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Presidents and Secretaries General  
of the  
**Boxing National Federations and  
National Olympic Committees**

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**Subject: Updated Tokyo 2020 Qualification System for Boxing published, Paris to host European qualifier**

Dear NOCs and Boxing NFs,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Following the IOC Boxing Task Force (BTF) decision to restructure the Tokyo 2020 boxing Olympic qualifying path, the updated Boxing Qualification System for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (QS) can be found online here (the FRE version will follow soon). For your ease of reference, we have also attached a copy to this letter.

In addition, we would like to notify you that the BTF has selected Paris (FRA) as the host city of the European Boxing Road to Tokyo Qualifier. As previously communicated, the event will take place from 4 to 8 June 2021.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the NFs and NOCs that offered us their support in organising the European qualifier in June. The BTF has selected Paris as part of its initial commitment to organise its events in the host countries of recent or upcoming Olympic Games, and because of the opportunity to continue to benefit from its already established relationship with the Local Organising Committee, which was originally entrusted to organise the now-cancelled Final World Qualifier.

The European Qualifier will resume from where it was suspended on 16 March 2020. The official draw, conducted in London on 13 March 2020, and the competition schedule that resulted from this draw, will remain valid. The established results (recorded between 14 and 16 March 2020 in London) and the 16 Olympic quota places earned on 16 March 2020 will remain valid for the boxing tournament of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Following feedback received during our webinars and in recent weeks, we have compiled the attached "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" document in order to provide additional clarity regarding the BTF's decision.

**To summarise the key points of the updated Tokyo 2020 boxing Olympic qualifying path:**

- The Americas continental qualifier will take place in Buenos Aires (ARG) from 10 to 16 May 2021;

- The European continental qualifier will take place in Paris (FRA) from 4 to 8 June 2021;
- The Final World Qualifier has been cancelled;
- The 53 quota places (32 men and 21 women) originally planned to be allocated at the Final World Qualifier will now be allocated equally across the four regions (Africa, Americas, Asia/Oceania and Europe), and all 13 weight categories, to the best ranked eligible athletes not yet qualified per region and per weight category (based on the BTF Rankings).

**Please make sure you download and carefully read these documents:**

- BTF FAQs, also attached to the email.
- Boxing Qualification System for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (updated version)
- BTF Rankings system - Summary on Ranking & Seeding for the Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events and the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020
- BTF Rankings
- BTF letter to NFs/NOCs on the Tokyo 2020 boxing Olympic qualifying path (ENG) (FRA) (ESP).

The BTF would like to express its empathy towards all the athletes and teams that have had to adapt their preparations and plans in light of the new qualification path. We appreciate that our decisions will impact everyone in a different way. These were not easy decisions to take, and they were not taken lightly. We surveyed all boxing NFs/NOCs and consulted our technical and medical experts, plus the boxing athlete ambassadors. We reviewed the ongoing challenges to international travel and related restrictions in many countries while also taking into consideration the importance of safeguarding the minimum period of 30 days between consecutive events to find the best possible solution to minimise the impact of this global pandemic that has disrupted the plans of so many across the world, and to provide certainty. While navigating in an ever-evolving context, we acted transparently following the main consensus of your feedback by putting the health and safety of the athletes first, aiming for a fair and equitable Olympic qualification process for all regions, and allowing adequate time for recovery and preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Stay safe and stay strong.

Very best regards,



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