



## 1. SANCTIONING:

For official sanctioning of an I.B.O. Championship contest, the following must be complied with:

- a. A written request for sanctioning must be delivered to the I.B.O. no less than 30 days prior to the date of the contest. Included with the request shall be the record of the proposed Challenger or Challengers.
- b. Copies of signed bout contracts between the promoter of the bout and each boxer for an I.B.O. Championship contest must be submitted to the I.B.O. no later than 15 days following conditional sanction approval. If the I.B.O. does not receive the signed contracts it may withdraw sanctioning of the fight.
- c. The payment of sanction fees in accordance with the I.B.O. sanction fee schedule.

Sanction fees shall be payable on the full amount of the boxers' gross purses prior to any deductions for trainers, managers, promoters and expenses. A boxer's gross purse includes all sums paid by the promoter of the event and/or by the boxer's promoter on the boxer's behalf to promotions companies, including boxer owned or controlled promotion companies, or to promoters or managers of a boxer under any agreement, including, but not limited to, a "Provision of Services Agreement", a "Bout Coordination Fee" or however else designated; all sums paid to a boxer's prior or current managers or promoters and /or promotion companies; and all sums withheld for the payment of taxes. All such sums paid on the boxer's behalf constitute the gross purse.

- d. The promoter of the event must submit payment of the entire sanction fee for promoters and contestants to the I.B.O. Commissioner (Supervisor) at the Rules Meeting or prepay to the I.B.O. by bank wire transfer in connection with each bout if required by the I.B.O.

Any or all of the above may be waived by the I.B.O. at its sole and absolute discretion. A waiver with regard to one contest shall not be deemed a waiver of such requirements for any subsequent contest.

The President of the I.B.O. may attend each I.B.O. sanctioned bout and shall assign a Fight Commissioner to attend each sanctioned contest. The promoter of the event shall provide the President and the Fight Commissioner with a first class or business class airline ticket to the site of the contest and shall provide seats on the ring apron for the President and the Fight Commissioner.

Any Champion who enters into a non-title fight without consent of the I.B.O. or having received such consent loses a non-title fight shall be subject to losing his I.B.O. Title at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O.

Any I.B.O. Champion who fights a world Champion of another sanctioning body or concurrently defends or challenges for the World Title of another sanctioning body must comply with these regulations. Without official sanctioning as required herein, the Champion shall lose his Title upon engaging in such non-sanctioned contest whether he wins or loses.



The Rules and Regulations governing World Championship Contests are expressly incorporated herein. See Exhibit "A".

## **2. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE:**

This committee shall consist of three (3) members, which shall include the President of the I.B.O., ex-officio and the Chairman of the Committee.

The other member shall be appointed by the President of the International Boxing Organization. Following their appointment, the third member of this committee shall serve until his successor has been appointed. In the event that the Chairman is unavailable, the I.B.O. President shall have all powers and authority of the Chairman.

The Committee shall have the following powers at their sole and absolute discretion;

1. To designate Mandatory Challengers for any category in accordance with the criteria specified in these Rules; and
2. To determine whether a challenger seeking a Mandatory Challenger designation is acceptable to the Champion's television network; and
3. To determine if there is good cause to extend the time during which a Champion must make a Mandatory Challenge; and
4. To order an eliminatory bout; and
5. To recommend to the President that a Title should be vacated if a Champion fails to comply with the I.B.O. World Championship Rules or the IBO Rules and Regulations Governing World Championship Contests; and
6. To order a Purse Bid; and
7. To recommend to the President to reduce the minimum purse bid by up to 50% and to rebid a purse bid or to grant an extension to the Champion for a voluntary fight if there are no qualified bids for a purse bid; and
8. To determine if a Promoter has defaulted on a Purse Bid; and
9. To select contestants for a vacant Championship; and
10. To approve the challenger for any Championship, including a replacement challenger where a challenger is unable to complete a previously scheduled World Championship fight; and



11. To determine whether a Champion is entitled to a disability extension and the terms and conditions for such a disability extension; and
12. To determine whether the Promoter which is the successful bidder for a Purse Bid may assign its rights to conduct the Championship match, and the terms and conditions for any approved assignment of the Promoter's rights to a Purse Bid; and
13. To sanction all Championship Contests and Eliminary Bouts; and
14. To authorize or mandate a direct return fight; and
15. To determine if an Interim Championship is warranted and to sanction an Interim Championship Bout; and
16. To determine the contestants for an Interim or Vacant Championship; and
17. To make or recommend exceptions or variations from these Rules as the World Championship Committee determines are necessary; and
18. To vacate a championship title for any of the following reasons;
  - a. Loss in any bout including a non-title fight
  - b. Violation of I.B.O. Championship Rules
  - c. Violation of Rules and Regulations Governing World Championship Contests
  - d. Suspension, charges or criminal conduct alleged or found by a state, national or provincial agency or local boxing commission
  - e. Any behavior that brings disrepute to the I.B.O. or the sport of boxing
19. To vacate a championship title regardless of cause or fault if the Champion has not defended within a nine (9) month period; and
20. To designate a Mandatory Challenger; and
21. To recommend to the President amendments to these Rules.

