel shall be, along with the President, the official legal recipient of legal matters and will be the direct major counselor to the President and the Board of Governors. He will be in communication with and direct the other WBC Legal Counselors, as well as perform the corresponding responsibilities.
- G. Legal Counselors. The Legal Counselors will advise the President and Board of Governors on all matters concerning the interpretation of this Constitution and the WBC Rules & Regulations. They will not be voting members of the Board of Governors and will represent the WBC in all judicial and administrative matters, in coordination with the Chief Legal Counsel.
- H. International Secretaries. The International Secretaries shall be members of the Board of Governors and shall be in charge of the implementation of the Rules & Regulations and international supervision of WBC programs, as well as specific responsibilities, plans, and programs as designated by the President.
- I. The WBC Executive Office. The WBC Executive Office shall be staffed by the Executive Director and such other staff employees as the administration of the WBC requires. They shall report to the President and their function shall be the administration of all WBC businesses.

## ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

The WBC shall have such committees as are deemed necessary and appointed by the President. Each committee shall have a chairman, who will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Governors. Among others, the WBC shall have the following permanent committees: Finance; Legal; Medical Advisory Board; Membership; Ratings; and Ring Officials; as well as such other committees that the President and the Board of Governors may deem necessary. Each committee will have a vice-chairman from each affiliated federation.

The permanent committees shall have the following structures and duties:

- A. Finance Committee. Will consist of such members, including the Chairman, as shall be appointed by the WBC President with the approval of the Board of Governors. The functions of the Finance Committee will be:
1. To review and approve the year budget and other financial plans of the WBC;
  2. To review and approve non-budgeted expenses of the WBC;
  3. To produce programs to generate revenues in order to support and promote the WBC and its activities.
  4. To arrange special events to raise such funds as may be required;
  5. To meet at least once a year to review financial matters of the WBC; and

6. To have the authority to supervise and audit the accounting records under the responsibility of the Treasurer.
- B. Medical Advisory Board. Shall advise the WBC on all matters pertaining to the health and safety of boxers, and shall advise boxing federations to the extent possible, of all preferred and/or necessary procedures to enhance the safety of boxers, and shall execute any medical program of research and development to find the safest way for the protection and treatment of injuries of boxers.
- C. Membership Committee. Shall be responsible for current member updating, as well as enforcement of membership procedures, issuance of credentials, collection of fees, and recruitment of new members. It shall also present an administrative and financial report to the President's designee upon request of the President.
- D. Ratings Committee. Will promulgate the monthly ratings based on monthly bout results, as well as the ratings standards and additional criteria approved by the Board of Governors. This committee will name the Boxer of the Month and will recommend the Boxer of the Year to be named by the Board of Governors, with a majority voting. It will also recommend the Fight of the Year to the Board of Governors, but this accolade is restricted to WBC-recognized world championships, as they are the only bouts which will be viewed by a number of the members of the WBC Board of Governors, and which are conducted under the supervision, Constitution, and Rules & Regulations of the WBC.
- Each federation shall have a representative on the Ratings Committee. A member of this committee who is also a voting member of the Board of Governors will not exercise his voting right when ratings are voted on during the annual convention.
- E. Ring Officials Committee. The Ring Officials Committee shall promote and strive for uniformity and enhancement of the standards of all officials; coordinate world seminars on officiating, and issue certificates to WBC qualified and approved officials, as well as other related matters.

The remaining committees whose functions are not specifically set forth shall have those duties as are assigned from time to time by the President.

## **ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

The executive office of the WBC shall be in the city and country of residence of the President, with the Permanent Secretariat of the WBC being in Mexico City, Mexico.

## **ARTICLE X – MEETINGS**

- A. Annual Meetings. The Board of Governors and the general membership shall meet at least once a year to review, amend, and vote on any and all matters related to professional boxing within the WBC.
- B. Special Meetings. Between annual conventions, depending on the convenience and ability of its members, the Board of Governors (or a quorum of its members as provided in Article IV. may meet on such dates and in such places, as the President shall designate, subject to the consent of the majority of the members of the Board of Governors. Meetings may be held in person or by teleconference.
- C. Date and Place of Meetings. The President, or his designee on behalf of the President, shall set the date and place of all meetings.
- D. Quorum. In all meetings or votes of the entire Board of Governors, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of all members of the Board (a minimum of half plus one).

## **ARTICLE XI – EXPRESS AGREEMENT**

All parties involved in reaching an agreement as to a WBC contest shall fully accept and agree to abide by this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules and rulings of the WBC. Regardless of whether or not such document has been executed and returned to the WBC, all boxers, managers, promoters, trainers, and all other parties transacting business with the WBC are deemed to expressly agree to be bound by and comply with the Constitution, Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and all rulings of the WBC in all matters pertaining to the conduct of such business, in order to participate in any dealings with the WBC. The expression of any party of a lack of knowledge of the WBC Constitution, Rules & Regulations, or Championship rules will not be a cause for any exception in regard to this rule.

The WBC Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and Championship Rules are available on the WBC web page on the Internet. Upon request to the WBC Executive Offices, a copy of the WBC Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and Championship Rules will be furnished.

## **ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board of Governors. Each proposal for amendment shall be submitted to the voting members of the Board of Governors at an annual convention, or by any of the alternate voting procedures outlined in Article IV.7.

**REVISED, AMENDED, AND APPROVED BY THE WBC BOARD OF GOVERNORS AS OF  
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