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Presidents and Secretaries General of the National Olympic Committees

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Olympic Games Paris 2024 - Boxing qualification system

Dear NOC Presidents, Secretaries Generals,

On 24 June 2022, the IOC Executive Board confirmed its <u>decision</u> that due to the ongoing concerns regarding the International Boxing Association (IBA), the boxing qualifying events and competitions at the <u>Olympic Games Paris 2024</u> will not be run under the authority of the IBA.

As noted in the <u>Press Release</u> of 8 September, the IOC Executive Board confirmed the core elements of the Paris 2024 Boxing Qualification System. We would now like to take this opportunity to provide you with the Paris 2024 Qualification System for boxing as approved by the IOC Executive Board, which can be found <u>here</u>. This replaces any previous version of an Olympic Qualification System distributed by the IBA.

We strongly encourage you to share this information with your boxing athletes and your National Federation, to ensure that everyone involved in the sport of boxing is fully informed.

Qualification system focuses

This Olympic qualification system focuses on:

- I. Achieving a fair process for all NOCs having the same number of qualification events available to their boxers, regardless of weight category;
- II. An increased number of qualification opportunities in comparison to Tokyo 2020;
- III. Retaining the Athlete Eligibility Criteria successfully used in the Tokyo 2020 boxing qualification system;
- IV. Reviewing the quota place distribution per weight category in comparison to IBA's proposal; and
- V. Reviewing the quota place distribution per qualification tournament in comparison to IBA's proposal.

Continental qualification

The continental phase of qualification is aimed at maximizing the use of existing NOC Continental Games while ensuring an equal pathway. In this regard we can confirm that all qualification tournaments will include open-entries and will have competitions in all the Olympic weight classes. All NOCs will be able to enter one athlete per weight category to these events and any athlete so entered will receive an accreditation for the relevant NOC Continental Games.

All Olympic quota places at regional qualification events shall be distributed directly through results in the ring – not through a ranking system.

World Qualification Tournaments

The two World Qualification Tournaments are planned to take place in the first half of 2024, following the conclusion of the regional qualifiers. These World Qualification events would allocate over 35% of all Paris 2024 quota place, with the goal of serving as a natural balance of geographical opportunity to qualify to the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Sports entry process

As per the qualification process for Tokyo 2020, all the entries for qualification tournaments require NOCs to confirm the technical and medical standard of the athletes. This way, in the case of boxing for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, if an NF has not recommended athletes to its respective NOC to be entered into the qualification tournaments and/or the Games themselves, the NOC is empowered to enter their athletes without the recommendation of the NF.

Event Regulations

The 'Paris 2024 Boxing Event Regulations' for the qualification tournaments and the Olympic Games are due to be published as early as possible in 2023. The rules and regulations in place for Tokyo 2020 will be used as the baseline for review aiming to minimise the impact on the athlete preparations.

Anti-Doping

The testing at the Olympic qualification tournaments will be carried out in addition to the existing IBA programme in close collaboration with the International Testing Agency (ITA).

Delivery Model

In order to carry out the necessary work to deliver the organization of the boxing competition in Paris 2024 and its qualification tournaments, the IOC is establishing a new *ad-hoc* working group, and details on this will be provided shortly.

We thank you very much for your attention to this information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact <u>info@olympicboxing.sport</u>.

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