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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

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SOUTH AFRICAN BOXING ACT, 2001 (ACT NO. 11 OF 2001): DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE 2004 BOXING REGULATIONS

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I, **Gayton McKenzie**, Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, hereby give notice, in terms of section 34 of the South African Boxing Act, 2001 (Act No. 11 of 2001), and after consultation with Boxing South Africa, of my intention to amend the Boxing Regulations, 2004, as set out in the Schedule.

Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written comments on the proposed amendments **within 90 days** from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette.

All comments and representations must be submitted to the Director-General of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture through one of the following channels:

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Date: 29 June 2026

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[ ] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

Definitions

1. In these Regulations a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act must have the meaning so assigned and unless the context otherwise indicates –

"accredit" means to officially appoint or license a person or entity by Boxing SA;

"accreditation" means an official process by Boxing SA to appoint a person or entity to render services to Boxing SA;

"agent" means any person to whom a certificate of registration as such has issued in terms of the Act and/or Regulations **[**2**];**

"arbitration Tribunal" means the arbitral tribunal established and accredited to deal with appeals from decisions of the Disciplinary Committee and any non-disciplinary disputes and differences that may arise in the sport of boxing;

"arbitrator" means a person appointed by Boxing SA to conciliate or arbitrate a dispute between parties in terms of the Arbitration Tribunal Rules;

"arbitration" means a process in terms of which an arbitrator appointed by Boxing SA adjudicates disputes;

"Board" means a board established in terms of section 8 of the Act;

"boxer" means any person to whom a certificate of registration as such has been issued in terms of the Act and/or these Regulations;

"Boxing South Africa" means the Boxing Commission established in terms section 4 of the Act;

"Code" means the code of conduct contemplated in regulation 2(3)(a) and includes a Disciplinary Code for licensees;

"**disciplinary committee**" means a committee established by Boxing SA in terms of section 7(1)(y)(iii) of the Act to hear and determine disciplinary matters and shall comprise

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of at least one and not more than three panellists depending on the nature and seriousness of the misconduct;

"**Misconduct**" means any alleged infringement of the Act and/or Regulations, or any acts specified in this Code including contravention of any Act, Statute or Common Law;

"indisposition" means an illness that render a Boxer incapable of participating in a fight;

"judge" is an official who scores the fight by allocating points to Boxers during a fight;

"knockdown" means a boxer who due to a legal blow:

(a) touches the floor with any part of the body other than the Boxer's feet as a result of a blow(s);

(b) hangs helplessly on the ropes as a result of a blow(s);

(c) the boxer is outside or partly outside the ropes as a result of a blow(s); or

(d) the boxer has not fallen and is not lying on the ropes, but is in a semi-conscious state and cannot, in the opinion of the referee, continue to fight;

"matchmaker" means any Person to whom a certificate of registration as such has been issued in terms of the Act and/or Regulations;

"panellist" means a legal practitioner appointed by Boxing South Africa either sitting alone or together with other Panellists to hear and determine disciplinary matters;

"person" includes a natural or legal Person as well as a trust or partnership, excluding members of the Board of Boxing SA and employees of Boxing SA;

"precautionary suspension" means the suspension of a licensee's certificate of registration which automatically suspends the licensee from participating in boxing activities either before or during a disciplinary hearing;

"rate" means to assess and assign a position to a boxer on the ratings;

"ratings" is a classification or ranking of Boxers based on a comparative assessment of their performance particularly their winnings and losses;

"ratings Committee" refers to a committee established by Boxing South Africa in terms of section 7(1)(y)(i) of the Act and whose purpose is to ensure the ratings of all licensed Boxers within the Republic;

"referee" means an official who shall oversee, supervise and control a fight;

"regulations" means these Regulations;

"ring announcer" means an official who announces and introduces the names of Boxers to the audience and makes other relevant announcements in consultation with the promoter and supervisory official;

"sanction" means to give official approval or permission;

"Sanctioning Committee" is a committee established in terms of section 7(1)(y)(ii) of the Act and whose purpose is to approve tournaments;

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"seconds" means a person licensed as such by the Boxing SA;
"technical knockout" means the ending of a fight by a referee in circumstances where a boxer is incapacitated during a fight and cannot proceed with the fight as a result of which the opponent is declared a winner;
"timekeeper" means an official who signals and records the starting and ending of rounds and generally oversees all the time-related aspects of the fight;
"trainer" means any Person to whom a certificate of registration as such has been issued in terms of the Act and/or Regulations.

