

## **IOC Boxing Task Force Update on Asian / Oceanian boxing qualifying event for Tokyo 2020**

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The IOC Boxing Task Force (BTF) wants to provide a further update on the Asian / Oceanian boxing qualifying event for Tokyo 2020 which is due to take place in Wuhan (CHN) from 3-14 February 2020 – following its latest statement on the matter dated 13 January 2020 (<https://boxing.athlete365.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/IOC-Boxing-Task-Force-Statement-on-Pneumonia-Outbreak-in-Wuhan.pdf>)

According to **the World Health Organization (WHO)**, Chinese authorities have made a preliminary determination of a novel coronavirus. In its latest notes on the issue - dated 17 and 21 January 2020 - the WHO reinstated that it does not recommend restrictions in travel (see the WHO notes here: <https://www.who.int/csr/don/21-january-2020-novel-coronavirus-republic-of-korea-ex-china/en/> and here: <https://www.who.int/csr/don/17-january-2020-novel-coronavirus-japan-ex-china/en/>), but given the latest developments a meeting of the WHO Emergency Committee is expected to take place tomorrow.

The BTF continues monitoring the situation closely through the WHO, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and IOC Medical experts, and in coordination with the Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) and Wuhan's Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

The BTF aims to take a final and informed decision on the matter by 23 January 2020, and it will immediately inform National Olympic Committees, National Federations and officials on any development.

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