



# 2016 World Qualification Event

June 16-25, Baku – Azerbaijan

## Baku 2016 Press Kit

June 16 - 25





## AIBA President's message



Dear Media representatives!

AIBA's 70th year has already been a busy one, the first 4 months of 2016 have been hugely important for boxing, we successfully staged four first-class continental qualifying events in a short space of time, a testament to the hard work and spirit of cooperation between the National Federations, Confederations and Local Organising Committees and AIBA.

My congratulations to those boxers whose efforts have been rewarded with qualification for Rio, the line-ups for the Olympic Games Boxing Tournament in Rio de Janeiro are beginning to take shape. 135 quota places were awarded to 51 countries across the four tournaments.

Two further opportunities to qualify now remain for those athletes left seeking the final Olympic places, the men's AOB World Olympic Qualification Event in Azerbaijan from 14- 26 June and July's APB-WSB Olympic Qualification Tournament take the final total of boxers at Rio 2016 up to 286.

Boxing was one of the first disciplines to be included in the modern Olympic Games in 1904 in St Louis (USA) and it is really exciting to see boxing gain its momentum more than one 100 years later. I look forward to experiencing the atmosphere in Rio during the Olympic Games and would like to wish all the boxers, coaches, team officials and organizers great success in the final stretch of the Olympic Qualifying events.

Yours in boxing,

Dr Ching-Kuo Wu

AIBA President





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# 1. World Olympic Qualification Events

## a. Facts

The 2016 World Olympic Qualification Event followed the Continental Olympic Qualification and is the last chance for AOB boxers to qualify for the Olympic Games of Rio 2016. It will be hosted in Baku, Azerbaijan with **375 boxers** competing **from 92 countries**.

10 weight classes will be in action in Baku: Light flyweight (46-49kg), flyweight (52kg), bantamweight (56kg), lightweight (60kg), light welterweight (64kg), welterweight (69kg), middleweight (75kg), light heavyweight (81kg), heavyweight (91kg) and super heavyweight (91+kg).

## b. Date and place

Baku, Azerbaijan June 16 to 25

## c. About Baku

Baku is the capital and the largest city of Azerbaijan.

In recent years, Baku has become an important venue for international events. It hosted the 57th Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and the 2015 European Games, and will host the 2016 European Grand Prix and UEFA Euro 2020.

Its first class sporting facilities for indoor games allowed the city to host many events including AIBA 2011 World Boxing Championships.





#### **d. Venue – Sarhadchi**

This multi-purpose arena was opened in August 2009, and has previously hosted Youth World Boxing Championships in 2010. It also hosted the Finals of WSB Season IV between Azerbaijan Baku Fires and Cuba Domadores.

The venue has a capacity of 2,200 places.



#### **e. Olympic Quota**

A total of 39 quota places for Rio Olympic Games will be available during the tournament.

Quota places per category:

- 46-49kg: 2 quota places
- 52kg: 5 quota places
- 56kg: 5 quota places
- 60kg : 5 quota places
- 64kg: 5 quota places
- 69kg : 5 quota places
- 75kg: 5 quota places
- 81kg: 5 quota places
- 91kg : 1 quota place
- 91+kg : 1 quota place





## f. Boxers to watch

- **Teymur MAMMADOV** (AZE – 81 kg): bronze medalist at the London 2012 Olympic Games, Baku 2015 European Games gold medallist
- **Dmytro MYTROFANOV** (UKR – 75 kg): APB boxer
- **Joselito VELASQUEZ** (MEX – 49 kg): WSB Boxer, Toronto 2015 Panamerican Games gold medalist
- **Hamza TOUBA** (GER – 52 kg): WSB Boxer, Baku 2015 European Games bronze medalist
- **Souleymane CISSOKHO** (FRA – 69 kg): WSB Boxer
- **Robeisy RAMIREZ** (CUB – 56 kg): London 2012 Olympic Games gold medallist
- **Yoel FINOL** (VEN – 52 kg): 2015 AMBC American Confederation Championships gold medallist
- **Pat MCCORMACK** (GBR – 64 kg): 2015 EUBC European Confederation Championships silver medallist
- **Antonio VARGAS** (USA – 52 kg): WSB Boxer
- **Michael O'Reilly** (IRL – 75 kg): 2015 Baku European Games gold medalist
- **Darren O'NEILL** (IRL – 91 kg): WSB boxer



## g. Competition Schedule

Date	Session	Start Time	Phase	Weight category (kg)								Total		
				Men										
				46-49	52	56	60	64	69	75	81		91	+91
THU 16 JUN	1	A 19:00	Preliminaries				7		7					14
	1	B 19:00	Preliminaries				6		8					14
FRI 17 JUN	2	A 13:00	Preliminaries		3			4		9				16
	2	B 13:00	Preliminaries		3			4		9				16
	3	A 19:00	Preliminaries			5					5		2	12
	3	B 19:00	Preliminaries			4					6		2	12
SAT 18 JUN	4	A 13:00	Preliminaries	2			4		4			4		14
	4	B 13:00	Preliminaries	2			4		4			4		14
	5	A 19:00	Preliminaries	1			4		4			3		12
	5	B 19:00	Preliminaries	1			4		4			2		11
SUN 19 JUN	6	A 13:00	Preliminaries		4			4			4		4	16
	6	B 13:00	Preliminaries		4			4			4		4	16
	7	A 19:00	Preliminaries		4			4			4			12
	7	B 19:00	Preliminaries		4			4			4			12
MON 20 JUN	8	A 13:00	Preliminaries	4		4				4		4		16
	8	B 13:00	Preliminaries	4		4				4		4		16
	9	A 19:00	Preliminaries			4			4	4				12
	9	B 19:00	Preliminaries			4			4	4				12
TUE 21 JUN	10	A 13:00	Preliminaries		4		4	4			4			16
	10	B 13:00	Preliminaries		4		4	4			4			16
	11	A 19:00	Prelim., QF	2		4				4		2	2	14
	11	B 19:00	Prelim., QF	2		4				4		2	2	14
THU 23 JUN	12	A 13:00	Quarterfinals		4	4		4		4				16
	13	A 19:00	Quarterfinals				4		4		4			12
FRI 24 JUN	14	A 13:00	Semifinals		2	2		2		2			2	10
	15	A 19:00	Semifinals	2			2		2		2	2		10
SAT 25 JUN	16	A 13:00	Finals		1	1		1		1		1	1	5
	17	A 19:00	Finals	1			1		1		1	1		5
<b>Total Number of Bouts</b>				<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>Number of Boxers</b>				<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>375</b>





## 2. List of quota places for Rio 2016 Olympic Games:

- **APB ranking**
  - 20 quota places
  - Men only
- **WSB ranking**
  - 17 quota places
  - Men only
- **Doha 2015 World Boxing Championships**
  - 23 quota places
  - Men only
- **Continental Olympic Qualification tournaments**
  - **American**
    - 25 men quota places + 5 host country places
    - 5 women quota places + 1 host country place
  - **African**
    - 30 quota places
    - 3 women quota places
  - **Asian/Oceanian**
    - 30 quota places
    - 6 women quota places
  - **European**
    - 30 quota places
    - 6 women quota places
- **Astana 2016 Women's World Championships**
  - 12 quota places
  - Women only
- **World Olympic Qualification Tournament**
  - 39 quota places
  - Men only
- **APB/WSB Tournament**
  - 26 quota places
  - Men only
- **Tripartite Commission Invitation Places**
  - 5 places for men
  - 3 places for women





### 3. Contacts on-site during the event

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### 4. Useful information