Registration of applicants

2. (1) Any person who wishes to take part in a tournament as a boxer, promoter, matchmaker, manager, agent, trainer, ring announcer, ring master, second or official [shall] must annually, on the **[appropriate application forms set out in Annexures A and B, apply to Boxing SA to be registered as such]** prescribed form obtainable from Boxing SA, apply annually to be registered as such, provided that Boxing SA in its discretion, may in exceptional circumstances accept and process applications for licenses that are submitted after the 31st of the succeeding year.

(1A) On receipt of the appropriate application form contemplated in sub-regulation (1) Boxing SA must amongst others, consider whether the applicant have, prior to issuing to the applicant with a certificate of registration on the appropriate form:

(a) any disciplinary matters pending or has a disciplinary record and the potential impact of the conviction on the sport of boxing;
(b) undertaken and passed an oral or written examination or both;
(c) any outstanding debt to Boxing SA;
(d) confirmed that he/she read the Disciplinary Code of Boxing SA;

(2A) In the event that Boxing SA declines an application, it must furnish the applicant with written reasons for rejecting the application.

(6) A certificate of registration must, subject to the provisions of these Regulations and any conditions subject to which it was issued, be valid throughout the Republic, unless otherwise stipulated by Boxing SA at the time of the issue thereof, and the holder thereof shall apply for renewal **[thereof in each calendar year]** annually, at a time determined and published by Boxing SA.

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Registration requirements for boxers

3. (1) In order to be registered as a boxer, an applicant **[**shall**]** must, subject to the provisions of regulation 2(1) -

(a) be older than 18 years but younger than 35 years in the case of a first registration: **[Provided that a boxer who has not participated in a boxing contest for a continuous period of 12 months or more shall be deemed to be a first registration]** Provided that Boxing SA may, in exceptional cases and upon submission of satisfactory medical and physical fitness assessments from a registered sports physician or medical practitioner, approve the first registration of a person older than 35 years.

(aA) In circumstances where an applicant for first-time registration or renewal does not fully comply with sub-regulation (1)(a), Boxing SA may, at its discretion, issue a licence if it is satisfied, based on comprehensive medical reports, athletic performance assessments, or such other information as it may reasonably require, that the applicant is medically and athletically fit to be licensed.

(aB) For the purposes of this sub-regulation, a boxer who has not participated in a sanctioned boxing contest for a continuous period of 36 months or more shall be deemed to be a first-time registrant;

(2) A certificate of registration contemplated in regulation 2(1) **[shall]** must not be issued to a boxer if he or she suffers from any of the following medical conditions:

(d) retinopathy, a retinal detachment or a history of eye surgery that, in the opinion of a registered ophthalmologist and confirmed by Boxing SA's medical advisors, poses a risk to the boxer's visual integrity or safety in the ring;

(i) a brain disease, brain injury or a history of brain surgery, including a history of multiple concussions or episodes of unconsciousness due to head trauma;

(iA) Conditions affecting cognitive function, decision-making, or reaction time, particularly in older boxers or those with prolonged careers.

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Registration requirements for officials

4. (1) In order to be registered as an official for the first time, and/or for purposes of renewal of a license, an applicant must, subject to the provisions of regulation 2(1) –

(a) be at least **[**18**]** 21 years old;

(c) pay a non-refundable application fee, undertake and pass a written or a practical examination, or both written **[**or**]** and practical examinations as the case may be, set by Boxing SA; and

[(2) Boxing SA shall annually, in the case of an official's application for the renewal of his or her registration, review his or her application and if Boxing SA is on reasonable grounds of the opinion that he or she did not perform satisfactorily during the previous year, Boxing SA may refuse his or her application for renewal]

(2) Boxing SA shall annually review an official's application for the renewal of registration. The renewal shall be subject to the official having demonstrated satisfactory performance during the preceding year, based on objective criteria and standards set out in BSA's policies or guidelines.

(3) Where Boxing SA, on reasonable grounds, believes that the official has not met the prescribed performance standards, Boxing SA must:

(a) Provide the official with written notice outlining the performance concerns;

(b) Afford the official an opportunity, within a reasonable time, to respond in writing and/or make representations; and

(c) Consider any submissions made before making a final decision.

(4) If Boxing SA decides to refuse the application for renewal, it must provide written reasons for the decision and inform the official of the right to lodge an appeal or request a review in accordance with the procedures set out in Boxing SA's regulations.

