

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS



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PREFACE

The Australian National Boxing Federation Ltd rules and regulations can be changed at any time by the national executive and the changes shall apply from the time of their adoption.

The national executive and the state executive have the discretion in special circumstances to waive individual rules and regulations. State control board rules and regulations and those of recognised international organisations may be allowed to replace the federation's rules and regulations where there is conflict.

NOTICE

These rules and regulations (as adopted at the AGM of the Australian National Boxing Federation Ltd in October 1994, October 1995 and amended at the AGMs after this date. All references to the masculine gender apply equally to the feminine gender, unless stipulated otherwise.

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DEFINITIONS

ANBF	Australian National Boxing Federation.
Approved	Person or procedure approved by the ANBF.
Branch	State branch of the ANBF.
Committee	Elected committee, state or national, as defined by the ANBF constitution.
Defined	As defined by the respective ANBF committee or executive.
Doctor	Doctors approved by the ANBF to conduct boxers' annual medical examinations or any other medicals ordered by the ANBF and working as a ringside doctor.
Executive	Elected executive, state or national, as defined by the ANBF constitution.
Federation	Australian National Boxing Federation.
Industry Participant	Any person who is registered or licensed to act in an official capacity in the boxing industry.
Member	Financial member of a state branch of the ANBF.
NZPBAI	New Zealand Professional Boxing Association Inc.
President	ANBF national president or state president where stipulated.
Ringside Doctor	Doctor conducting boxers' pre and post-bout medical examinations at a promotion and providing medical supervision of the promotion.
Secretary	ANBF national secretary or state secretary where stipulated.
Senior	Highest office-bearer in order of president, chairman, secretary or person nominated by them.
State Control Boards	State government bodies controlling boxing under state law.
Supervisor	Person nominated by the ANBF to be supervisor at the promotion.
Worthy Contender	As defined by the ratings committee.

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CONDITIONS OF USE OF THE ANBF RULES

These ANBF Rules have been developed for boxing events that are controlled by the Australian National Boxing Federation Ltd (ANBF).

These rules are published on the ANBF website.

Parties that elect to use the ANBF Rules or a modification of the ANBF Rules do so on the basis that the ANBF has no role in their use and has no responsibility or liability for their use.



SECTION ONE – RING EQUIPMENT AND SIMILAR

1. RING SPECIFICATIONS

Boxing contests shall be held in no structure other than a boxing ring that complies with the specifications set forth.

2. AREA

A boxing ring shall be a square of not less than 5.48 metres square and not more than 7.31 metres square by measurements taken outside the line of the ropes.

3. PLATFORM

The ring platform shall:

- (1) Be safely constructed, level and free from any obstructing projections.
- (2) Extend for at least 50 centimetres outside the line of the ropes.
- (3) Be fitted with four corner posts which shall be well padded or otherwise so constructed as to prevent injury to the contestants.

4. PLATFORM MAT

The entire platform shall be covered by a suitable impact absorbing material over which shall be placed a strong canvas or similar material stretched tightly and fixed to the outer edges of the ring.

5. ROPES

- (1) There shall be four ropes or cables of a thickness not less than three centimetres and not more than five centimetres, tightly drawn from the corner posts at heights of approximately 40 centimetres, 70 centimetres, 100 centimetres and 130 centimetres above the platform.
- (2) The ropes or cables shall be covered with a soft, smooth material and shall be joined at two points on each side of the ring, being points equidistant from each other and from the corner post on that side. The joins will be made with vertically hung pieces of soft material of a thickness not less than three centimetres and not more than four centimetres which shall not slide along the ropes.

Footnote

Boxing rings built before 1994 may be accepted with three ropes or cables with ropes the same thickness described in the preceding rule, but at heights of 40 centimetres, 80 centimetres and 130 centimetres from the platform if approved by the supervisor and senior official of the ANBF in attendance, but only in special circumstances.

6. TURNBUCKLE

Padding of a width not less than 15 centimetres and a thickness not less than 7.5 centimetres shall cover each turnbuckle.



7. STEPS

Two sets of sturdily constructed steps shall be provided at diagonally opposite corners of the ring. One set on each side of the corner for the use of the contestants, seconds and officials. They shall be kept clear of obstructions at all times.

