



DECISION ISSUED BY THE AIBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2021
RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAS AWARD WADA V/ RUSADA FOR AIBA WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. INTRODUCTION

On 17 December 2020, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issued an award in the case between World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Russian National Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) ([CAS 2020/O/6689](#)). In this award, the CAS ruled that RUSADA was non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code), and as a consequence, issued a number of orders which came into effect on 17 December 2020 and will remain in effect until 16 December 2022.

As a signatory of the Code, AIBA is bound to comply with the CAS Award and to ensure its implementation within the sport of boxing.

The orders included in the CAS Award apply to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and World Championships. According to WADA's Q&A published on 4 February 2021 the term "World Championships" indicates the event or series of events by which the relevant International Sports Federation determines its open, senior world champions (men's and women's, and in any of its various disciplines). Accordingly, the principles outlined below shall apply to Elite World Boxing Championships only.

The following AIBA competitions are scheduled to take place during the period of validity of the orders by the CAS:


- AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships (scheduled to take place late 2021 / early 2022)
- AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships (scheduled to take place on October 26 – November 6, 2021 in Belgrade, Serbia).


2. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the AIBA Constitution, the AIBA Technical and Rules Regulations, the CAS Award and/or the AIBA Anti-Doping Regulations.

3. PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAS AWARD AT AIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOPIC	CAS AWARD	IMPLEMENTATION FOR AIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Accreditations / participation / attendance	<i>Representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation</i> (as defined in the CAS Award) i) (...). ii) <i>May not be issued accreditation by or for any Signatory for (...) any World Championships organized or sanctioned by</i>	In accordance with the CAS Award, <i>Representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation</i> (as defined in the CAS Award) shall not be accredited at / attend / participate in the AIBA World Championships. The Russian Boxing Federation and the National Federation hosting the World Championships shall be invited to ensure that the persons accredited,

	<p><i>any Signatory.</i></p> <p>iii) <i>May not be permitted by any Signatory to participate in or attend (...) any World Championships organized or sanctioned by any Signatory.</i></p> <p><i>The provisos to this order are:</i></p> <p>iv) <i>(...).</i></p> <p>v) <i>this order does not apply to a Government Representative who is invited to a specified event by the Head of State or Prime Minister (or equivalent) of the host country of that specified event.</i></p> <p>vi) <i>orders (ii) and (iii) do not apply to a Government Representative who is required to be accredited for and participate in a specified event in their capacity as an Athlete or legitimate Athlete Support Personnel.</i></p>	<p>attending or participating in the AIBA World Championships are not Representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation (as defined in the CAS Award), unless the provisos listed under v) and vi) apply</p>
Organisations' participation name	<p>The CAS Award places restrictions on the extent to which Russian Boxers and Support Personnel may be associated with <i>"the name ... and colours of their homeland."</i></p> <p>A Boxer or Support Personnel may not: (i) have the name Russia (in any language or format) on his/her uniform; or (ii) display publicly the name Russia (in any language or format) including, <i>"without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner"</i>, unless <i>"the words 'neutral athlete' (or an equivalent [are] displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name 'Russia')."</i></p>	<p>Russian Boxers and Support Personnel shall be entered by and represent the « Russian Boxing Federation » and use « RBF » as acronym.</p> <p>The above applies to all language/format/ alphabet.</p> <p>All public displays should use the acronym « RBF » and not the full name "Russian Boxing Federation".</p>
Emblem	<p>The emblem used during events should not contain the <i>"flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name "Russia" (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation."</i></p>	<p>The emblem of the Russian Olympic Committee will be used:</p>  <p>possibly in combination with the letters RBF.</p>
Flags (for ceremonies,	<p><i>"The flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) may not be flown or displayed in any official venue or area controlled by a Signatory or event</i></p>	<p>Flags will be the above emblem on a white background</p>