Registration requirements for managers, promoters and matchmakers

5. (1) In order to be registered as a manager, promoter or matchmaker for the first time, and/or for purposes of renewal of a license, an applicant must undertake and pass a written or oral examination and both a written or oral examination as the case may be, set by Boxing SA for the purposes of testing his or her knowledge of the Act, these Regulations, the code, the generally accepted rules of boxing and his or her general knowledge of boxing management, promoting or matchmaking, as the case may be.

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Registration requirements for agents

7. (2) Boxing SA shall annually, in the case of an agent's and /or a promoter's application for the renewal of his or her registration, review his or her application and if Boxing SA is on reasonable grounds of the opinion that the agent and /or a promoter has not performed satisfactorily during the previous year, Boxing SA may refuse his or her application for renewal.

(3) All foreign boxers engaged to box in the Republic shall be represented by an agent and /or a promoter registered under regulation 2 and who permanently resides in the Republic.

(4) An agent and /or a promoter contemplated in sub-regulation (3) shall be responsible for –

(a) paying a non-refundable application fee **[applying]** to Boxing SA for certificates of registration for the foreign boxer, his or her manager and seconds;

(5) The provisions of sub regulation (4) shall apply, subject to the changes required by the context, to an agent and/or a promoter who accompanies a local boxer abroad to participate in a bout.

Requirements for the Accreditation of Medical and Legal Practitioners

7A. (1) In order for a person to be registered as a medical practitioner by Boxing SA such a person should provide Boxing SA with the following documents:

(a) Proof of current registration with the Health Professional Council;

(b) Proof of Academic Qualification; and

(c) Proof of not less than three years' experience treating sport related or head injuries.

(2) In order for a legal practitioner to be accredited by Boxing SA he/she must submit the following:

(a) proof of registration with the Legal Practice Council;

(b) proof of Academic Qualification; and

(c) proof of experience of not less than three (3) years in labour matters generally, experience in the handling of conciliations and arbitrations, presiding in disciplinary and arbitration matters.

Registration and renewal fees

8. (1) Boxing SA shall annually determine -

(a) the various registration fees payable by persons applying for registration in terms of

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regulation 2(1); and

(b) the various non-refundable renewal fees payable by persons applying for the renewal of their registration in terms of regulation 2(6)

and must **[cause these fees to be published at its premises]** ensure that these fees are published through appropriate and accessible platforms, including but not limited to its official website, email communication, or any other medium deemed suitable for public notification.

(3) An application contemplated in regulation 2(1) shall be accompanied by the relevant non-refundable registration fee contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a).

(4) The non-refundable renewal fees contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(b) shall be payable not later than 31 March of each year, failing which the certificate of registration shall lapse.

(5) Where Boxing SA, on reasonable grounds, forms the opinion that a boxer, promoter, matchmaker, manager, agent, trainer, second, or official has not performed satisfactorily in the preceding year, Boxing SA may, after due process, decline the application for renewal of registration. In such cases, the application fee may be forfeited, provided that:

(a) The performance standards and expectations had been communicated in advance;
(b) The applicant was given written notice of the performance concerns and an opportunity to respond; and
(c) The forfeiture of the application fee is clearly stated in the terms and conditions applicable to the registration and renewal process.

(6) Boxing SA must communicate its decision in writing, including the reasons for such decision and the applicant's right to appeal or request reconsideration.

Precautionary Suspensions

8A. (1) The Board of Boxing SA may, on reasonable grounds, place a licensee under precautionary suspension if the licensee is alleged to have committed an act of misconduct, and such suspension is necessary to protect the interests of the sport, the safety of participants, or the integrity of an ongoing investigation or disciplinary process.

(2) Prior to imposing a precautionary suspension, Boxing SA must notify the

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licensee in writing of its intention to suspend the certificate of registration and invite the licensee to make written representations within a specified period as to why the precautionary suspension should not be imposed.

(3) Following the conclusion of a disciplinary hearing, and where a licensee is found guilty of misconduct, Boxing SA may impose one or more of the following sanctions, depending on the severity of the misconduct:

(a) A formal written warning;
(b) A fine not exceeding an amount prescribed by Boxing SA;
(c) Suspension of the certificate of registration for a specified period;
(d) Revocation or cancellation of the certificate of registration;
(e) Disqualification from participating in or attending events sanctioned by Boxing SA for a specified period;
(f) Any other sanction deemed appropriate and proportionate by Boxing SA and consistent with the values of fairness, integrity, and athlete safety.

(4) A licensee who is aggrieved by the decision to impose a precautionary suspension or any disciplinary sanction may lodge an appeal or dispute with the Arbitration Tribunal, in accordance with the procedures set out in these Regulations.