The above powers shall be interpreted to include any or all additional powers necessary, helpful or convenient to accomplish the purposes, policies and intent of these Rules.



### **3. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Committee shall meet at the places and at such times as the I.B.O. President or the Chairman of the Committee shall designate. In the event an important decision must be made and it is not possible to hold a meeting of the Committee, the Chairman or the President shall be empowered to request the vote of the members of the Committee by telephone, fax service or e-mail. In that event, the Chairman or the President shall recommend the approval or rejection of any measure, and if within two (2) days he does not receive the vote of any member of the Committee, the votes not stated of the Committee shall be understood as approving the recommendation of the Chairman or the President. Any decision of the Championships Committee must be approved by a majority vote.

### **4. WEIGHT CLASSES:**

World Championships shall be recognized in the following weight classes:

- Strawweight Not over 105 lbs. (47.63 Kgs.)
- Junior Flyweight Not over 108 lbs. (48.99 Kgs.)
- Flyweight Not over 112 lbs. (50.80 Kgs.)
- Super Flyweight Not over 115 lbs. (52.16 Kgs.)
- Bantamweight Not over 118 lbs. (53.52 Kgs.)
- Super Bantamweight Not over 122 lbs. (55.34 Kgs.)
- Featherweight Not over 126 lbs. (57.15 Kgs.)
- Super Featherweight Not over 130 lbs. (58.97 Kgs.)
- Lightweight Not over 135 lbs. (61.24 Kgs.)
- Junior Welterweight Not over 140 lbs. (63.50 Kgs.)
- Welterweight Not over 147 lbs. (66.68 Kgs.)
- Junior Middleweight Not over 154 lbs. (69.85 Kgs.)
- Middleweight Not over 160 lbs. (72.58 Kgs.)
- Super Middleweight Not over 168 lbs. (76.36 Kgs.)
- Light Heavyweight Not over 175 lbs. (79.38 Kgs.)
- Cruiserweight Not over 200 lbs. (90.71 Kgs.)
- Heavyweight Over 200 lbs.

### **5. WEIGHT:**

Weight determines Championships and if a Champion shall fail to make the prescribed weight for his class at the official time of the weigh-in as hereinafter prescribed, his Title shall be forfeited on the scales. See Rules and Regulations governing World Championship Contests for current weigh-in rules. In case of a "force majeure", or of unfortuitous events that cannot be foreseen by any of the parties,



in a program including a Championship fight that must be postponed for a period of no more than 48 hours, a new weigh-in will not be necessary. If the cause for the postponement is any weather phenomenon or any circumstance that can be solved in a period of less than two hours, no decision will be made before that period expires.

After first receiving approval of the Local Boxing Commission and assuming that the Champion and Challenger agree, the I.B.O. Commissioner may waive strict compliance with the time parameters established for weigh-ins.

## **6. DEFENSE OF TITLE:**

### **FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All Champions, with the exception of the Heavyweight Champion, shall defend their Title at least once every nine months unless medically excused therefrom for valid cause and/or at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O. The time frame for the Heavyweight Champion shall be one year. Compliance with this provision shall also require that the IBO receive a formal sanction request, with copies of bout agreements, no less than sixty days prior to the expiration of the nine month period within which a defense is required.

After initially winning the Title and within a period of time stipulated by the I.B.O., the new Champion may be required to defend his Title in a mandatory defense against any boxer designated by the I.B.O. in the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion as it deems beneficial to the division. A newly crowned Champion who was the mandatory Challenger is exempt from this obligation.

During each NINE (9) month period after winning the Title, the Champion at the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion may be required to defend his Title in a mandatory defense against the leading available contender as designated by the I.B.O. in the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion as it deems beneficial to the division. Notice shall be given to the promoters of the Champion and mandatory challenger and shall stipulate the period of time within which the mandatory defense shall take place.

The Champion may also be required to defend his Title in a mandatory defense against the I.B.O. Intercontinental Champion provided that the Intercontinental Champion has held his Title for at least EIGHTEEN (18) months and has defended it at least three times during that period with one of those defenses having been against an approved and designated challenger in the Top 25 of the I.B.O. rankings. The Heavyweight Champion or any Champion may be excluded from this obligation at the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion.

