



Sports Department

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Dear Technical Official,

We hope you are keeping yourself healthy and safe during these challenging times. Since our last event was suspended (March 16, 2020 - European Olympic Qualifier, in London), the IOC Boxing Task force has worked on planning the continuation of the Boxing Road to Tokyo.

Due to the reality of the Covid-19 pandemic, the IOC Boxing Task Force would like to use this opportunity to share this pathway with you, providing key information on our latest updates.

### **Olympic qualification events**

As you may have heard, the BTF has communicated all National Boxing Federations and National Olympic Committees on 4 November of a further postponement of the intended event dates for the remaining qualifiers.

#### New timelines for the qualifying events are as follows:

- **European Olympic Qualifier – Phase 2** (continuation from the day after it was suspended - day 4 of competition): April - May 2021
- **Americas Olympic Qualifier:** May 2021
- **Final World Olympic Qualifier:** June 2021

The exact dates and locations will be confirmed at a later date as we continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and the development of testing measures continue to evolve. We remain committed to confirming all final details at least 3 months prior to the start of each qualification events. A 3-month notice is also our intended timeframe for communicating the individual officials of their appointments to the events, as a result of the Technical Officials' Draw.

We would like to reiterate that our main objective is to qualify all athletes through competition, providing the most fair and safe quota allocation process and respecting the structure of the Qualification System. However, more than ever, medical and safety concerns are paramount in any BTF decision.

### **Technical Officials Draw**

There will be a new draw to restart the European qualifier and a new draw for the Americas qualifier. This means the invitations for the European Olympic Qualifier in London and the Americas Qualifier in Buenos Aires sent to TOs earlier this year are no longer valid. The new draw will be applicable to all TOs, which includes the TD, ITOs and R&Js. New invitation letters will be sent to the appointed officials following the draw.

As a standard practice, PwC will attend the TO draw to ensure proper procedures are carried throughout the process.

### **Deregistration**

If any official is unavailable or wishes to retire from participating in any for the qualifying events and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, please contact the BTF to remove you from the TO registration.

TOs have until **December 11, 2020** to confirm their wish to be removal from the registration list in order to not participate in any remaining BTF events. An email with this request can be sent to [info@olympicboxing.sport](mailto:info@olympicboxing.sport).

Individuals that wish to remain on the list do not have to make any contact. The TO list will remain unchanged unless someone makes a request to be removed.

### **COVID-19 Countermeasure update**

The Organising Committee of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 has been focused on ensuring the best possible experience for technical officials and other stakeholders due to participate in the upcoming Olympic Games, with intense COVID-19 countermeasure planning. The IOC, together with Tokyo 2020 and the All Partners Task Force, which includes the World Health Organization (WHO), the IPC and the different branches of Government in Japan, are currently studying a range of scenarios.

The BTF is working alongside the Organising Committee, helping identify the potential countermeasures that may be needed in the Boxing events, while ensuring that the practice of the sport remains as unaffected as possible.

We want to reassure you that the current studies and planning exercises are not considering “if” the Olympic Games will take place in 2021, but rather focused on “how” it will take place. The athletes continue to be the centrepiece of the Games, and all efforts are being taken to ensure that their experience as Olympians are a safe and memorable one. Additionally, it is equally important to keep our officials safe, as you all play a key role in the athlete’s journey. COVID-19 countermeasure guidelines are also being created for the remaining qualifying events to ensure a safe pathway to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The guidelines will be communicated to all selected technical officials for their appreciation and familiarization. This document will be sent along with invitation letters for each respective event.

## **Closing remarks**

We understand the difficulties during these uncertain times, but we appreciate your patience and look forward to resuming these events with your support. We are eager to engage with you soon and, most importantly, to see you back in action in the Boxing Road to Tokyo. In the meantime, please maintain your health and stay safe.

If you have any questions, we recommend you review the frequently asked questions ([FAQ](#)) on the boxing athlete 365 page. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at [info@olympicboxing.sport](mailto:info@olympicboxing.sport).

Best regards,

Boxing Task Force