Collection of fees

9. (1) All registration and other fees payable, including penalties and interest in terms of the Act or these Regulations shall be payable to Boxing SA.

(2) Boxing SA shall collect and receive any other fees including:

(a) costs arising from litigation in favour of Boxing SA;
(b) fines issued against licensees by the Disciplinary Committee; and
(c) costs awarded by either the Arbitration Tribunal or Disciplinary Committee.

(3) The rate of interest must be determined as prescribed in terms of the Prescribed Rate of Interest Act; 1975 (Act No. 55 of 1975).

(4) Failure to settle any outstanding fees due to Boxing SA annually shall render the licensee ineligible for re-registration.

Cancellation or suspension of boxer's certificate of registration due to excessive Punishment

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(5A) Failure by the manager and/or boxer to comply with sub-regulations (1) and (2) above shall constitute misconduct.

Sanctioning of tournaments, fees and purse monies

11. (1) All applications by promoters for the sanctioning of tournaments shall be made in writing and submitted to Boxing SA at least 30 days prior to the date of the tournament, and shall contain the following information:

[(b) a detailed breakdown of the costs of the tournament including, amongst others, hiring charges, printing and advertising, travel expenses, purses to be paid to boxers, licensing fees for staging tournaments, fees to agents, if applicable, and third parties;

(c) details of all income, secured and anticipated, including, amongst others, ticket sales, sponsorships, income from advertisers, site fees and broadcast income;]

(d) a comprehensive marketing plan outlining the strategies and activities intended to promote the tournament;

[(f) an undertaking that the ring and the dressing thereof will meet the technical standards contained in these regulations and that the ring will be erected timeously to enable Boxing SA to conduct an inspection thereof prior to the tournament;]

(f) undertaking that the boxing ring and its dressing will comply with the technical standards prescribed in these Regulations, and that the ring will be erected timeously to enable Boxing South Africa to conduct an inspection prior to the tournament.

(fA) furthermore, the promoter shall submit a certificate issued by a qualified structural engineer confirming that the boxing ring has been inspected and complies with structural safety standards, and is fit for use in accordance with applicable engineering and safety requirements;

(i) confirmation that **[**an**]** two accredited medical practitioner will be available at the venue for the duration of the tournament;

(j) confirmation that **[**an**]** two ambulances will be on standby at the venue for the duration of the tournament;

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[(o) confirmation that the promoter will pay the costs of an inspection in loco to be conducted by Boxing SA or its authorised agent at the venue prior to the tournament; and]

(2) The application contemplated in sub regulation (1) must be accompanied by the payment of a non-refundable deposit which shall be part of the licensing fee payable for the staging of the tournament, the amount of which shall be determined by Boxing SA, the amount of which shall not be less than 10% of the total purse money.

(2A) When considering the sanctioning of a bout, Boxing SA must also take into account: -

(a) information presented to it by the promoter, manager, matchmaker or agent;
(b) information obtained by itself through its own research;
(c) the activity records of the boxers, including the last three bouts the boxers we involved in;
(d) the boxing ability of the boxers; and
(e) whether the opponents of the respective boxers were international, continental or local boxers.

(3) Upon compliance by a promoter with the provisions of sub regulations (1) and (2), Boxing SA shall consider the application and either -

(b) sanction the tournament, subject to any conditions which to Boxing SA are reasonable, and advise the promoter within **[**two**]** seven days of its decision in writing;

(4) A promoter must no later than [30] 14 days prior to the date of tournament or by any other date specified by Boxing SA, deposit with Boxing SA in cash or by bank guaranteed cheque an amount equal to the total of –

(a) the final, contracted purse amounts to be paid to the boxers engaged for the tournament, as reflected in the written agreements submitted to Boxing SA and all amounts must be confirmed and approved by Boxing South Africa prior to the sanctioning of the tournament.
(c) **[the estimated amount of Boxing SA'S licencing fee for the tournament contemplated in subregulation (5), as determined by Boxing SA]** the exact amount of Boxing South Africa's licensing fee for the tournament contemplated in sub regulation (5), as determined and communicated in advance by Boxing SA.

(4A) The promoter must ensure that the full purse payments and other

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required deposits are received and available in Boxing SA's official bank account within the stipulated period.

(4B) Should a promoter fail to pay the sanctioning fees and purse money for the tournament within the prescribed period as set out in sub-regulation (4), the tournament shall not be sanctioned by Boxing SA. In such an event, the promoter shall be liable to compensate all contracted boxers and appointed officials an amount determined by Boxing SA, based on the total purse monies and official fees that would have been due to them.