The I.B.O. World Championships Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, vacate a Champion's title regardless of cause or fault if the Champion fails to defend his title within the required time frames as stipulated by the I.B.O. herein.



The designation of a Mandatory Challenger creates an obligation on behalf of the Champion to defend against the designated Mandatory Challenger as a condition to the Champion's retention of the title. This obligation may be subject to modification or extension by the Championships Committee for good cause, such as (but not limited to) participation by the Champion in a unification bout on such terms and conditions as the Championships Committee approves. The designation of Mandatory Challenger does not create rights in the Challenger, and may be subject to such conditions, modifications, extension, or cancelation as the Championships Committee determines.

The fact that a Champion signs a contract for a mandatory defense of his Championship, even though that fight is against the approved and designated Contender as stipulated above, it shall not constitute, in any case, compliance with this regulation, unless the mentioned Title defense effectively takes place within the periods stipulated by the International Boxing Organization.

In each instance, and in each division, the Leading Available Contenders shall be defined and determined solely by the I.B.O. World Champions of other sanctioning bodies may be considered above ranked contenders for vacant titles.

Champions who have been medically or otherwise excused from defending their Title within the proscribed time will subject themselves to a mandatory defense if the I.B.O. sanctions a contest for an "interim" Championship. The Champion shall defend his Title against the interim Champion in his next defense, which shall take place within SIXTY (60) days of the expiration of his medical or other authorized extension. The interim Champion shall be classified as the Challenger in this mandatory contest.

### **FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All IBO Intercontinental Champions shall defend their Title at least once every nine months unless medically excused therefrom for valid cause and / or at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O. Compliance with this provision shall also require that the IBO receive a formal sanction request, with copies of bout agreements, no less than sixty days prior to the expiration of the nine month period within which a defense is required.

All other IBO regional Champions shall defend their Title at least once every nine months unless medically excused there from for valid cause and / or at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O.

After initially winning the Title and within a period of time stipulated by the I.B.O., of not less than sixty days, any regional Champion may be required to defend his Title in a mandatory defense against any boxer designated by the I.B.O. in the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion as it deems beneficial to the division.



During each successive NINE (9) month period after winning the Title, the Champion at the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion may be required to defend his Title in a mandatory defense against a contender as designated by the I.B.O.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

THE SANCTIONING OF ANY CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SHALL BE AT THE SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION OF THE I.B.O. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS STATED BELOW.

### **FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Subject to the approval of the International Boxing Organization and within each NINE (9) month period after winning the Title, the World Champion may defend his Title:

- 1.) against an opponent selected from the list of thirty-five (35) highest ranked boxers in his category of weight or division, or,
- 2.) against any opponent between numbers 36-50, provided they meet all of the following additional criteria:
  - a. the challenger must not have lost his last contest.
  - b. the challenger must not have lost two of his last four fights by knock out or stoppage.
  - c. the challenger must have a positive record in his last six fights.
  - d. the challenger must have boxed and won at least one contest of a minimum of 10 rounds duration.
- 3.) against the I.B.O. Intercontinental Champion, provided the Champion has defended his title against an approved and designated challenger in the Top 50 of the IBO rankings, against the IBO International Champion provided the Champion has defended his title against an approved and designated challenger in the Top 50 of the IBO rankings.
- 4.) against a champion of another sanctioning body provided however that :
  - a. all officials are nominated and/or approved by the I.B.O., and,
  - b. the fight shall be conducted under the Rules of the ABC and the local boxing commission.



5.) against U.S.B.O., Asia/ Pacific, Ibero-American, Continental, Youth, All Africa, and Mediterranean Champions provided the Champion has defended his title at least two times, the last one of which has been against a top 50 opponent and there being no subsequent intervening fights.

6.) against a challenger who would not otherwise be eligible under numbers 1 or 2 above, provided said challenger has been sanctioned by another major sanctioning body under circumstances wherein the I.B.O. World Champion concurrently holds the world title of said other sanctioning body.

7.) against a challenger who would not otherwise be eligible under numbers 1 or 2 above provided that challenger is rated in the top 15 of another major sanctioning body and with further approval of the Chairman of Championships Committee.

#### **FOR INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Against any fighter selected from the I.B.O. Top 100 or against the IBO International champion.

