

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS**

The following are the agreed to rules and regulations of the I.B.O. for the World Championship bout of _____ pounds between the Champion _____ of _____ and the Challenger _____ of _____ on the _____ day of the month _____ of the year _____. This Championship contest shall be governed by these rules and regulations and by the rules and regulations of the local Commission. The I.B.O. and the local Commission agree that in the event of any unresolved conflict between I.B.O. rules and local rules the Unified Rules of Boxing propounded by the A.B.C. shall prevail. The I.B.O. Commissioner must be given a seat in the technical zone next to the ring and shall conduct the tabulation of the scoring with the local Commission.

BY ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS, THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PROMULGATED AND PUBLISHED BY THE I.B.O. AND AVAILABLE ON THE I.B.O. WEBSITE.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All World Championship contests must be twelve (12) rounds duration. Each round shall be of three (3) minutes duration with one (1) minute intermission between rounds.
2. Three judges shall score the contests and determine the winner through the use of the ten (10) point must system. In this system, the winner of each round receives ten (10) points and the opponent an appropriately lesser number. Under no circumstances will the scoring be less than ten to seven exclusive of penalty point deductions. When the round is even, each boxer receives ten points.
3. The scorecards will be picked up after each round and the tally made by the I.B.O. Fight Commissioner in conjunction with the local Commission.

WEIGHT AND WEIGH-IN CEREMONY:

1. Contestants for a World Championship contest shall be weighed on the day prior to the scheduled match at a place and at a time as determined by the local Commission and in the presence of a Commission representative and the International Boxing Organization Commissioner. The scales to be used at the official weigh-in must be available to both contestants at least two hours prior to the official weigh-in.
2. Weight determines Championships, if either of the contestants (Champion or Challenger) fails to make the prescribed weight at the official weigh-in, they have two hours to re-weigh and make weight in the presence of the I.B.O. Commissioner and or the local Commission.
3. If the Champion fails to make the weight, the title will be declared vacant, but the fight may still continue as a Championship bout. If the Challenger wins, he shall be declared the new



Champion. If the Challenger fails to make the weight, the bout shall go on as a non-title bout. If the contest is for a vacant title and one of the Challengers fails to make the weight, the fight may continue as a Championship bout and if Challenger who has made the weight wins, he shall be declared the new Champion.

4. Under no circumstances will the I.B.O. participate in, or sanction a bout for its title when one fighter is overweight; when there is a difference of more than 10 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 160 pounds and not more than 175 pounds; or 8 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 147 pounds and not more than 160 pounds; or 6 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 135 pounds and not more than 147 pounds; or 4 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs more than 112 pounds and not more than 135 pounds; or 2 pounds between the two participants when the lighter of the two weighs less than 112 pounds.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND SAFETY STANDARDS:

In order to encourage the preservation and protection of the health and welfare of boxers who compete in bouts that are sanctioned for the I.B.O. title, both the Champion and the Challenger must submit all required medical reports and meet all medical standards as required by the local Commission having jurisdiction over the bout. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the I.B.O. sanction.

Prior to the contest, each contestant must also receive a physical examination and approval by the physician appointed by the local Commission. The examination shall meet the standards as dictated by the local Commission. At least two physicians shall be present at ringside and be seated at close proximity to each boxer's corner.

The promoter and/or the local Commission acknowledge that if the bout takes place in the U.S., they have complied with and met the safety standard requirements as promulgated by the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 and herein indemnify the I.B.O. against any failure to do so.

KNOCKDOWN AND KNOCKOUT:

1. A boxer shall be considered to be "down" when any part of his body, other than his feet, are on the canvas, or if he is hanging helplessly over the ropes as a result of a legal blow as ruled by the referee, who is the only person authorized to determine this, or he is still rising from the down position and not standing upright.

