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## Summary on Ranking & Seeding for the Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

### Introduction

Traditionally in the sport of Olympic Boxing, a seeding system is used to allow the highest-ranking boxers in the tournament to be separated in the competition brackets in the respective weight category. The IOC Boxing Task Force (BTF) collected inputs on ranking and seeding from a wide group of stakeholders – including teams and athletes. All stakeholders agreed that the best boxers should be given the possibility of being seeded, to avoid confrontations between the top boxers at an early stage and ensure increasingly high-level bouts at later stages of the tournament.

Therefore, it was agreed on the necessity of a seeding process in the Olympic Qualifying Events and Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

A special working group was created including representatives of Boxing National Federations from four different continents, with the task of establishing a fair ranking system to be used as the baseline to seed boxers at Olympic Qualifying Events and at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. As a result of their studies, the BTF adopted the following BTF Ranking and Seeding System for the Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

In view of the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancellation of the Final World Olympic Qualification Event on 15 February 2021, and the Americas Olympic Qualification Event on 15 April 2021, the BTF Ranking and Seeding system shall also be considered as a criterion in the athletes' eligibility criteria of the Games Of The XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020 in accordance with the updated [Qualification Systems for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020](#).<sup>1</sup>

### BTF Ranking and Seeding System

The BTF Ranking & Seeding system for the Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will apply to all boxers, and will serve to seed the top four (4) boxers in each continental qualifier and the boxing tournament in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The system is based on points awarded on individual results, according to the following criteria:

1. Points will be awarded based on individual results in the:
  - a. AIBA Men's World Championships 2017
  - b. AIBA Men's World Championships 2019
  - c. AIBA Women's World Championships 2018
  - d. AIBA Women's World Championships 2019
  - e. 2019 Continental Games (All-African, Pan-American, European, Pacific) with the Asian Boxing Confederation Championships substituting the 2018 Asian Games\*, as there were not enough events (weight classes) in the Asian Games.
2. Australia and New Zealand boxers will be awarded points according to their individual results at the Commonwealth Games 2018, as the two countries are not allowed to participate in Boxing at the Pacific Games.

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<sup>1</sup> This paragraph was added in February 2021 and updated in May 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancelation of the Final World and the Americas Qualification Events.



3. Boxer must have won at least one bout in the respective tournament to be eligible for receiving points from any respective event. Walkovers do not count.
4. If boxers change their weight category voluntarily, he/she will take 75% of their points into the new weight category.
5. If the boxer's original category is merged into a new category, he/she will carry 100% of the points to the new established category.
6. In case of a draw on points
  - a. Exclusively between two boxers,
    - i. the winner of their latest direct confrontation in one of the events listed above (if existing) determines the tie-break.
    - ii. if there is no valid direct confrontation to determine the tie-break, we will proceed below to point 6.b.
  - b. In case of a draw on ranking points amongst multiple boxers,
    - i. the highest ranked boxer at the respective Continental Games determines the tie-break.
    - ii. if still even on points, the tie-break will be the finishing position at the AIBA World Championships (WCH) in 2019, followed then by the WCH 2017/18.
    - iii. if there is still a tie on the ranking points, the boxer who lost to the gold-medallist (or highest finishing positioned boxer) in the continental qualifier event will be considered the highest ranked boxer.<sup>2</sup>
    - iv. if the above three (3) tiebreaker rules do not determine the higher ranked boxer, a draw will be conducted to determine the tie-break.
7. The four BTF Continental Qualifiers (Asia/Oceania, Africa, Americas, Europe)<sup>3</sup> will grant more points than any of the abovementioned events, to ensure that the winners of the Olympic Qualifier Events are guaranteed a seeding position in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
8. Due to the cancellation of the Americas Olympic Qualification Event, the highest ranked boxers of the Americas region in each weight category will automatically be placed as the number 3 seed in the respective weight categories in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> This point was amended in February 2021, with the addition of an extra tie-breaker criterion to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancellation of the Final World Qualification Event.

<sup>3</sup> This point was amended in February 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancellation of the Final World Qualification Event.

<sup>4</sup> This point was amended in May 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancellation of the Americas Qualification Event.



The detailed number of points awarded for each of the abovementioned events are as follows:

**For Men events:**

Event	Points per final position	
World Championships 2017	1	100
	2	80
	3	50
	5-8	30
	9-16	20
	17-32	15
	33	5

Event	Points per final position	
World Championships 2019	1	300
	2	240
	3	150
	5-8	90
	9-16	60
	17-32	45
	33	15

Event	Points per final position	
Continental Games*	1	150
	2	100
	3	75
	5-8	50
	9-16	30
	17-32	10
	33	5

Event	Points per final position	
IOC Olympic Boxing Continental Qualifying Event	1	400
	2	300
	3	200
	5-8	125
	9-16	75
	17-32	35
	33	10

**For Women events:**

Event	Points per final position	
World Championships 2018	1	100
	2	80
	3	50
	5-8	30
	9-16	20
	17-32	15
	33	5

Event	Points per final position	
World Championships 2019	1	300
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	3	150
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	9-16	60
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## **BTF Ranking and quota places allocation for any unallocated quota places<sup>5</sup>**

Following to the cancelation of the Americas Qualification Event, the allocation of the quota places for the American region (including the quota places for the Americas Qualification Event and the Final World Olympic Qualification Event relating to Americas) will be consistent with the updated version of the Qualification Systems for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020. The criteria to define the BTF Ranking & Seeding System described above remains applicable for the allocation of the quota places for the Americas region.

Should the quota places not be fully allocated after the allocation described above and in case of a draw on zero points between eligible boxers, the remaining quota places will be allocated pursuant to the following order:

- i. Number of participations in the respective weight category\* in events valid for ranking points in the “BTF Rankings”, as described under section 1 of the BTF Ranking & Seeding System above
- ii. Number of participations in the respective weight category of events valid for ranking points in the “BTF Rankings” with a pre-event qualifier (i.e. 2019 Pan-American Games and Men’s World Championship 2017)
- iii. Participation in the respective weight category of the most recent event valid for ranking points in the “BTF Rankings”
- iv. if the above tiebreaker rules described under sections (i) to (iii) do not determine the boxer(s) to whom a quota place should be allocated, a draw will be conducted to determine the tie-break.

\*If the boxer’s original category is merged into a new category, his/her participation in the events shall count as “the respective weight category”. This applies to sections (i) to (iii) above.

The IOC Boxing Task Force will be responsible for the BTF Ranking & Seeding system, ensuring that the process will be fair and consistent across the Olympic Qualifier Events. An external auditor is vetting the BTF Rankings to ensure accuracy of the results and its compliance to the scoring/weighting criteria.<sup>6</sup>

BTF Ranking & Seeding will be implemented in the draw procedures ahead of each Olympic Qualifier Event and at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The BTF will communicate the top 25 ranked boxers for each Continental Event 10 days prior to the start of each competition on the Athlete365 Boxing [website](#).

Furthermore, updated on Athlete365 Boxing after the conclusion of each Continental Qualifier. The final IOC Boxing Task Force ranking for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will be communicated after the last BTF Continental Qualifier. The seeded boxer for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be communicated after the Sport Entries Deadline (6 July 2021).<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> This paragraph was added in May 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancelation of the Americas Qualification Event.

<sup>6</sup> This paragraph was amended in February 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancelation of the Final World Qualification Event.

<sup>7</sup> This paragraph was amended in February 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancelation of the Final World Qualification Event.