(4C) Boxing SA is absolved from any liability arising from the failure of a promoter to hold a tournament due to the promoter's failure to pay any sanctioning fees as contemplated in sub regulation (4A) nor will Boxing SA enter into negotiations with the promoter concerned regarding the arrangement of settling any outstanding sanctioning fees.

(4D) Purses of local boxers must be paid within 4 business days after the tournament and purses of foreign boxers must be paid after the weigh-in but before the start of his/her fight in a currency of their choice or as agreed with the promoter, provided that Boxing SA official oversee the payment and keep records of the payment including an acknowledgement receipt signed by the foreign boxer and his/her manager.

(4E) It is the responsibility of the promoter to ensure that the foreign boxer and\or his manager are TAX compliant, If the foreign boxer and\or his manager are to be taxed locally and to provide the necessary assistance.

(4F) A boxer who is disqualified by a referee in a contest shall not be entitled to receive his purse, other than travelling expenses, until the Boxing SA has adjudicated upon the matter.

(4G) The promoter must forward the purse, or balance of the purse, within 48 hours of the contest to Boxing SA.

[(5) A promoter must-

(a) within seven days after the staging of a tournament submit *to* Boxing SA under oath a written statement setting forth the broadcast income and other income derived from the tournament;

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(b) within 30 days after the staging of a tournament pay *to* Boxing SA as a licencing fee-

(i) where the total of the broadcast income and other income does not exceed R2 000 000,00, an amount equal to the total of 10% of the broadcast income and 5% of the other income, plus value added tax; or

(ii) where the total of the broadcast income and other income exceeds R2 000 000,00, the sanctioning fee, plus value added tax, which was agreed in writing by Boxing SA and the promoter prior *to* the sanctioning of the tournament by Boxing SA: Provided that the licencing fee deposit and the estimated licencing fee which were paid to Boxing SA under subregulations (2) and (4)(c) respectively, shall be deducted from the amount payable under this subregulation; and

(c) pay interest on the principal amount from the time the failure starts at the rate of prime plus two per cent per annum should he or she fail or neglect to comply with the time limit specified in paragraph (b).]

(5) A promoter must—

(a) no later than 14 (fourteen) days after the staging of a tournament, submit to Boxing South Africa, under oath, a written statement disclosing the actual broadcast income and any other income derived from the tournament;

(b) pay to Boxing South Africa, as a licensing and sanctioning fee, a fixed flat rate determined in accordance with the official fee schedule published by Boxing SA, which—

(i) is payable in full before the sanctioning of the tournament as part of the pre-payment process;

(ii) is not subject to adjustment based on actual income derived from the tournament; and

(iii) is subject to value added tax, where applicable.

(c) Boxing South Africa may verify the income declaration submitted under paragraph (a) for monitoring and audit purposes, but such disclosure shall not affect the amount of the pre-paid licensing and sanctioning fee.

Staging of tournaments

(3) Boxing SA shall not less than **[**five**]** ten working days prior to each tournament give written notice to the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport of the

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staging of the tournament so as to enable the institute to conduct doping tests on the participating boxers.

(3A) All boxing licensees must comply with the Anti-Doping Rules as published by the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport and World Anti-Doping Agency.

(3B) the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport must conduct random testing of boxers and other licensees either-

(a) In-competition, that is, immediately prior to a boxer or licensee participating in a tournament or during and immediately after the official tournament;

(b) Out-of-competition, that is, at any other time when a boxer is not taking part in a fight.

(3C) Any boxer or licensee who refuse or avoid taking a drug test as and when required by the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport to do so, either in-competition or out-of-competition, must have his license automatically, provisionally suspended pending the misconduct hearing.

(4) The promoter shall, at his or her cost, engage properly trained and PRISA-accredited security personnel to the satisfaction of Boxing SA, for purposes of maintaining safety and security at the venue during the staging of the tournament: Provided that the promoter may *in lieu* of, or in addition to, such security personnel, obtain the attendance at the tournament venue of sufficient members of the South African Police Services.

[(6) If due to inclement weather, in the case of any outdoor tournament, a postponement becomes necessary, Boxing SA may grant an extension of the various contracts relating to the tournament and, in consultation with the promoter, set a new date for the tournament, whereby the decision of Boxing SA shall be binding upon all the parties to such contracts.]