2. The mandatory eight (8) count rule shall be in effect in all I.B.O. Championship bouts. No standing eight (8) is permitted. Three (3) knockdowns in any one round does not automatically terminate the fight. If in the referee's judgment, the knockdowns have been indecisive and clearly with no injurious effect upon the boxer, the contest may be continued but with good sense and judgment and the boxer's welfare always paramount.



3. When the contestant is knocked down, the referee shall audibly announce the count as he motions with his right arm downward indicating the end of each second of the count. If the contestant taking the count is not standing in a complete upright position when the referee calls the count of ten (10), the referee shall waive both arms indicating that the contestant has been knocked out.

4. When a contestant has been knocked down, the referee shall order the opponent to the farthest neutral corner of the ring and pick up the count from the time keeper or official counting for knockdowns. Should the opponent fail to stay in the corner as directed by the referee, the referee shall stop the count and redirect the contestant to go back to the corner and resume the count at the point that it was interrupted. In the event of any knockdown, the timekeeper's count will cease when picked up by the referee whose count shall prevail and be relied on by the contestant.

5. A contestant who has been knocked out of the ring (body off the apron) as a result of a legal blow may not be helped back in by his corner men. The referee shall allow the contestant twenty (20) seconds to re-enter the ring and stand. Should the contestant fail to re-enter the ring on his own before the allotted time, the referee shall wave both arms to indicate that he has been knocked out, and the hand of his opponent as the winner.

6. A contestant may not be saved by the bell in any round. If a contestant is down, and the round has terminated, the referee shall continue the count until the contestant rises or he is counted out. If a contestant fails to rise before the count of ten (10), he shall be declared a loser by knockout in the round just concluded.

ILLEGAL BLOWS AND FOULS:

1. It is expressly understood that a World Championship contest is not to be terminated by the effects of a low blow. The protection that must be used by both contestants is sufficient protection to withstand any so-called low blow, which might incapacitate either one of the contestants.

2. If one of the contestants, after the referee instructs him to continue, indicates an unwillingness to continue because of a claim of a low blow, the contest shall be terminated and the contest shall be awarded to his opponent.

3. In case of any type of accidental foul, the referee shall determine if the fouled contestant can immediately continue or not. If the referee determines that his chances have been jeopardized as a result of the foul, the referee may order an interval of not more than five (5) minutes rest. The bout shall continue thereafter, if caused by a low blow. For any other kind of accidental foul, if the referee determines that the injured boxer is unable to continue after the five (5) minute rest period, the rules governing Accidental Fouls shall apply.

4. Any contestant who deliberately fouls his opponent during a contest shall be penalized with a deduction of points or disqualification, depending on the severity or harmlessness of the foul and



its effect on the opponent. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee will notify the authorities and deduct two points from the boxer who caused the foul.

INJURIES CAUSING A TERMINATION OF BOUT:

1. FAIR BLOWS:

When an injury is produced by a fair blow, and because of the severity of the injury the contest cannot continue, the injured boxer shall be declared the loser by a technical knockout.

2. SELF SUSTAINED:

If a boxer injured himself, such as a broken bone or sprain, or is unable to continue for any other self sustained physical reason, he shall lose by technical knockout.

3. INTENTIONAL FOULS:

If an intentional foul causes an injury, and if the injury in the referee's opinion is severe enough to terminate a bout immediately, the boxer causing the injury shall lose by disqualification.

If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee will notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls will be mandatory.

If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, and the injury results in the bout being stopped in any round after the fourth (4th) round, the injured boxer will win by **TECHNICAL DECISION** if he is ahead on the score cards or the bout will result in a **TECHNICAL DRAW** if the injured boxer is behind or even on the score cards.

If a boxer injures himself while attempting to intentionally foul his opponent, the referee will not take any action in his favor, and this injury will be the same as one produced by a fair blow.

If the referee feels that a fighter's conduct is unsportsmanlike, the referee may stop the bout and disqualify the boxer.

If a contestant injures himself trying to foul his opponent, the referee will not take any action in his favor, the injury will be considered as produced by a fair blow from his opponent.

