

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting number I

Competition Commission

Date: Tuesday, 25th February 2025

Time: 18:00 hrs Dubai time (GMT +4)

Platform: Zoom

Chairperson: Fairuz Bin Mohamed (Chairman, Sport and Competition Commission)

Speaker: Mr. Ali Salameh (Asian Boxing Acting Secretary General)

1. Roll Call

The meeting commenced with a roll call of the attendees. The following **voting members** were present:

1. Fairuz Bin Mohamed (Singapore) – Chairman
2. Den Kongkampee (Thailand) – Commission Member
3. Dulat Bazarbayev (Kazakhstan) – Commission Member
4. Lee Onwoo (Korea Republic) – Commission Member
5. Katsunori Hanabusa (Japan) – Commission Member
6. D P Bhatt (India) – Commission Member
7. Abbas Mohsin Mezaal (Iraq) – Commission Member

Mr Bayanmunkh Maidar (Mongolia) – was absent

The following **non-voting members** were also in attendance:

9. Bassam Ghanem (AB Competition Manager)
10. Kritach (AB Sport Manager)
11. Adam (AB Administration Manager)
12. Arun (India)
13. Miss Mikki (Japan Boxing Federation)



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2. Opening Speech

Mr. Ali Salameh, the Asian Boxing Acting Secretary General, opened the meeting by welcoming all members. He acknowledged the short notice for the meeting and emphasized the urgency of discussing the weight categories for the upcoming 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026. He highlighted the significance of ensuring fair and competitive weight divisions in alignment with international standards. Additionally, he welcomed Mr. Bassam Ghanem (AB Competition Manager), Mr. Kritach (AB Sport Manager), Mr. Adam (AB Administration Manager), Mr. Arun from India, and Miss Mikki from the Japan Boxing Federation as non-voting members. He then gave the floor to Fairuz Bin Mohamed for his welcoming speech.

3. Chairman's Welcoming Speech

Fairuz Bin Mohamed, Chairman of the Sport and Competition Commission, welcomed all attendees and expressed his gratitude for their participation in this important discussion. He emphasized the importance of maintaining fairness and competitiveness in boxing weight categories and ensuring that the decisions made align with international regulations. He acknowledged the contributions of all members and encouraged active engagement in the discussions.

4. Open Discussion on the Weight Categories for the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026

The main discussion, led by Chairman Fairuz Bin Mohamed, focused on establishing clear and transparent criteria for selecting the weight categories.

- The commission discussed the proposed weight categories for men's and women's boxing events.
- Mr. Ali Salameh provided a brief on previous negotiations with the LOC of Nagoya, highlighting the suggestion to adopt the previous Olympic weight categories from Paris 2024, which consisted of 7 weight classes for men and 6 for women. He added that there were two options for consideration:
 1. To implement the previous Olympic weight categories as used in Paris 2024.
 2. To adopt the weight categories set by the World Boxing starting in 2025.
- Various members presented their own proposals and insights.



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- Many members raised their concerns regarding the weight categories and their potential impact on athletes' participation, competitiveness, and fairness. Some members highlighted the need for a more thorough analysis to ensure that the proposed categories do not disadvantage any athletes.
- The Chairman, Fairuz Bin Mohamed, repeatedly emphasized that the boxers' interests must be the primary consideration in the decision-making process. He pointed out that each member had offered suggestions based on individual perspectives, but there was no clear, unified criterion for selecting the weight categories.
- The Chairman also strongly suggested that no decisions should be made without a concrete and well-defined criterion. He stressed the importance of having clear and measurable standards to guide the decision-making process in a way that serves the best interests of the athletes and ensures fairness.
- The discussion highlighted the need for a more structured approach that prioritizes fairness for athletes while ensuring the sport's integrity on the international stage.
- Consensus was reached on the necessity for further consultation with relevant stakeholders before finalizing the categories. It was agreed that a clearer, more objective framework must be established for these discussions moving forward.
- Mr. Arune (India) suggested using the weight categories from the Paris Olympic Games as a reference and selecting the nearest weight category from the World Boxing weight categories.

The Chairman, Fairuz Bin Mohamed, commended Mr. Arune's suggestion, noting it as a reasonable reference point for further discussions, acknowledging that it could serve as a balanced approach while aligning with both Olympic and World Boxing standards.

Following this, the Chairman asked Mr. Bassam Ghanem (AB Competition Manager) to present the proposed weight categories based on Mr. Arune's suggestion for further review and consideration.



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Mr. Bassam Ghanem presented the following weight categories based on Mr. Arune's suggestion:

Men's Weight Categories

Category	Olympic Weights 2024 (Paris)	World Boxing Weights (Starting January 2025)
51 kg	51 kg	50 kg
57 kg	57 kg	55 kg
63.5 kg	63.5 kg	65 kg
71 kg	71 kg	70 kg
80 kg	80 kg	80 kg
92 kg	92 kg	90 kg
Over 92 kg	Over 92 kg	Over 90 kg

Women's Weight Categories

Category	Olympic Weights 2024 (Paris)	World Boxing Weights (Starting January 2025)
50 kg	50 kg	51 kg
54 kg	54 kg	54 kg
57 kg	57 kg	57 kg
60 kg	60 kg	60 kg
66 kg	66 kg	65 kg
75 kg	75 kg	70 kg

Action Items:

- **Chairman Fairuz Bin Mohamed made a motion to vote on the proposed weight categories presented above.** The vote was conducted, and the decision was **unanimously approved** by all members.

5. AB Asian Boxing Calendar 2025

- The commission reviewed and discussed the draft calendar for the 2025 Asian Boxing events.
- Adjustments were proposed to align with international boxing schedules and maximize participation. The commission considered various factors, such as competition dates, key regional events, and potential conflicts with other international boxing tournaments.
- **Mr. Arune (India) made a suggestion to take into consideration that the World Championship will be held in England in September 2025, which will be close to the Asian Elite Championship scheduled for October 2025.** He recommended evaluating the proximity of these events to avoid conflicts and ensure that athletes have enough recovery time between major competitions.
- **Mr. Ali Salameh (Asian Boxing Acting Secretary General) asked Mr. Bassam Ghanem (AB Competition Manager) and Mr. Kritach (AB Sports Manager) to take this point into consideration when finalizing the 2025 calendar** and ensure that the scheduling of these events does not impact athlete participation or recovery time.

Action Items:

- Members to finalize and approve the calendar in the next scheduled meeting, after reviewing feedback from their respective national federations and ensuring alignment with international boxing schedules, including the consideration of the World Championship in September and the Elite Championship in October.
- Mr. Bassam and Mr. Kritach to incorporate Mr. Arune's suggestion into the planning of the calendar.

6. Closing Remarks

Mr. Fairuz Bin Mohamed thanked all attendees for their valuable contributions. He emphasised the importance of continued collaboration to ensure fair competition structures for Asian boxing. The meeting concluded at 19:40 hrs Dubai time (GMT +4)



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