(6) If, due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances which, in the opinion of Boxing South Africa, justify a postponement, it becomes necessary to postpone an outdoor or indoor tournament, Boxing South Africa may grant an extension of the various contracts relating to the tournament.

Prohibition of alcohol and Drugs

14. (1) Subject to sub regulation (3) and the provisions of the Liquor Act, **[**1989, (Act No. 27 of 1989)**]** 2003 (Act No. 59 of 2003), no intoxicating liquor must be sold in any

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defined and enclosed area where a tournament is being held, and no person shall bring any intoxicating liquor into such area.

(3)(b) Boxing SA may grant a concession contemplated in paragraph (a) subject to the conditions that it may deem appropriate and provided that such premises are duly licensed in terms of the Liquor Act, **[**1989**]** (2003).

(4) It is the responsibility of the supervisory official to inspect the premises before, during and after the tournament to ensure that no illicit activities are taking place.

(5) A boxer may be required to submit to drug testing, or any other testing as required by the Boxing SA Official or South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport at the promoter's expense.

Contracts between boxers and promoters and managers

[(4) In the event that a promoter appoints a licensed matchmaker or an-agent authorised as a signatory in respect of any contract by the promoter, he or she shall declare in writing to Boxing SA the name of such agent or match- maker upon appointment, such appointment shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as a transfer or abdication of the promoter's responsibilities and obligations as outlined in Regulations 11 to 13, which shall remain solely and fully with the promoter.

[(5) In the event of a tournament taking place and both boxers engaged for a bout are willing and able to box but do not box through no fault of their own, the promoter shall pay both boxers their full contracted purse unless otherwise agreed between the promoter and such boxers in writing]

(5) In the event that a tournament is scheduled to take place, and both boxers engaged for a specific bout are at all relevant times, including during the build-up to the tournament and at the tournament venue itself, willing, ready, and medically fit to box, but the bout does not proceed through no fault of their own, the promoter shall be liable to pay both boxers their full contracted purse, unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed to in writing between the promoter and the affected boxer(s).

(5A) The provisions of sub-regulation (5) applies regardless of whether the cancellation occurs before or during the tournament, provided the boxers have complied with all contractual and regulatory obligations.

(10) No contract between a promoter and a boxer must be signed in blank or

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be left undated, or incomplete in any material respect.

(10A) A contract shall not be deemed official, valid, or enforceable unless it has been duly signed and dated by both parties, namely, the promoter (or their authorised representative) and the boxer (or their licensed manager, where applicable).

(10B) It shall be the responsibility of the promoter or the appointed matchmaker to ensure that a fully executed copy of the signed contract is promptly delivered to the boxer or his/her manager for their records and verification.

(13A) A boxer licensed by Boxing SA may be co-managed by a manager licensed in a local and foreign jurisdiction for purposes of international fights.

(17) A boxer and a manager or promoter as the case may be, shall appear together before Boxing SA for the signing by them of a contract and the approval of Boxing SA of the contract, such appearance may take place either in person or through a verified virtual platform, subject to the approval and procedural requirements of Boxing SA. The contract shall only be deemed valid once it has been signed by all relevant parties in the presence—physical or virtual—of an authorised Boxing SA representative, and subsequently approved by Boxing SA.

(18) After each fight a manager must within 14 (fourteen) days submit a detailed written statement to the boxer setting out-

(a) the total purse money received from the promoter

(b) the amount payable to the manager; and

(C) the amount payable to the boxer,

[accompanied by the necessary supporting documentation] and shall attach all relevant supporting documentation, including proof of payments and deductions.

(18A) Boxing SA may, at its discretion, request copies of such statements and supporting documents to ensure compliance and protect boxer welfare.

(20) A manager's remuneration shall be determined through negotiation between the manager and the boxer, provided that the remuneration must not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the boxer's purse.

(23) Where a promoter wishes to engage a foreign boxer to participate in a tournament in the Republic, the promoter shall apply to Boxing SA in writing for

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permission to do so at least **[**21**]** 30 days prior to the tournament.

Authorisation for boxers to fight abroad

(6) In exceptional circumstances where compliance with the requirements of sub-regulations (4) and (5) is not reasonably possible, the boxer or their representative must apply in writing to Boxing SA for exemption. Boxing SA may, in its sole discretion, grant written approval for the waiver or modification of such requirements, provided that the safety and welfare of the boxer are not compromised.

Title bouts, challenges and conditions

[(4) (a) No boxer may at the same time hold two national or provincial titles in different weight categories.

(b) A boxer, on winning a second title, shall within 14 days of doing so notify Boxing SA in writing which title he or she wishes to retain and the other title shall then automatically become vacant.

