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United States Boxing Council



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS OF THE WORLD PROFESSIONAL BOXING FEDERATION

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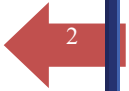
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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 01. Name, Nature and Headquarters

1. The name of the organization shall be known as the World Professional Boxing Federation or WPBF, hereafter referred to as “WPBF”.
2. The World Professional Boxing Federation or WPBF is an international sanctioning body that sanctions professional boxing contests and awards world and subordinate championships, with own juridical personality and fiscal autonomy, having jurisdiction and competence over all associated Associations and Members that are part relevant.
3. The headquarters may be transferred to another location or may establish additional offices following a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee.

Article 02. Objectives

The objectives of WPBF are:

1. To support the achievement of social, economic development and human progress, world peace, and the Millennium Development Goals, and to encourage every WPBF members come together to contribute achieve the common goal of building a better world;
2. To promote and spread the sporting spirit of boxing, and bring a positive influence to everyone, especially the younger generation;
3. To working towards a common goal of insuring health, safety and protection in the sport of boxing, and to protect and ensure the safety and welfare of professional boxers around the world;
4. To prevent all methods or practices which might severely damages the integrity, image and value of boxing, to promote the sport of boxing as integrity, equity, fairness, transparency and healthy exercise;
5. To create a fair, equitable, scientific, independent and objective ranking system for the ratings of professional boxers, and to provide a fairness and equal opportunity at all times to all associated parties and participants;
6. To create a sustainable competitive advantage to provide more opportunities for the best and brightest boxers to help their dreams come true, as well as achieve our common goal;
7. To sanction high quality competition, and to recognize the best boxer as our Champion, and to ensure the boxing fans around the world to enjoy a higher levels of competition;

Article 03. Activities and Duties

The WPBF shall have the following activities and duties:

1. To promote a deeper friendship, solidarity, international respect and goodwill among countries, through the unity of a united boxing family, and absolutely opposed to any kind of discrimination based on national origin, racism, color, gender or religious beliefs;
2. To exercise its' authority to actively regulate, control, and supervise professional boxing in its' respective jurisdictions which includes Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, North America, and Latin America.
3. To draw up Regulations, Provisions and Code of Ethics, and to ensure their enforcement;
4. To sanctions and recognize male and female championship contest in various weight divisions for the World, Intercontinental, International, Continental and Regional championship contest, in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF.
5. To establish and promulgate monthly official ratings through a fair, equitable, scientific, independent and objective ranking system;
6. To resolve all grievances or appeals problem which might arise in the monthly official rankings and competition;
7. To increase the comprehensive quality of ring officials and improve their conduct and ethics and ability to ensure the greater equity, transparency and fairness for the result of each contests;
8. To suspend or withdraw recognition from any champion and challenger in any weight division for the violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF, for such other cause which, in the opinion and discretion of the Executive Committee, justifies such suspension or withdrawal of recognition;
9. To resolve all conflicts that arise between the different persons related to the WPBF with respect to the professional boxing activities throughout the Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, North America and Latin America countries;
10. To provide the championship belts or other trophies and certificates to be awarded to the most outstanding champions;
11. To punish, suspend or expel any members or officers who is found to have violated the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF.

Article 04. Conduct of members and officials

All the affiliated bodies, members, officials, referees, judges, boxers and any person or organizations connected to the activities of WPBF must always strict comply with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF in their activities.