4. ACCIDENTAL FOULS:

If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout, the bout will result in a **NO DECISION** if stopped before four (4) completed rounds. Four (4) rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of the fourth round.



If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout, after four (4) rounds have occurred, the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DECISION, awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.

a) Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no action has occurred the round should be scored even. This is at the discretion of the judges.

A fighter who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time but no more than five (5) minutes or he will lose the fight.

THE REFEREE:

1. The referee shall be the chief official in every Championship contest and he shall maintain supervision and control over the contest while it is in progress.
2. Before any Championship contest shall begin, the referee shall ascertain the name of the Chief Second of each contestant and shall hold said Chief Second responsible for the conduct of his respective corner. Shaking hands by the contestants is recommended immediately following the referee's instructions.
3. The referee is empowered to enforce the Rules and Regulations of the local Commission and the Rules and Regulations of the I.B.O. pertaining to the conduct and behavior of contestants.
4. The referee shall be the only person authorized to determine if injuries were the result of legal blows, accidental fouls or intentional fouls.
5. The referee shall have the power to stop a contest and render a decision at any stage if he considers it to be one-sided; or, if either contestant is in such condition that to continue might subject him to serious injury.
6. If a boxer sustains an injury from a blow or foul that the referee believes may incapacitate the boxer, the referee is empowered to interrupt the contest and consult with the ring physician on the advisability of allowing the bout to continue. The referee is the only one permitted to signal the end of a bout.

THE RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN:

The ringside physician may enter the ring during the course of the round only at the request of the referee. The ringside physician may enter the ring between rounds on his own and advise the referee about the condition of either opponent.

DRUGS AND STIMULANTS:

1. The administration or use of drugs, injections or stimulants, either before or during a match, to



any boxer or by any boxer, is prohibited. This includes smelling salts, ammonia capsules or similar irritants.

2. The local Commission shall order anti-doping examinations immediately before or after the contest. The urine sample shall be supplied in the presence of a member of the local Commission, the Commission physician or his appointee and representative of the boxer.

The specimen shall be collected in a sterile container and shall be divided in two (2) equal parts also in sterile containers. The specimen shall be labeled with the boxer's name, date, time and place. The specimen shall be sealed in the presence of the above witnesses and signed by them. The second specimen shall be used in case of doubt, spilling or argument.

If it becomes necessary to examine the second specimen, the boxer in question or his representative, may observe, in detail, the opening and analysis of the specimen. The boxer or his representative may be accompanied by a qualified adviser selected by them.

The boxer shall indicate at the time he gives the specimen if he's under medication. If the boxer is under medication, he shall provide evidence that he is using it for therapeutic purposes by means of medical certification and such medication must not be prohibited by the local Commission.

Any drugs prohibited by the local Commission, WADA, or on the WADA prohibited substance list shall be considered a doping violation by the I.B.O., whether considered performance enhancing or not and shall subject the violator to loss of title and/or fines at the I.B.O.'s sole and absolute discretion.

3. Any substance other than plain water or approved electrolyte drinks given to a contestant, during the course of the bout, is absolutely prohibited. For the purposes of this paragraph, approved electrolyte drinks shall mean such common sports drinks such as: Gatorade, Powerade, Accelerade, Cytomax, and G Push, or any other sports drink not expressly prohibited by the International Olympic Committee. A discretionary amount of lubricant may be used around the eyes, however, the use of lubricants, grease or any other foreign substance on the arms, legs or body is prohibited.

4. A discretionary use of coagulants approved by the ringside physician, such as, adrenalin (1/1000), may be allowed between rounds to stop bleeding of minor cuts or lacerations sustained by a contestant during the course of the fight.

5. The use of "iron type" coagulants, such as, Monsel's solution, is absolutely prohibited. The administration of any "iron type" coagulants by or to any contestant is considered as a violation and shall be grounds for disqualification.