(c) Should a boxer fail to notify Boxing SA as contemplated in paragraph (b), Boxing SA shall, with regard to the circumstances and facts of the case, determine which title shall be vacated.]

(6A) A National or Provincial champion shall defend his title either in a voluntary or mandatory defence against a qualified challenger in one of the following categories:

(a) any of the top ten (10) rated boxers;

(b) any boxer rated 1 to 10 in that weight category or a champion or highly rated boxer in another division who has made the weight for the relevant division in which the title is contested, with the approval of the Sanctioning Committee.

(6B) A challenger who wins a National or Provincial title, shall through his/her promoter, purchase the belt at a price fixed by Boxing SA annually.

[(9) No rematch shall be stipulated in any boxing contract, nor be made a condition of any fight, whether for a title or otherwise.]

[New Section] Interim Championship Titles

17. (1) Boxing SA may, in its discretion or on application by a sanctioning body

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or promoter, authorise an interim championship bout under the following circumstances:

(a) The reigning champion is unable to defend the title due to injury, illness, legal disputes, or other compelling reasons, and such inability is expected to last more than 90 days.

(b) The champion is involved in a mandatory defence or unification bout that delays the opportunity for ranked contenders to challenge.

(2) The winner of the interim title shall be regarded as the interim champion, with all rights and responsibilities as determined by Boxing SA and applicable sanctioning bodies.

(3) Upon the return or availability of the reigning champion, the interim champion shall be mandatorily scheduled to face the reigning champion within a reasonable time frame, not exceeding 120 days, to determine the undisputed or unified champion.

(4) Should the reigning champion be unable or unwilling to defend the title against the interim champion within the stipulated period, Boxing SA may declare the title vacant and recognise the interim champion as the full champion.

(5) All interim title bouts must be sanctioned in advance by Boxing SA and comply with all applicable medical, safety, and contractual standards.

Accessories and facilities at tournaments

21, (1) The promoter of a tournament shall –

(d) **[provide a special private room at the tournament venue for the exclusive use of the officials, and no other person shall be allowed to enter such room save with the permission of the supervisory official]** Provide a dedicated private room at the tournament venue for the exclusive use of Boxing SA-appointed officials, including referees, judges, and supervisory personnel. No person shall be permitted to enter this room except with the express permission of the supervisory official designated by Boxing SA.

(dA) Ensure that a suitably equipped and secure space is made available for the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport (SAIDS) at the tournament venue. This space shall meet the minimum operational standards and specifications required by South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport for the collection, handling, and storage of

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samples, and for the privacy and safety of athletes during doping control procedures. The promoter shall liaise with South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport in advance to confirm any venue-specific requirements.

(dB) Ensure that only a ring announcer who holds a valid Boxing SA licence may be engaged to perform ring announcing duties at the tournament. No unlicensed person may act in this capacity, and the use of any non-licensee shall be regarded as a breach of these Regulations;

Boxing gloves and bandages

22. (1) A boxer –

(c) **[shall use boxing gloves of a weight of 170,25 g (6 ounces) for a bout in any weight category of bantamweight or thereunder]** shall use boxing gloves of a weight as prescribed by Boxing SA in line with international safety standards and best practice, taking into account the boxer's weight division and the nature of the bout (professional or amateur).

Boxers' costume, condition and weigh-in

(j) **[A male boxer shall be clean-shaven, present a tidy appearance and have his hair cut to the satisfaction of the weighing-in officials]** A male boxer shall present a tidy and professional appearance at all official events, including weigh-ins and bouts. While personal grooming is encouraged for safety and presentation, boxers shall not be required to be clean-shaven or to cut their hair where this would infringe upon their cultural practices or religious beliefs.

(jA) In such cases, the boxer must inform Boxing SA in advance, and any grooming concerns shall be addressed in a manner that respects both the boxer's rights and the safety of all participants.

(2)(d) [**Female]** All boxers must be examined at least seven days prior to the fight [**owing to the higher risk of them being declared medically unfit to fight]**.

(m) Male and female boxers must have separate rooms for changing, medical and examination **[and weigh-in purposes]**.

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Boxers' costume, condition and weigh-in

23. (4)(c) The standard weights for the different weight categories shall be as follows:

Junior Featherweight .....[55,34 kg (122 lb)] 55,34 kg (122 lb) and under

Medical practitioners and representative of South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport at tournaments

24. (1)(a) At every tournament **[**a**]** two medical practitioner shall be appointed by the promoter and be approved by Boxing SA, to be referred to as "the ringside physician", and he shall have at his or her disposal two qualified first aid attendants or paramedics and emergency equipment referred to in regulation 21(l)(c).