CHAPTER II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 05. Membership

The WPBF shall be established to determine the eligibility of all applications for membership in accordance with this Constitution. The membership shall be comprised of the following continental zones:

- A. **African Region:** comprises all the countries of North Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa and Southern Africa;
- B. **Asia-Pacific Region:** comprises all the countries of Central Asia, East Asia, North Asia, Southeast Asia, West Asia, Oceania and Pan Pacific;
- C. **European Region:** comprises all the countries of Central Europe, Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe and Western Europe;
- D. **North American Region:** comprises all the countries of Canada, United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico.
- E. **Latin American Region:** comprises all the countries of South America, Central America and the Caribbean;

The WPBF shall recognize the following categories of Members:

1. **Regular Member (Voting Member):** Any National Affiliate Members, which is responsible for regulating and supervising professional boxing within a country or territory, and which is admitted by the Executive Committee, such as a Boxing Commission, Boxing Association, Boxing Federation or Board of Control.
2. **Associate Member (Non-voting member):** shall include boxers, trainers, seconds, physicians, matchmakers, managers, promoters, referees, judges, timekeepers, announcers, media commentators, sports writers, boxing fans and any other person connected to the boxing community.
3. **Special Member (Non-voting member):** The members of the Committees, such as: the Ratings Committee, Championship Committee, etc., and have been accepted by the Executive Committee.

Article 06. Admission Requirements

In order to be admitted as a Regular Member, Associate Members and Special Member, the applicants or entities must comply with the following requirements:

- A. Submit an Application Form to the WPBF along with other documents;
- B. Always to comply with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF.
- C. Each member shall be required to pay reasonable Admission Fee and Annual Renewal Fee to the WPBF to be acknowledged as a member. The president may waive or extend the payment, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article 07. Rights of the Members

All members have the following rights:

- (a) to participate in the General Assembly or Annual Convention;;
- (b) to promote and participate in competitions sanctioned by the WPBF;
- (c) to submit any proposal or reasonable suggestion;
- (d) to receive monthly official ratings and official information periodically;
- (e) to exercise all other rights arising from the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF.

Article 08. Obligations of the Members

All members have the following obligations:

- (a) to comply fully with the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations and decisions of WPBF.
- (b) to participate in competitions sanctioned by the WPBF;
- (c) to pay reasonable membership dues;
- (d) to attend the General Assembly or Annual Convention;
- (e) to refrain from any unethical behavior which might damages the integrity, image and value of WPBF;
- (f) to reject engage in business or activities which might create a conflict of interests or an unfair competition;
- (g) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF.

Article 09. Suspension, Expulsion and Resignation

1. Any members who involved in activities deemed detrimental to the integrity, image and value of WPBF or seriously violates the violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF, such a member may be suspend or expelled by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee of WPBF.
2. Any members may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President.
3. A suspended, resigned or expelled Member shall automatically lose his/her membership rights.

Article 10. Reinstatement

A Members suspended, resigned or expelled may be reinstated only upon the approval of the President, or a Committee or officer designated by the President.

Article 11. Honorary Member

1. The Executive Committee may be awarded the title of honorary president, honorary members upon any person or legal entity for their meritorious contributions to WPBF, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
2. The honorary president, honorary members may take part in the General Assembly, join in the discussion, and express their opinion, but cannot vote.



Article 12. Membership Dues

1. Admission Fee and Annual Renewal Fee shall be payable on before January 31 of each year. Nonpayment of Annual Renewal Fee within the sixty (60) day period may be result in the suspension of membership.
2. Membership shall be valid for one year, and may be renewal upon payment of the reasonable Annual Renewal Fee, unless withdrawn or suspended by the WPBF. Further, a suspended member shall not be entitled to participate in any activities from the WPBF.

CHAPTER III. GENERAL MEETINGS

Article 13. General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the Supreme Authority and shall be composed of the members and honorary members who have been invited before Assembly.
2. The General Assembly shall be held every four years. The Executive Committee shall set the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least three months in advance. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least one month before the date of the convocation.

Article 14. Agenda

The General Assembly is the Supreme Authority. The Secretary General shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the General Assembly shall be send to the WPBF in writing, at least two months before the date of the convocation. The General Assembly agenda shall include the following aspects:

- a) Verification and announcement of the quorum;
- b) Approve, adopt and amend the present constitution, by-laws, various rules and regulations that govern the operation of WPBF;
- c) Approve the work report from the president;
- d) Approve the Treasury report;
- e) Approve the work report from the Executive Committee and the Standing Committees;
- f) Approve the work plans and other various matters;

- g) Election;
- h) Medical Seminar;
- i) Ring Official Seminar;
- j) Resolutions;
- k) Conclusions and Close.