GLOVES:

1. The weight of gloves to be used in World Championship contests shall be as follows:



a) Light Middleweights, up to and including Heavyweights, shall use ten (10) ounce gloves.

b) Light Flyweights, up to and including Welterweights, shall use eight (8) ounce gloves.

2. The local Commission's inspector shall inspect the gloves of each contestant prior to the beginning of the contest to insure that the gloves are free of any foreign substance that could be detrimental to an opponent, and are properly laced and taped.

If a boxing commission does not have the necessary personnel to perform these activities, out of necessity, the IBO Commissioner is authorized to do so or alternatively to designate a referee to perform these inspections.

THE RING:

The local Commission shall verify before the contest that rings used in World Championship contests shall be no less than eighteen (18) feet (5,486m) nor more than twenty-four (24) feet (7,315m) by side within the ropes.

HAND WRAPS:

1. The amount and type of hand wraps to be used in Championship contests shall be as follows:

a) In all weight classes, hand wraps shall be restricted to twenty (20) yards of soft gauze not more than two (2) inches in width, held in place by not more than eight (8) feet of adhesive tape, one and one half (1 ½) inches in width, for each hand.

b) Adhesive tape shall not cover any part of the knuckles when the hand is clenched to make a fist.

The local Commission shall inspect the bandages to insure that they comply with these and all local regulations.

If a boxing commission does not have the necessary personnel to perform these activities, out of necessity, the IBO Commissioner is authorized to do so or alternatively to designate a referee to perform these inspections.

MOUTHPIECES:

All contestants in I.B.O. bouts are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. No bout may commence unless each contestant has a back-up mouthpiece in the corner. The round cannot begin without a mouthpiece in place. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the referee will call time and replace the mouthpiece at the first opportune moment without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be deducted by the referee if he feels the mouthpiece is being purposely spit out.

**LEGAL ACTION:**

All actions against the I.B.O. shall be filed in the State of Florida regardless of the venue of the bout. The boxers, promoters and any and all other representatives of the boxers 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. In any case filed against the I.B.O. in state or federal court, the laws of the state of Florida and these rules and the I.B.O. Championship Rules and Regulations shall apply.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The World Champion will wear the Championship belt when coming into the ring, which will be given to the referee, and by him to the I.B.O. Commissioner at ringside. The World Champion shall also wear an I.B.O. World Champion patch on the front of his boxing trunks. At the end of the contest, before the result is announced, the I.B.O. Commissioner and the Chairman of the local Commission, or his representative, shall be invited into the ring to immediately proceed with the Championship belt ceremony.

The I.B.O. does not arrange, promote, organize, produce or supervise Championship contests. It merely propounds rules governing the contest to be applied in conjunction with local rules, licenses the use of its name and awards the Championship belt to the winner.

The scheduling of bouts, safety standards, supplying of safety equipment, ambulances, evacuation and emergency procedures, the provision of doctors or any of the attendant and peripheral matters necessary to supervise and administer any fight for which it has sanctioned the use of its name are always arranged by the promoters under the supervision, control and in accordance with the rules of the local Commission. It is the obligation of the promoters and or the local Commission to meet all governmental safety standards and to pay for the above services provided at the contest including, but not limited to payment to the referee, judges, inspectors, doctors and ambulance service and all peripheral and attendant matters.

The expression by any party of a lack of knowledge of the I.B.O Rules and Regulations World Championship Contests or the Championship Rules and Regulations will not be a cause for any exception or objections to the aforementioned rules which have been provided to you and are also available on the I.B.O website www.iboboxing.com.

We the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to the Rules and Regulations of the International Boxing Organization governing World Championship contests and all matters contained herein and agree that the bout will be conducted in accordance with these rules and the rules of the local Boxing Commission under the sole supervision and control of the local Boxing Commission.



**CHAMPION OR
REPRESENTATIVE**

**CHALLENGER OR
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LOCAL BOXING COMMISSION

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I.B.O. FIGHT COMMISSIONER

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