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, 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.  

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.

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1 This paragraph was added in February 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancelation of the Final World Qualification Event.
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.

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.²
      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)³ 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.

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

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² 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 cancelation of the Final World Qualification Event
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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. 

4 This paragraph was amended in February 2021 to reflect the restructuring of the qualification process following the cancelation of the Final World Qualification Event.

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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).\(^5\)

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