#### **FOR U.S.B.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Against any fighter from the U.S. top 50.

FOR INTERNATIONAL, YOUTH, ALL AFRICA,

MEDITERRANEAN, ASIA PACIFIC AND LATIN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Against any quality opponent as approved at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Upon succeeding to an I.B.O. World Title in accordance with these rules and regulations, the World Champion shall vacate all other Titles other than World Titles retained in approved unification contests. I.B.O. World Champions are not permitted to concurrently hold or engage in a contest for any other Titles unless they are for World Titles in unification bouts approved and sanctioned by the I.B.O. I.B.O. World Champions are permitted to engage in World Championship contests in a different weight division. The loss of such contest shall subject the Title to be declared vacant at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O. If the IBO World Champion wins a championship in a different weight division, he shall have 10 (ten) days within which he must vacate either title. National, International or Regional Titles must be vacated upon winning the I.B.O. World Title.

I.B.O. World Champions are not permitted to engage in a nontitle fight designated by another sanctioning body as an eliminator for a ranking position unless that fight is also sanctioned for both fighters for the I.B.O. title with the I.B.O. assigning or approving the officials. A Champion will automatically lose his recognition as such by the I.B.O. and the Title will be declared vacant if he violates this regulation.



Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prohibit I.B.O. Champions from engaging in a non-title contest with the permission of the I.B.O., provided such contest is not more than TEN (10) rounds. A Champion will automatically lose his recognition as such by the I.B.O. and the Title will be declared vacant if he violates this regulation. Consecutive non-title fights are expressly prohibited.

In any losing challenge by the Intercontinental Champion for the World Title or any loss at his Championship weight, the Intercontinental Title shall be declared vacant.

I.B.O. Regional Champions may concurrently hold or engage in Regional Titles for other sanctioning bodies provided that their I.B.O. regional title is defended within the time frame required therein.

The loss of any non-title fight shall subject any I.B.O. Title to be declared vacant at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all references to the words 'he' or 'his' shall also refer to 'she' or 'her'.

### **MANDATORY DEFENSES**

Within a period of NINETY (90) days prior to the date of a mandatory defense imposed by the International Boxing Organization, no World Champion may sign a contract for the defense of his Title, nor may he defend it against any other boxer who is not the designated mandatory contender.

The President or Chairman shall advise in writing a World Champion with NINETY (90) days prior notice, of his obligation to defend his Title in a mandatory fight.

The Champion and the Challenger should in good faith attempt to come to an agreement within the first THIRTY (30) days of the NINETY (90) day period mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

The President or the Championships Committee may increase or decrease the time in which the Champion and the Mandatory Challenger should reach an agreement. Either the Champion or the Mandatory Challenger may end this negotiation period by written notice to the I.B.O. at any time during the Thirty (30) day negotiation period. The I.B.O. President shall have the discretion to reduce the negotiation period to not less than five (5) days.

If the Champion and the Challenger cannot reach an agreement, the I.B.O. shall determine a date on which it will receive purse bids in auction, this date shall no later than TEN (10) days after the period of THIRTY (30) days referred to in the preceding paragraph.

### **PURSE BIDS**

The Promoter shall pay with respect to all purse bids, and in addition to the sanction fee a non refundable service fee which shall be \$2500.00.



The service fee for the purse bid shall be paid at the time in which the promoter submits his bid, being subject to deduction from the purse the amounts corresponding to the World Champion and to the Challenger. The service fee will be reimbursed to the proposing promoters in a purse bid where same is not awarded to them because their bid is inferior to the winning bid. The International Boxing Organization shall retain the service fee of U.S. \$2500.00 corresponding to the winning promoter, as service for its participation in said auction, to cover the expenses incurred by the I.B.O. upon calling for an auction for such fight.

Bids below the following minimum amounts will not be considered in a bout between a champion and a challenger:

**Weight Class Minimum Bid**

105-122 \$37,500  
126-147 \$50,000  
154-200 \$75,000  
Heavyweight \$250,000

Notwithstanding the minimum amounts described above, the minimum bid requirements can be waived by the I.B.O. concurrently with setting the date for purse bids.

To insure the integrity of the bidding process, all bids must be submitted in person by promoter or promoter's representative, by registered or certified mail or by overnight service such as UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc. All bids will be kept confidential until the time designated in the notice for the opening of the bids.

The bids shall be submitted to the office instructed by the President of the International Boxing Organization, in two sealed envelopes, as follows:

**ENVELOPE No. 1 – DOCUMENTS:**

Envelope No. 1 shall include the following documents:

1. Certified check or bank draft in the name of the International Boxing Organization or cash money in U.S. Dollars for the amount of \$2500.00 to cover the service fee of the Champion, the Challenger and the Promoter.
2. Proof of payment of annual registration fee as Promoter of World Championship Fights of the International Boxing Organization or a wire transfer to the I.B.O. of the fee received prior to the date of the Purse Bid.