(b) The ringside physicians shall have completed a course and provided proof to Boxing SA of their experience in treating all aspects of boxing injuries, including head injuries on boxers and/or athletes or treatment of trauma patients as approved by Boxing SA.

(7) An Anti-Doping Officer, duly appointed in accordance with South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport protocols, shall be present at all sanctioned boxing tournaments and is empowered to:

(a) Conduct doping control in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport regulations.

(b) Access designated doping control areas and ensure the integrity of the sample collection process.

(c) Require the presence of selected athletes for testing, including in-competition and target testing, as per the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport Testing Protocol.

(d) Maintain a chain of custody of samples and submit documentation to SAIDS.

(e) Report any non-compliance or refusal to submit to testing to both South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport and Boxing SA.

(8) Tournament organisers, officials, athletes, and support personnel shall provide full cooperation to the Anti-Doping Officer at all times. Officials and their duties.

25. Officials and their duties

(1) At any fight the following officials, appointed by Boxing SA, shall officiate:

(e) a ringmaster; **[and]**

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(f) a supervisory official**[.]**; and
(g) Inspectors.

(3) No official referred to in sub regulation (1) shall have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the bout nor comment or make any representations to the media or social media about the bout without first having obtained written permission from Boxing SA.

Referee

27.(13) (e)A supervisory official must not disclose or discuss his or her report with the referee or any other person, however, the supervisory official may engage in professional discussion and provide feedback to match officials onsite and within the legal and regulatory confines, for purposes of performance review, clarification, and operational improvement.

Second

32. (6) Unless prior permission has been given by Boxing SA or the supervisory official to carry other items, only the following items may be carried by seconds for use when working in a boxer's corner:

Video Replay Decisions

27A. (1) The referee may during a bout signal the timekeeper to stop the clock and request a video replay of an incident which he or she was not properly sighted or which he or she deems necessary to relook in order to make a decision.

Disciplinary Committee

37A. (1) Boxing SA shall in terms of Section 7(1) (y)(iii) establish a Disciplinary Committee to deal with acts of misconduct by licensees.

(2) The Board of Boxing SA must approve a Disciplinary Code for licensees which should include amongst others the following items

(3) The Disciplinary Committee must be constituted of no fewer than three and not more than five panellists, of which one shall be designated by Boxing SA as chairperson.

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(4) The responsibility of the chairperson includes:

(a) issuing of directives and instructions;

(b) dates for the hearing;

(c) postponements; and

(d) and any other matter that may required for the management and ruling of the disciplinary committee.

(5) Any allegation of misconduct against a licensee must be brought to the attention of Boxing SA.

(6) Boxing SA may on its own refer an alleged misconduct to the disciplinary committee.

(7) If the Boxing SA is satisfied that there is a reasonable cause to believe that an act of misconduct has been committed, must within 14 (fourteen) days refer the matter to the disciplinary committee for a ruling.

(8) The disciplinary committee must, within a period of 30 days, submit a report with recommendations to Boxing SA.

Independent Tribunal

37B. (1) Boxing SA must appoint members of the Independent Tribunal, as contemplated in section 2(i) of the Act, by publishing a notice on appropriate media platforms, inviting written applications from persons who comply with the criteria, to be appointed as members of the Independent Tribunal.

(2) The notice referred to under sub regulation (1) must set out the –

(a) requirements for appointment as a member of the Independent Tribunal;

(b) closing date for applications; and

(c) address to which applications must be delivered.

(3) The Independent Tribunal has the power-

(a) to consider all applications for appeal by a licensee, manager, promoter, or an

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association;

(b) in an instance where it is adjudicating an appeal by the licensee acting on his or her behalf, and it is not satisfied with the reasons provided by the licensee, to request further written information substantiating the reasons for the appeal from the licensee, to be submitted within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the request by the licensee;

(c) if it is not satisfied with the reasons provided by the Boxing SA for its decision, request the Boxing SA to provide further written reasons for its decision;

(d) to give directions to any party to the appeal regarding any matter within its jurisdiction in connection with that appeal;

(e) at any time, to request any person or institution to furnish any written information which is necessary for the determination of the appeal

Commencement

37C. The Regulations take effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

Short title

39. These regulations shall be called the Amendments to the Boxing Regulations, 2004 **[**2004**] 2026.**

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