Article 15. Powers and Functions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly will exercise the following powers and functions:

- a) votes to adopt and amend or repeal the present constitution, by-laws, various rules and regulations that govern the operation of WPBF;
- b) elects the members of the Executive Committee;
- c) approves the minutes of the preceding convention;
- d) approves the budget;
- e) approve the work plans and other various matters;
- f) decides annual dues for the Members;
- g) appoints Honorary President or Honorary Member as proposed by the Executive Committee;
- h) admits, suspends or excludes Members;
- i) removes from office a member of the Executive Committee;
- j) disbands WPBF.

Article 16. Voting

1. In the General Assembly and Convention, each voting members shall be duly approved by the Executive Committee as such, shall be entitled to vote.
2. Each voting Member has one vote in the General Assembly or Convention. Only the voting Members present are entitled to vote.
3. Voting by proxy or by fax or telegram is not permitted. No member may be forced to vote.

Article 17. Quorum

For a vote to be valid, the quorum of the General Assembly or Convention shall be 2/3 of the Members eligible to vote must be present.

Article 18. Election

1. For the election of the President of WPBF. The President shall be elected by the majority votes of those Members present are entitled to vote at the Convention;
2. For any other elections, the majority votes of the votes recorded and valid are sufficient.
3. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot.

Article 19. Minutes

The Secretary General shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the General Assembly. The minutes are sent to all the Members within two months after the General Assembly.

CHAPTER IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**Article 20. Composition of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is the authority body, shall be composed of the following members:

- 1) President;
- 2) Three Vice- Presidents;
- 3) Executive Vice-President;
- 4) Five Regional Chairmen;
- 5) Secretary General;
- 6) Treasurer;
- 7) Legal Counsel;
- 8) Chairman of the Ratings Committee;
- 9) Chairman of the Championship Committee;
- 10) Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee;
- 11) Chairman of the Ring Officials Committee;
- 12) Chairman of the Women and Youth Championship Committee;
- 13) Chairman of the Grievance and Appeal Committee;
- 14) Chairman of the Consultative Committee;

Article 21. Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) to exercise its authority active regulate, control and supervise various matters;
- b) to prepare the work plan and financial report;
- c) to resolve all matters that are not in the competence of the General Assembly.
- d) to exercise the maximum authority of the WPBF in the absence of the General Assembly;
- e) to convoke special meeting;
- f) to decide on admits, withdraw, suspends or excludes Director or Members;
- g) to approve, repeal, adopt and amend the Bylaws, Constitution, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF;
- h) to ensure the compliance of the safety and protection measures of boxing;
- i) to oversee the enforcement of the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF;
- j) to supervise that all championship contests are held in accordance with the WPBF regulations;

Article 22. Election of the Officers

The President, Three (3) Vice-Presidents and Executive Vice-President shall be elected by the majority votes of those Members present are entitled to vote at the Convention;

Article 23. Appointment of the Officers

The Secretary General, Five Regional Chairmen, Treasurer, Legal Counsel, and the Chairman of each Committees, all of whom shall be freely appointed and/or removed by the President, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Article 24. Term of Office

1. The President, Three (3) Vice-Presidents and Executive Vice-President shall serve for a period of four (4) years.
2. For other appointed officers shall take office immediately after their appointed, and shall serve for a period of two (2) years, and may be re-appoint indefinitely and for consecutive or alternate periods, to continue holding same position or any other, within the administrative structure of WPBF.

Article 25. Removal and Resignation

1. Notwithstanding the stated terms of Officers. Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed by the President with or without cause, whenever in his judgment, the best interests of the WPBF will be served thereby. Any vacancy in any office may be filled by the President.
2. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of an officer, the President in his discretion may elect or appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
3. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President.