3. Letter of authorization or Power of Attorney in case the bidder cannot be present and sends a representative in his stead.
4. The Promoter who does not comply with the above requisites will be automatically disqualified and will not be able to participate in the purse bid. The International Boxing Organization will return to him all the monies submitted as service fee. The I.B.O. will also return to him Envelope No. 2, BID OFFER, which shall not be opened.

**ENVELOPE No. 2 – BID OFFER:**

Envelope No. 2 shall include the following documents:

1. Include bank draft in the name of the International Boxing Organization, cash or legal tender in U.S. Dollars for the equivalent of TEN (10) PERCENT of the total purse offered, which sum will be net, with no deduction whatsoever.
2. Indicate the possible places, no more than three (3), where the fight will take place.
3. Indicate the day the fight will take place, which should be no earlier that FORTY-FIVE (45) days nor later than NINETY (90) days after the successful bid has been determined, unless the interested parties mutually agree to stage the fight before the FORTY-FIVE (45) days minimum. Should the promoter not comply with such date, without a justified reason, the World Championships Committee may declare the promoter's right to promote the World Championship contest forfeited and distribute the guarantee deposit as hereinbefore provided.

The promoter must further deliver a non refundable check representing an additional ten percent of the total bid within 10 days following the bid.

The procedures for purse bids of World Championship fights shall be provided to all Promoters. Only bids submitted by bona fide registered promoters will be accepted by the I.B.O.

In the event that no qualified bid is made, the Championship Committee may recommend to the President that the minimum bid be reduced by up to 50% and the purse bid rebid or that the Champion be granted a release of his mandatory obligation against this mandatory challenger. The President shall determine which option will be pursued within 30 days and the President will notify the contestants of his decision in writing on or before the expiration of the 30 day period.

Should the promoter who won the bid fail, without a justified reason, to promote the World Title contest, then the money deposited with the I.B.O. will be distributed as follows:



To the Champion 75%  
To the Challenger 20%  
To the I.B.O. 5%

The purse shall be distributed, once the fight is over, as follows:

1. Title fights between the Champion and the Mandatory Contender, which take place in the country of origin, residence or nationality of the Champion, the Champion will receive 75% and the Challenger 25% of the purse.
2. In Title fights that take place in any other country, the Champion shall receive 80% and the Challenger 20% of the purse.
3. In Title fights for a vacant Title or eliminatory fights for a vacant Title or in fights between Challengers as ordered by the I.B.O., the distribution will be as follows:
  - a. If the fight is held in the country of origin, residence or nationality of one of the contenders, such contender shall receive 40% and his opponent 60% of the purse.
  - b. If the fight is held in a neutral place or if contestants are of the same origin, residence or nationality, so that one shall not have an advantage over the other, the purse shall be divided in equal shares between the Contenders.

Notwithstanding the purse bid percentages described herein, if the circumstances so warrant, the Championship's Chairman or the President may make a recommendation to the Championship's Committee that a different purse bid split be employed. Any variation in the purse bid percentages from those set forth in this rule must be approved by the Championship's Committee.

The promoter to whom the promotional rights of a World Championship Contest have been granted as a result of a purse bid may not sell or transfer his rights to a third party without the consent of the I.B.O., and should he not promote the fight as aforesaid, without a justified reason, he will forfeit his deposit, in which event the I.B.O. will proceed to call for the auction of another purse bid for such Championship contest.

The purse bid will be carried out by the President or Chairman of the International Boxing Organization or by any other person they may designate, at FOUR (4) o'clock PM (1600 hours) in the time of the country in which the President or Chairman or the person so designated is a resident. All persons participating in the purse bid shall be entitled to be present when the bid envelopes are opened.

It is the responsibility of the winning promoter to prepare and provide to the I.B.O. a copy of the contract(s) for the bout signed by both camps as soon as possible, but not later than fifteen (15) days



following the bid procedure. This contract shall contain the amount of the purse, the site, the date, the location of the bout and provide for a minimum of three (3) round trip coach air travel to the site of the bout (unless local to the fighter), accommodations for not less than three (3) persons for four (4) nights, payment for all required visas, and for the reasonable cooperation of the contestants to promote the bout. Other terms may be negotiated between the parties and included in the contract, but are not required. The boxing event must be scheduled to take place not less than 45 days and not more than 90 days from the date of the bid award, unless a different date is agreed to in writing by the boxers and/or approved by the Championship's Committee. The winning promoter shall promptly make travel arrangement for the participants and inform them and the I.B.O. of these arrangements.

