



International
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Committee

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Dear Mr Kremlev,

During its meeting today, the IOC Executive Board received an update regarding boxing, including a revised version of the Paris 2024 Boxing Qualification System to replace the previous one approved on 1 April 2022.

The new qualification system, which will soon be published, is based on direct qualification through selected competitions, including the use of NOC regional multisport events as Olympic boxing qualification tournaments. This means that the responsibility over the boxing competition in the following events will not be done through IBA, and alternative arrangements will be put in place in agreement with the respective event organisers:

- Pan American Games – Santiago 2023
- European Games – Krakow 2023
- Pacific Games – Honiara 2023
- Asian Games – Hangzhou 2022 (taking place in 2023)
- ANOCA (Africa) multisport event to be confirmed

Following the continental phase of quota place allocation, two world qualification tournaments are planned to take place in 2024.

The new Olympic Qualification process puts boxers first, lowering the complexity of the qualification process by using existing regional events and gives up to three qualification opportunities, ultimately achieving a fair and equal pathway for all boxers.

Please note that all related costs to the delivery of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 boxing qualification events and Games-time event will be deducted from the Paris 2024 IBA Games revenue distribution part as it was already decided by the IOC Executive Board and the IOC Session.

During today's meeting, a report was also presented on the issues related to competition management and refereeing and judging processes noted by the independent experts during the boxing competition at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Furthermore, the IOC Executive Board was informed of the follow-up made by IBA after the CAS decision on 14 June 2022, in particular the organisation of the Extraordinary Congress to be held in Yerevan (ARM) on 25 September 2022. The results of this Extraordinary Congress will be thoroughly assessed as soon as they will become available.

Regarding the governance concerns, the IOC Executive Board received information on Professor Haas team's Short Summary Report, attached to IBA Vice-President's letter dated 7 September 2022. It is clear from this report that, while steps have been made to reflect the recommendations in IBA's regulations, their full implementation remains to be achieved and reflected in IBA's actual practices. Additionally, the IOC Executive Board was made aware that Professor Haas' team mandate, which originally was set for the end of 2022, has been terminated on 26 August 2022.

The termination of Professor Haas' mandate follows the removal of a number of key IBA's personnel in the IBA's Headquarters Office and advisors resulting in an increased role of the Presidential office in Moscow and thus contradicting Professor Haas' recommendations.

On the financial aspect, according to the information available, the IBA has not been able to find new sources of income to mitigate its dependency from a Russian State-owned company. Furthermore, the IOC Executive Board noted that this situation is exacerbated by the fact that IBA is dependent from a Russian State-owned bank's branch located in Switzerland which is currently restricted in operation due to sanctions in place.

All the above-mentioned elements and other events aggravate the most serious concerns of the IOC Executive Board with regard to the implementation of the roadmap set out by the IOC Executive Board in December 2021.

Boxing is currently not included in the sports programme of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028. Considering the absence of a real evolution, the IOC Executive Board is not in a position to reverse this decision and will continue to monitor with grave concerns IBA's governance.

Yours sincerely,



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