Article 26. Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once a year. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meeting. If one third of the members of the Executive Committee request a meeting, it is convened by the Executive Vice-President no later than twenty days following the request.
2. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time and place at the discretion of the President. The President may use teleconference or videoconference for emergency meetings and also use written/electronic ballots for votes if necessary.

Article 27. Date and Place of Meetings

The President shall set the place and date of all meetings, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Notice to each member either personally or by mail or wire at least three days in advance.



Article 28. Quorum

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be 2/3 of its members who are eligible to vote.

Article 29. Voting

1. Each member of the Executive Committee shall either cast a positive or a negative vote or abstain. Only the eligible members taking part in the meeting are allowed to vote.
2. A simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. Abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority. The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of tie.
3. The Executive Committee shall set the date for a decision to take effect.
4. Members of the Executive Committee who have a conflict of interests must abstain from voting on the conflicted agenda. In doubtful situations, the President must decide on the right to vote of the concerned member.

CHAPTER V. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Article 30. Duties of the President

The President represents WPBF. He is primarily responsible for:

- a) implement the decisions passed by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee;
- b) supervise and in charge of the overall work of WPBF;
- c) convene the Executive Committee meetings and other meetings;
- d) preside over the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and other meetings;
- e) set up committee and appoint its members;
- f) prepare the President's report to the General Assembly;
- g) appoint and remove Secretary General, Five Regional Chairmen, Treasurer, Legal Counsel and the Chairman of each Committees;
- h) appoint and remove any member of the Executive Committee;
- i) approve and sanctions any championship contest, world and eliminatory contest;
- j) appoint supervisors and the ring officials to all sanctioned the Championship contests;
- k) he shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote;
- l) he shall together with the Treasurer, in charge of all matters related to the WPBF's Finances.

Article 31. Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform the following duties:

The duties of the Vice-President, shall be acting as substitute for the President, in the case of absence or incapacity of the president or when requested by the President, in accordance with priority of Vice-President-elect, and to perform all conducts duly designated by the President. The Executive Vice-President and three Vice-Presidents have the same duties in the case of his absence or incapacity, in accordance with priority of Vice-President-elect. The Vice-President shall function as an assistant to the President in all matters pertaining to the WPBF. He shall also act as the coordinator between the President and ex-officio of committees of WPBF.

Article 32. Duties of the Secretary General

The Secretary General shall perform the following duties:

- a) to keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and General Meetings;
- b) to prepare such minutes for reproduction and distributions;
- c) to maintain all official documents from all officers and members as well as the continental federations;
- d) to assist the President with any WPBF's correspondence;
- e) to publish official information, newsletter or news release;
- f) to maintain the most current copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the WPBF, and make such documents available to all Active Member.

Article 33. Duties of the Treasurer

The treasurer shall perform the following duties:

- a) Properly receive and deposit the funds in the Bank approved by the Executive Committee.
- b) Keep an accurate the accounting books;
- c) Issue a receipt for funds received;
- d) Prepare an annual report for the regular meetings.
- e) Keep all receipts, bank statements;
- f) Collect all membership dues, sanction fees, etc.,.

Article 34. Duties of the Regional Chairmen

The five regional chairmen shall perform the following duties in the respective geographical region;

- a) to seek harmony between all affiliated members and promote new affiliations;
- b) to establish good relations with all countries, associated members, communication medias;
- c) to promote a positive image and prestige of the WPBF;

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- d) to prevent all methods or practices which might severely damage the integrity, image and value of WPBF;
 - e) to resolve all grievances or appeals problem which might arise in the monthly rankings and competition;
 - f) to ensure the compliance of the safety and protection measures of boxing;
 - g) to oversee the enforcement of the Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Rules and Regulations of WPBF;
 - h) to supervise that all championship contests are held in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of WPBF;
 - i) to appoint the supervisor and the ring officials to officiate all the regional championship contests;
 - j) to perform other conducts duly designated by the WPBF's President.