Failure to provide the above listed information to the I.B.O., or to schedule the bout within

90 days of the purse bid in accordance with this rule, will automatically cancel the bid and permit the President to recognize the next highest bidder.

The Champion must sign the contract above within fifteen (15) days of the bid and must comply with all the terms and conditions set by the winning bidder. Failure to so comply will result in the title being vacated.

The Challenger in a championship title fight, and both contestants in a fight for a vacant title or an eliminator, must sign the contract (s) referred to within fifteen (15) days of the bid and must comply with all of the terms and conditions set by the winning bidder. Failure to comply will result in the bid being cancelled.

No exceptions to the Regulations can be requested once a purse bid has been called or a contract has been signed for a mandatory. In the event the Challenger becomes unavailable due to injury or illness after the purse bid has been held, the Champion will be ordered to begin negotiations under this rule with the next highest leading available contender. In the event the Champion becomes unavailable due to injury or illness after the purse bid has been held, and such disability has been proven to and accepted by a physician approved by the President of the I.B.O., he may be granted a medical extension not to exceed ninety (90) days. If it is determined by the physician that the Champion will be disabled for a period to exceed ninety (90) days, the Championships Committee may vacate the title.

The boxers are not permitted to take any intervening bouts. If the Champion takes an intervening bout, he will forfeit the title if the Challenger takes an intervening bout, the bid will be cancelled.

## **7. RETURN BOUT IN CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST CONTRACTS:**

The I.B.O. shall not allow direct return fights, unless recommended and/or authorized by the Committee. A direct and authorized return fight is a fight between the new Champion and the former Champion from whom the new Champion won the title (or between a new Champion and the losing



Contestant in a Vacant Title Fight), before the new Champion defends his title against any of the other fighters classified in his category. If the Committee determines either that the resolution of a Championship Contest was substantially irregular, or that there was a clear misapplication of the rules of boxing resulting in a manifest unfairness, such that in either case the Committee determines that the Championship was substantially unresolved, the Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion recommend a direct return fight, which may be authorized only by the unanimous vote of the Committee. The Committee may also recommend a direct return fight for any other circumstance; in that event a direct return fight shall only be authorized by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

#### **8. FAILURE OF CHAMPION TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTRACT OR THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

If a World Champion fails to comply with his contractual obligation to fight in a I.B.O. World Championship bout without justifiable cause, or tests positive for an illegal or prohibited substance at any time whether in or out of competition or tests positive for any performance enhancing or illegal drug immediately before or after a title bout, or fails to inform the I.B.O. of any medical condition, impairment or any other circumstance which jeopardizes his participation in an I.B.O. World Championship contest, or is suspended by the local Boxing Commission or charged or convicted for criminal conduct, the Committee may recommend that the fighter be stripped of the title and that the title be declared vacant.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein should the World Champion and the challenger have contractually agreed to submit to VADA testing, then and in that event, the prohibited list of VADA shall be the binding list as to what shall be considered a doping violation by the I.B.O., whether or not said prohibited substance deviates from the prohibited list of the I.B.O., the local Commission or any other drug testing entity conducting doping testing in conjunction with the local Commission. If a doping violation is found and confirmed by VADA the Championships Committee may recommend that the Champion be stripped of his title and that the title be declared vacant.

However, if the Champion is unable to defend his Championship within the time periods provided by these Rules because he is physically disabled for a justified cause, and said disability has been verified and accepted by the World Championships Committee, the Champion may be granted a reasonable time to recover from the disability and retrain to competitive condition, which shall not in total exceed 180 days. The disability extension will be granted only if the Committee determines, based on competent medical advice, that the Champion is reasonably expected to recover from his disability and be ready to fight within the maximum allowable term of the disability extension. The Committee may condition its approval on a disability extension upon the Champion providing interim medical certifications that he is reasonably expected to recover and be ready to fight within the term of the disability extension.

A disability extension shall be approved only by the vote of the World Championships Committee. If the Champion's recovery time exceeds the maximum term of the authorized disability extension, or if upon receipt of an interim medical certification the World Championship Committee determines that the Champion is not reasonably likely to recover and be prepared to defend his Championship within



the term of the disability extension, the title shall be declared vacant and a vacant Championship fight shall be held for the title pursuant to the provisions of the World Championships Regulations.

The Championship Committee may order an Interim Championship bout when the Champion is incapacitated, inactive, or when a Champion is moving out of his division to fight for another championship. In this case the interim Champion must defend his interim title against the Champion, if the Champion who vacated his Title due to disability is medically able and prepared to compete for the Championship within the time frame of the disability extension. If an interim Championship is held due to a Champions inactivity, the Champion must defend his title against the Interim Champion within 120 days of the interim Championship or the Interim Champion shall become Champion.