8. SEATS

Seats of a type that can be removed during the rounds of a contest shall be provided at the corners where the steps are positioned.

9. BUCKETS

Promoters shall ensure that a bucket and spittoon receptacle are available in each boxer's corner.

10. STRETCHER

Promoters shall arrange for a stretcher to be at ringside and the referee shall ensure it is there before allowing bouts to begin.

11. DRESSING-ROOM.

Promoters shall ensure that the venue has suitable, clean dressing-rooms with sufficient room for boxers to prepare for the contest and rest after the bout. They shall ensure that there are toilets and showers for the boxers and shall supply chairs and rubbing-down benches.

12. DRESSING-ROOM SECURITY

Promoters shall ensure that there is adequate security to stop unauthorised persons entering the dressing-rooms.

13. MEDICAL ROOM

Promoters shall ensure that there is suitable hygienic room or area for medical officers to carry out pre-fight and post-bout examinations.

14. RING LIGHTING

Promoters shall ensure the ring lighting is adequate for the conduct of a boxing contest.



SECTION TWO – BODY DRESS, BANDAGES AND SIMILAR

15. BANDAGES

- (1) Bandages must be crepe or gauze.
- (2) Surgical tape must stop at the back of the hand prior to knuckles and must not cover the knuckles at all.
- (3) Tape may be permitted directly on the skin of the back of the fighter's hand prior to gauze being applied but must stop one finger width prior to the boxer's knuckles. "Stacking" will not be allowed and no further tape may be applied until the tape is applied over the finished bandage in alignment with Rule 15.2. For a pictorial explanation see ANBF paper titled "ANBF Bandages and Gloves Guide 2025".
- (4) Thin strips of surgical tape may be placed between the fingers to aid in keeping the bandage in place. The tape must not be twisted between the fingers.
- (5) No water or any other substance can be put on bandages.
- (6) The referee or person appointed by the ANBF shall inspect the completed bandages and taping, to ensure that they conform with the rules and shall stamp or initial them. If they do not conform, they will ensure that they do prior to signing or stamping them and before gloving.
- (7) The ANBF supervisor or referee may stamp or sign the tape covering the laces outside of the gloves.

16. GLOVES

Gloves shall be of a brand and quality approved by the ANBF.

- (1) A person shall not promote a boxing contest unless the provisions of these clauses with respect to contestants' gloves are complied with.
- (2) In any contest where a boxer's weight is under or equal to the welterweight limit (66.68kg), 8-ounce gloves must be used.
- (3) In any contest where a boxer's weight is over the welterweight limit (66.68kg) 10-ounce gloves must be used.
- (4) If at heavier weights 10-ounce gloves are too small for contestants' hands then, with approval of the ANBF and agreement from both boxers and trainers, 12-ounce gloves may be used.
- (5) The ANBF shall reject gloves if they are brands not approved by the ANBF or the quality is inadequate.
- (6) If padding is misshapen or lumpy, the leather worn or cracked, or if gloves are in any way imperfect, they shall be changed before the contest starts. Breaking, roughing or twisting of the gloves is not permitted. Gloves shall be new or near new, with new laces.
- (7) If a glove becomes damaged during a bout, it shall be replaced during the interval between rounds. Unless, at the discretion of the referee, the bout is stopped during the round to have the glove replaced, in which case the timekeeper shall stop the stopwatch and restart it when the round is resumed.



- (8) Gloves must be lace up and velcro is not permitted. After lacing on and tying on the back of the wrist, the laces of the gloves must be securely covered by adhesive tape.
- (9) Promoters shall provide an extra set of gloves (two pairs) at ringside in case gloves are broken or damaged during a bout.
- (10) Gloves shall not be put on until after the referee has stamped or initialled the bandages.
- (11) Subject to the conditions of Rule 16 (clauses 1 to 10), if a boxer wishes to wear his own gloves this must be agreed to at the weigh-in and the boxer must have a second identical pair available and give the opponent the option of wearing these gloves. While this can be agreed to at any time prior to the contest, the opponent will not be required to agree on the day of the contest.