<p>in protocol sets, and in-venue and TV or Internet graphics referring to athletes)</p>	<p>organiser.</p> <p>The provisos to this order are:</p> <p>iii) This order does not require a Signatory to prevent spectators from bringing the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) into (...) any World Championships venue;</p> <p>iv) this order does not require a Signatory to prevent the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) from being displayed (if necessary) for the identification of Russian nationals who are technical officials or technical delegates at (...) any World Championships.</p> <p>v) (...)."</p>	 <p>The display of the flag of the Russian Federation (except by spectators) in any venue is strictly forbidden.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the Russian National flag and the acronym "RUS" may be used and displayed to identify the nationality of AIBA Competition Officials (Technical Delegate, ITOs, Referees and Judges).</p>
<p>Anthem</p>	<p>"The Russian national anthem (or any anthem linked to Russia) shall not be officially played or sung at any official event venue or other area controlled by the Signatory or its appointed event organiser (including, without limitation, at medal ceremonies and opening / closing ceremonies)."</p>	<p>Pyotr Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No.1 to be played for all ceremonies.</p>
<p>Uniforms / Clothing / Equipment</p>	<p>Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name 'Russia' (in any language or format), the words 'neutral athlete' (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name 'Russia'. For the avoidance of doubt, the uniform may contain the colours of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination).</p> <p>The same conditions apply to public displays of the same elements (i.e. the flag, national emblems/symbols and name), "including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organiser".</p>	<p>Boxers and Support Personnel shall not publicly display Russian symbols (e.g. flag, national emblem or name), including without limitation, on their uniforms, clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by AIBA and/or the organising committee.</p> <p>The official emblem of the Russian Boxing Federation includes prohibited Russian symbols and is therefore prohibited.</p> <p>More specifically, in accordance with the CAS Award, the following restrictions apply to Russian Boxers and Support Personnel's uniforms, clothes, equipment and personal items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace any Russian flag or Russian Federation emblem/symbol or the official emblem of the Russian Boxing Federation with the authorised emblem described above. - If the uniform, cloth, equipment or personal item contains the words



		<p>“Russian Boxing Federation” (in any language or format), such wording should be removed all together or be replaced with the acronym “RBF”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- If removing the words “Russia” or “Russian Boxing Federation” (in any language or format), is not possible or if the word “Russia” or “Russian” appears separately, then the words “Neutral Athlete” or an equivalent must be included in a position and size that is no less prominent.- If the use of the country’s acronym is required, the acronym “RBF” shall be used rather than “RUS” <p>The uniforms and equipment (if any) to be used during the World Championships shall be submitted by the Russian Boxing Federation to AIBA’s prior approval.</p>
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4. IMPLEMENTATION - SANCTIONS

The Russian Boxing Federation shall be responsible to ensure that this decision and the CAS Award are provided to (with an appropriate translation), duly implemented by and complied with by all members of its delegation at the World Championships.

The National Federation of the country hosting any Word Championship shall be responsible to ensure that this decision and the CAS Award are duly implemented and complied with in the organization of the World Championships.

In accordance with the AIBA Constitution (art. 11.1 (b) AIBA Constitution), National Federations have the obligation to comply with this decision – issued by the AIBA Board of Directors – at any time and to ensure that this decision, as well as the CAS Award, are legally binding and enforced. Any breach of this decision by a National Federation will be considered as a serious breach of the AIBA Constitution that may result in a procedure being opened against the concerned National Federation in accordance with article 13 of the AIBA Constitution.

A failure to respect this decision and/or the CAS Award by any Boxer, Athlete Support Personnel or Official is a breach of the AIBA Disciplinary Code that may be subject to the following sanctions, as per the AIBA Disciplinary Code: (i) fine, (ii) exclusion from an AIBA Competition and/or (iii) suspension from all boxing activities for a defined period. Any breach of the present decision and/or the CAS Award shall be referred to the AIBA Disciplinary Committee for prosecution and sanction.

All Officials, Competition Officials, as well as any member of the AIBA staff or any official or member of the staff of the Organizing Committee are expressly empowered and instructed to immediately intervene to remove any item contravening this decision and the CAS Award during the AIBA World Championships. They are further asked to report such incident to the competent bodies within AIBA without delay.



5. FINAL PROVISION

This decision has been adopted by the AIBA Board of Directors on 21 September 2021. It comes into force with immediate effect and will stay in full force and effect until 16 December 2022.