In such an event the Champion losing the Title due to disability shall be the mandatory Challenger for a period to be determined by the Championships Committee but shall still be considered the Champion for purse bid purposes.

#### **9. VACATING TITLE:**

A World Championship can be lost due to non-fulfillment or breach of contract; for inability to fight or to make the required weight; or, for any other reason established in these Championship Rules or the Rules and Regulations governing World Championship Contests.

In the event that a World Championship Title becomes vacant, the two (2) leading available contenders as defined by the I.B.O. in their sole and absolute discretion shall fight for the Title and for this purpose they shall be given a period of no more than thirty (30) days to negotiate the best possible contract with a duly qualified Promoter. If the parties cannot come to an agreement in that period of time, the Chairman of the World Championships Committee or the President will request purse offers for such contest in accordance with the procedure established in Article 6 of this Regulation.

#### **10. OFFICIALS:**

The I.B.O. shall maintain for the purposes of appointments, a list of officials (Judges and Referees) licensed to act in World Championship contests. The I.B.O. shall nominate without partiality, and according to availability, officials for World Championship contests. All I.B.O. nominations are subject to approval by the Local Commission who shall be the final designator of officials. All officials are independent contractors, not employed by the I.B.O. Specific officials may be requested or appointed by the Local Commission, in which case they will be approved providing they have Championship experience and are licensed by the Local Commission.

The officials shall be paid for their time and cooperation in conducting any World Championship contest a fee by the promoter in accordance with the current fee schedule.



No official may request any other payment save as therein provided under penalty of suspension or cancellation of his license. It is the responsibility of the Commission or authority under whose jurisdiction the contest takes place that the official be paid as delineated above. Any official not approved by the I.B.O. and the Local Commission will not be authorized to act in a World Championship contest.

**11. TRAVEL:**

The officials appointed by the I.B.O. must be present two (2) days in advance of the date in which the Championship fight will take place, in the site of the event. The promoter must send air tickets in coach class to the officials and a business-class ticket to the I.B.O. Commissioner and the President of the I.B.O. The promoter must also make the corresponding room and board arrangements for these officials, on his account.

**12. WEIGHT OF GLOVES:**

The weight of gloves to be used in Championship Contests shall be as follows:

- From Strawweight up to and including Welterweight shall use eight (8) ounce gloves.
- From Light Middleweight up to and including Heavyweight shall use ten (10) ounce gloves.

**13. EXCEPTION TO REGULATIONS:**

The World Championships Regulations may be amended at any time in relation to any matter by way of an exception or special case, provided such amendment is approved by a majority vote of the World Championships Committee. A request for an exception must be in writing setting forth the reasons for making such a request. Said written request shall be accompanied by a non-refundable Exception application fee to be determined by the I.B.O. Any promoter, boxer or manager requesting an exception to these regulations must indemnify the I.B.O. against any losses or damages including but not limited to all costs and attorneys fees arising out of any litigation occasioned by the granting of a special exception. The indemnification must be in writing and in form and content acceptable to the I.B.O. before any exception is granted. The granting of a special exception under this Rule 13 shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the I.B.O. If the exception is granted, it will be granted conditioned upon the affected participant reserving the right to file an Appeal under the procedure in Rule 15 prior to a final decision. Upon notification that the affected participant does not intend to file an Appeal, the decision of the World Championships Committee shall become final.

**14. ATTENDANCE OF AN I.B.O. COMMISSIONER AT ALL SANCTIONED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS:**

The President or Chairman of the I.B.O. shall attend and/or assign a Commissioner of the I.B.O. ("Supervisor") to attend, each World Championship contest sanctioned by the I.B.O.



The duties of such Commissioner shall be to represent the I.B.O. The I.B.O.'s role in all such contests is expressly limited to:

- A) sanctioning the contest as an I.B.O. Championship contest.
- B) stipulating that the contest be fought between opponents eligible to do so in accordance with the I.B.O. Ratings and these Championship Rules and Regulations.
- C) nominating officials to be approved by the Local Commission.
- D) presenting an I.B.O. Championship Title Belt to the winner of the contest.

In making such assignment of the Commissioner, the President shall consider the qualifications of such assignee with regard to knowledge and experience in World Championship matters of the I.B.O. The International Boxing Organization representative shall submit a complete report within TEN (10) following the contest to the President and Chairman, which shall cover the expenses of, and other matters pertinent to the assignment.