17. RING ATTIRE BOXERS

- (1) A person shall not box in a contest unless he/she wears:
 - (a) Boxing gloves.
 - (b) Light boots without spikes or heels.
 - (c) Boxing shorts, loose-fitting, the waistband not extending above the belt line. Emblems or such may adorn the trunks provided that they are not considered by the ANBF to be offensive.
 - (d) A cup (groin protector) shield not extending above the belt line, being an imaginary line across the body at the top of the hips and navel.
 - (e) A properly-fitted moulded mouthguard, unless the ringside doctor directs otherwise.
 - (f) A boxer engaged in an ANBF Australian Title or an Australasian Title will be required to have 2 Mouthguards
- (2) A boxer shall not wear anything which, in the opinion of the referee, might injure the opponent.
- (3) The following applies in relation to a boxer's hair length. This requirement is for safety reasons.
 - (a) Any Boxer Male or Female must follow these instructions in relation to their hair length.
 - (b) Long Hair will be secured with soft and non-abrasive materials, preferably adhesive tape as used on hand strapping.
 - (c) Hair which is braided must not be longer than 15 cm. if so this must be doubled and secured.

18. RING ATTIRE REFEREES/JUDGES

- (1) The referee shall be neatly attired in the ANBF uniform, and street shoes shall not be worn.
- (2) The referee shall not wear glasses, watch, belt buckle, rings or any other object which might injure the boxers.
- (3) Judges will be neatly attired in ANBF uniform. The ANBF uniform is defined as black shoes and socks, black trousers, light blue shirt, light grey blazer. A chocolate brown blazer can be worn until a replacement is required. The ANBF emblem is to be worn on the top pocket of the blazer. The referee must also wear the ANBF emblem on the top pocket of the shirt.



19. PERMITTED OR ALLOWED SUBSTANCES

Before the contest starts, the referee shall inspect both contestants to ensure no foreign substances on their bodies or gloves. Only water and Vaseline can be present, any other substances such as Menthol Liniment or anything detrimental to his opponent will result in disqualification.

20. EYEBROW PROTECTION

The referee may permit boxers to use a covering of a non-abrasive material to protect their eyebrows.



SECTION THREE – MEDICAL MATTERS AND RECORD BOOK

21. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PERMISSIBLE IN CORNER

- (1)
 - (a) White petroleum jelly (Vaseline)
 - (b) Sterile cotton wool or cotton wads
 - (c) Sterile gauze
 - (d) Surgical spirit
 - (e) Cottonbud sticks
 - (f) Butterfly bandaids
 - (g) Blunt-edged surgical scissors
 - (h) Icebag
 - (i) Adhesive tape
 - (j) Water buckets and drinking receptacles shall be provided in each corner
 - (k) Solution of adrenalin 1/1000
 - (l) Iodine or Mercurochrome
 - (m) Qwick Aid
- (2) NO STIMULANT other than cold water sprinkled on the body or used as a mouthwash shall be used.
- (3) Seconds are not to use on a boxer:
 - (a) Iron chloride solution
 - (b) Monsol solution
 - (c) Ammoniated liniment
 - (d) Alcohol or alcohol mixture
 - (e) Smelling salts

22. INJECTIONS AND MEDICATIONS

Boxers who have taken prescribed medication orally or by injection within 72 hours before the contest, or who take prescribed medication on a regular basis, must give the ringside doctor details of the medication, the condition for which it was prescribed and the name and address of the doctor who prescribed it. Similarly, boxers who take unprescribed medication shortly before a contest or take unprescribed medication on a regular basis must report the details to the ringside doctor.

23. ANTI-DOPING TEST

- (1) The ringside doctor or executive of the ring officials committee or the supervisor may order any boxer to submit to a test at any promotion. All boxers will be routinely advised, pre-fight, they might be required to take a post-fight test. The boxer must submit to the test or face disciplinary action.
- (2) A trainer observing symptoms which he/she believes warrant a test can request that his boxer's opponent be tested. He/she shall notify the supervisor and ringside doctor, who must then arrange testing. The trainer will pay all costs and both boxers will be tested. Conditions as per clause (1) above apply.
- (3) The ringside doctor may order a pre-fight testing on a boxer if he/she sees any symptom at the pre-fight medical that may warrant it.



