



April 26, 2023

USA Boxing Membership  
Via email

**Re: USA Boxing's CESSATION (Termination) of MEMBERSHIP from International Boxing Association (IBA) and Membership Application to World Boxing International Federation**

Dear USA Boxing Members:

Later this morning, April 26, 2023, and after this communication is sent to you, USA Boxing will send a letter of termination to IBA's Secretary General exercising USA Boxing's right under Section 12 CESSATION (Termination) OF MEMBERSHIP. This means USA Boxing will no longer be a member of IBA effective immediately.

USA Boxing will commit full support to World Boxing's efforts to seek provisional recognition of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and as an International Federation (IF) for the sport of Olympic-style boxing, Paralympic Boxing (Adaptive) and Esport Boxing.

On March 22, 2023, USA Boxing Board of Directors met in Executive Session and USA Boxing's Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution approving these actions.

## **RESOLUTION**

**USA BOXING'S DECISION TO TERMINATE MEMBERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION (IBA) FOR IBA'S FAILURE TO UPHOLD IT'S MISSION AND PRINCIPLES OF ITS CONSTITUTION AND FAILURE TO RESPECT THE OLYMPIC CHARTER AND MOVEMENT.**

The unanimous approval was based on a summary of facts such as; but not limited to,

1. USA Boxing is and has been a Charter Member of the International Boxing Association (IBA) and its predecessor Associations (AIBA) since 1946
2. USA Boxing is a member in good standing of the IBA and Americas Boxing Confederation (AMBC)



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3. USA Boxing is certified by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of Olympic-Style boxing in the United States of America,
4. USA Boxing has participated in the modern Olympic Games since 1904 and has won more Olympic Boxing Medals than any other Federation; 117 total medals have been awarded with 51 Gold medals,
5. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspended IBA's recognition in 2019, based on the recommendation of the Lalovic Report, which also provided clear areas to be reformed until, "...sustainable improvements have been made in the areas of governance, ethics, refereeing and judging as well as financial stability...",
6. USA Boxing and many National Federations have expressed growing concern that IBA leaders have failed to follow IOC's recommendations and have failed to implement the necessary changes required by the Lalovic Report for readmission into the Olympic Movement,
7. These ongoing failures forced the IOC to step in and oversee the Olympic boxing program in Tokyo 2020 and the scheduled Olympic boxing program in Paris 2024,
8. IBA has failed to follow its stated Mission, "*...to promote, support and govern the sport of boxing worldwide in accordance with the requirements and spirit of the Olympic Charter...*"; has disregarded its own Constitution, policies, and published processes; has openly defied the ruling of the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS); and has continuously failed to prioritize the needs of boxers,
9. IBA's false announcements regarding the Olympic Qualification process confused boxers, coaches, and officials from around the world, as IBA knew full well that the organization is suspended from the Olympic Movement. Their actions appear to be an attempt to sabotage the Boxing Qualification System-Games for the XXXIII Olympiad-Paris 2024,
10. USA Boxing remains committed to the Olympic movement by following the principles of proper governance, promoting neutral third-party oversight of the field of play, condemning false and misleading information from IBA leadership, demanding transparent financial management, and following the IOC requirements that prohibit athletes whose National governments are under current IOC sanctions from competing under their national symbols, flags, anthems, and colors,



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11. IBA leadership attempted to intimidate and threaten USA Boxing, other National Federations and Confederations not to exercise their constitutional rights of autonomy and independence,
12. USA Boxing's decision not to have USA Boxing boxers participate in the 2023 World Championships was based on many factors including, but not limited to, *"...(IBA's) failure to provide neutral third-party oversight, false and exaggerated statements from IBA leadership, opaque financial management and dependence on sanctioned companies, and allowing participation of athletes under sanctioned flags, anthems and colors..."*,
13. IBA's President asserted that USA Boxing and other NF Leaders who exercised their rights to make decisions, as the leaders of our respective National Federations, *"...are worse than hyenas and jackals, they violate the integrity of sport and culture. I urge all my colleagues to clear their organizations of such hyenas, as I can't call them another way..."*,
14. IBA's President statement reflects an attitude that is anti-democratic, unprofessional, and violates the rights of USA Boxing and other National Federations and Confederations to self-government and to, *"...manage its (USA Boxing's, other National Federations and Confederations) affairs independently..."*,
15. The IOC publicly reported that they do not believe IBA has addressed the ongoing concerns around its governance, its financial transparency and sustainability and the integrity of its judging and referring processes so at this time won't reverse its decision to leave boxing off the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic program,
16. Since 1978, USA Boxing is and has been recognized/certified by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of amateur Olympic-Style boxing in the United States of America in accordance with federal law, Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 220501 et. seq. (the "Sports Act"),
17. USA Boxing shall meet the requirements of the Sports Act, which conducts on a level of proficiency appropriate for selection of athletes to represent the United States in international athletic competition, *"...Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games..."*, in Olympic-Style boxing, a national program, or regular national athletic competition in Olympic-Style boxing, and ensure that representation reflects the



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nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of that sports organization in relation to all other of those programs and competitions in the sport of Olympic-Style boxing in the United States

18. USA Boxing must follow its mission "...To promote and grow Olympic-style amateur boxing in the United States and to inspire the tireless pursuit of Olympic gold and enable athletes and coaches to achieve sustained competitive excellence. Additionally, USA Boxing endeavors to teach all participants the character, confidence and focus they need to become resilient and diverse champions, both in and out of the ring. USA Boxing is one team, one nation, going for gold!
19. USA Boxing must follow the footsteps of our American forefathers to, *"...dissolve the political bands which have connected..."* USA Boxing with IBA, who has violated the rights of USA Boxing as a National Federation. IBA has failed to uphold its mission and obligations to National Federations to, *"... to promote the highest standards with respect to organization, judging, referee..."*, *"...to promote understanding and cooperation between Confederations and National Federations..."* and, *"...to promote and further the ideals of the Olympic movement as expressed in the Olympic Charter..."*
20. USA Boxing shall/must exercise our rights, *"...to alter or to abolish..."* our relationship with IBA which appears to be leading the boxing community towards *"...destructive...end..."*, which would see Olympic-style boxing removed from future Olympic Programs and the Olympic Movement,

USA Boxing will immediately begin the World Boxing application process and submit the required application on the first day of acceptance, on or about May 1, 2023.

USA Boxing is committed to work tirelessly with World Boxing, like-minded National Federations and worldwide Olympic-style boxing community to earn the privilege to be part of the Olympic Movement now and in the years to come.

USA Boxing will continue to provide updates to our members as more information becomes available.

In your corner,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike McAtee" with "USAB" written below it.

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