## **15. GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:**

### **A.) Grounds for Appeal**

1. Miscalculation of the score where the correct score would change the outcome of the fight;
2. Inappropriate conduct by the referee which is alleged to have affected the outcome of the fight;
3. Misconduct on the part of the judges or referee which is alleged to have had a material effect on the outcome of the fight;
4. Previous imposition of penalties by the I.B.O.;
5. Any other alleged violation of the rules of the I.B.O. that may have a detrimental effect on the rights of the complainant;
6. The granting of an exception under Rule 13.

### **B.) Form and Timing of Appeal**

All appeals shall be in writing from the complainant or his designated representative and shall be sent to the President of the I.B.O. within ten (10) business days from the date of the subject fight, any alleged infraction of the rules, or from the date an exception is granted under Rule 13. Failure to appeal within ten (10) business days shall constitute a waiver of the right to Appeal.

### **C.) Contents of the Notice of Appeal**

The Appeal shall list with specificity each alleged discrepancy/ground for Appeal and/or infraction of a rule of the I.B.O. and explain the effect of said infraction or claimed discrepancy on the complainant.

### **D.) Fee**



All requests for a hearing before the Grievances and Appeals Committee by any complainant must be in writing and accompanied by a certified check payable to the I.B.O. in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover the expense of such a hearing. The \$10,000.00 fee is non-refundable and shall be delivered to the President of the I.B.O. at the time the Appeal is filed.

#### E.) Notification of Hearing

The President shall notify the complainant of the time, place and date set for the hearing. The President shall further provide all interested parties with a copy of the written appeal and inform them of the time, place and date of the hearing. All interested parties may be heard at the hearing.

#### F.) Panel to Hear Appeal

The President of the I.B.O. will appoint a Chairperson and two additional members to the Committee to hear the Appeals. They will be selected according to the type of Appeal under consideration. Each panel must be approved by the Board of Directors of the I.B.O. The Committee may ask for the testimony of witnesses and shall make as many or any kind of investigations as it deems necessary. After completion of the hearing, the panel will present its findings to the President, who, after consultation with the Championships Committee shall take that action deemed appropriate based upon said recommendation.

#### G.) Notification of Result

The complainant shall be notified in writing of the result of the hearing within twenty (20) business days of the hearing.

#### H.) Exhaustion of Remedies

Any person(s) aggrieved must file and exhaust the internal Appeal procedure prior to taking other actions, including commencing litigation under Rule 16.

## **16. LITIGATION**

#### A.) Applicable Law

In all cases filed against the I.B.O. in State or Federal court, the laws of the State of Florida shall apply.

#### B.) Venue

Any promoter or boxer requesting sanction for a bout from the I.B.O. and all seconds and any all other representatives of the boxers participating in a fight sanctioned by the I.B.O. (hereinafter "Party" or "Parties") hereby consent to submit to the jurisdiction of the federal or state courts in Florida in the



event the I.B.O. files suit against them or any actions are filed by any Party against the I.B.O.

#### C.) Duty to Protect, Defend, Hold Harmless and Indemnify

If the I.B.O. becomes a party to any legal proceeding as a result of any Party's action or omission, the Party shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the I.B.O., its employees, officers, directors, and agents, for all claims, damages, costs and expenses incurred therein by the I.B.O., including attorney's fees. If the I.B.O. is made a party defendant in a lawsuit and the case is dismissed or resolved in favor of the I.B.O. the plaintiff(s) shall pay all the costs and expenses of litigation, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees incurred by the I.B.O.

#### D) Limitation of Liability and Disclaimer

In no event shall the I.B.O. be liable to any Party for punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits, loss of earning capacity, delay, interest or attorneys' fees, directly or indirectly resulting from any act or omission of the I.B.O., its employees, officers, directors or or agents.

#### E) Exclusive Remedy

The sole and exclusive monetary remedy, both pre litigation and post litigation, for any Party for alleged acts or omissions of the I.B.O. shall be limited to the return of the sanction fees, expenses, or costs the Party has paid to the I.B.O. for the underlying event giving rise to the Party's claim.

### **17. PENALTIES:**

Should any Champion or Challenger be found in violation of any of the rules of the I.B.O. or should any Champion, Challenger or corner man be found to have acted in an unsportsmanlike or unprofessional manner, by a majority vote of the World Championships Committee, the Champion or the Challenger may be subject to fine, forfeiture of the monies, vacation of the title or any other disciplinary action directed by the World Championships Committee for the good of the organization. The boxer(s) subjected to discipline under this rule has a right to appeal the findings of a violation or the imposition of disciplinary action, or both, under Rule 15, Appeal's Procedure.