CHAPTER VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 35. Composition of the Standing Committees

The WPBF shall have followings the administrative structure, the members of the standing committees shall be appointed by the Chairman, and all of whom shall be approved by the President:

- a) Ratings Committee;
- b) Championship Committee;
- c) Medical Advisory Committee;
- d) Ring Officials Committee;
- e) Women and Youth Championship Committee;
- f) Grievance and Appeal Committee;
- g) Consultative Committee

Article 36. Ratings Committee

This committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Members, and shall be responsible for establish the ratings criteria to evaluate the performance of each boxer, and shall promulgate the monthly ratings based on monthly bout results. This committee also shall be responsible for nominate the Boxer of the Month and recommend the Boxer of the Year, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article 37. Championship Committee

This committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Members, and shall include the President, Executive Vice-President and the Regional Chairmen. This committee shall be responsible for the approval, sanction and supervision of the various championship contests. This committee shall keep a strict control and supervise for all championship contests sanctioned by the WPBF, ensuring that all championship contests are carried out in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the championship of WPBF.

Article 38. Medical Advisory Committee

This committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Members, and shall be responsible for advise the Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to the health and safety of boxers, and all preferred and/or necessary procedures to enhance the safety of boxers, and shall collect information on medical matters relating to boxing. The function of this Committee will be determined according to its Internal Regulation.

Article 39. Ring Officials Committee

This committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Members, and shall be responsible for enhance the comprehensive quality of ring officials at all levels, and improve their conduct and ethics and ability to ensure the greater equity, transparency and fairness for the result of each contests. And this committee shall evaluate the performances of the ring officials for the sake of safety and justice.

Article 40. Women and Youth Championship Committee

This committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Members, and shall be responsible for strict control and supervise for all the Women and Youth Championship contests in cooperation with the Medical Advisory Committee. To promote the development of boxing among Women and Youth, and to create fine conditions for the protection of health and safety of Women and Youth boxers.

Article 41. Grievance and Appeal Committee

This committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) Members, shall be responsible for resolve any complaints and appeals, and answers questions from any member regarding interpretations of the rules and provisions, when requested, reviews decisions of committee, and makes recommendations to the president regarding necessary changes the decisions made by the WPBF.

Article 42. Consultative Committee

This committee shall be composed of the Founder, Former President, Legal Advisor, Technical Adviser and Administrative Advisor, and shall be responsible for advises to the President and Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to the development and management of WPBF.

CHAPTER VII. MISCELLANEOUS**Article 43. Apply for the Meetings**

Any country interested to host convention must to submit a written application to give guarantee to fulfill and shall be responsible for the following aspect:

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- A. To guarantee all the related Officers and Delegates entry visas without delay.
 - B. To cover all expenses to be incurred for the meeting. This will include the lodging of all the members of the Executive Committee at the convention site, the board and local transportation, simultaneous translation of official languages, publication, the opening and closing awards gala dinners, all meeting expenses and other administrative requirements.

Article 44. Logo, Flag and Badge

- A. The WPBF's Logo, Flag and Badge shall be a symbol of the WPBF. The WPBF's Logo, Flag and Badge or any other part shall be registered as a trademark and cannot be used for any purpose without the prior consent. The WPBF's Logo, Flag and Badge shall be the sole property of the WPBF.
- B. The WPBF's Flag shall be appropriately displayed or flown at the official hotels, venues, press conference and other public places on the occasion during its any Championships or official meetings.

Article 45. Amendment to the Constitution

The Constitution and Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed adopted by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee at any regular or at any special meeting;

Article 46. Adoption and Effective Date

The present Constitution and Bylaws are adopted by the Executive Committee at extraordinary session on October 22, 2006. These Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective on November 18, 2006.

**ADOPTED, REVISED, AMENDED AND APPROVED BY
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WPBF**