- (4) The doctor giving the boxer an annual medical may order a test on a boxer if he/she sees any symptoms that may warrant it.
- (5) The anti-doping test will be by laboratory analysis of the boxer's urine. A urine sample will be collected by a doctor, nurse or laboratory technician, in the presence of the ANBF supervisor. The sample will be collected and divided into two sterile containers marked A and B. Both will be securely sealed in the presence of the boxer. Each container will then be signed by the boxer, supervisor and the person who did the collection. Sample A will be taken, in conditions of security, to a suitable laboratory for analysis. Sample B will be retained in conditions of security by the supervisor or person who collected the sample. If sample A tests positive, sample B will be analysed at the same laboratory or another suitable laboratory mutually agreed upon by the boxer and the ANBF.

24. PENALTIES

- (1) Any boxer testing positive for prohibited substances or drugs shall be dealt with by the state executive at a special meeting.
- (2) This meeting shall act as a tribunal. It shall hear the evidence from all parties, boxers, trainers and any other persons with information relating to the offence. Any written evidence or information presented must be by a statutory declaration. The tribunal shall consider all the evidence and decide what action is to be taken. The tribunal must notify the boxer of the outcome of the hearing, in writing. It must also notify the national secretary and all state branches of the result.
- (3) If the boxer is found guilty the tribunal has the authority to suspend the boxer, remove the boxer from ratings, declare any title held by the boxer vacant, or any other penalty it considers necessary, depending on the severity of the offence.
- (4) If the boxer wishes to appeal against the decision or the severity of the penalty, he/she must advise the state secretary and describe the grounds for appeal. The state secretary must acknowledge receipt of the appeal and convene a meeting of the branch to hear the appeal. The member must be given a fair and full opportunity to present his case, either verbally or in writing. The appeal shall be determined by a majority vote of members present at such meeting and the decision of the meeting will be final.

25. PROHIBITED DRUGS

Prohibited drugs are those defined by:

Sports Integrity Australia¹
Street Address: Unit 14, 5 Tennant Street, FYSHWICK ACT 2609
Postal address: PO Box 1744, FYSHWICK ACT 2609
Enquires: Phone: 13 000 27232 or +61 2 6222 4200
Email: contactus@sportintegrity.gov.au
Website: www.asada.gov.au

It is the responsibility of the boxer and his trainer to check and ensure that the boxer is not taking any medication or mixture that is a prohibited drug. Many drugs appear either alone or in mixtures or in medication

¹ Replaced Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority on 30 June 2020.



under commercial titles. Therefore, they should check with Sports Integrity Australia if in any doubt. The taking of prohibited drugs will incur penalties. The severity of the offence will determine the penalty.

26. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Boxers must pass an approved medical examination before annual registration. They also must have a serology test at six monthly intervals and be classified HIV negative, Hepatitis B antigen negative or immune status and Hepatitis C negative. It is also necessary that all results of the serology test be disclosed to the authority issuing the licence.
- (2) After completion of the weigh-in or before the contest, and after the completion of each contest, a boxer shall undergo a medical examination.
- (3) The ringside doctor must remain at ringside throughout each contest and make notes of any hard-fought contests or where a boxer seems to be affected to an unusual degree. If the doctor leaves the ringside during the contest, the referee must stop the bout until he/she returns to ringside.
- (4) If a boxer is knocked out from punches to the head, he/she must not box again in a contest or in a gymnasium until the minimum period of twenty eight (28) days has elapsed, unless the ringside doctor orders a longer period.
- (5) DELETED
- (6) DELETED
- (7) The ringside doctor at his discretion may order a longer rest period from boxing in all instances covered by clauses (4), (5) and (6). The ringside doctor in attendance at any promotion has the power to order a rest period for any boxer regardless of the outcome of the bout if he/she considers he/she has received excessive punishment or injury. The length of the rest period is at the discretion of the ringside doctor who may also order a test or examination before the boxer is allowed to fight or spar again.
- (8) Boxers ruled unfit to box must not spar in gymnasiums or participate in exhibitions.

27. BOXER TO FURNISH INFORMATION

A boxer whose previous fight was outside his home state must report to the doctor supervising the upcoming fight the essential details of his previous fight, including the date and result and any other information the doctor requires. Any boxer giving misleading or incorrect information may face disciplinary action by the ANBF.

28. TRAVEL TO CONTEST

This rule revoked Annual General Meeting 9th October 2010.

29. MEDICAL RECORD BOOKS

Rules relating to medical books were removed on 1 January 2025.



SECTION FOUR – CONTESTS, PERSONS, PROCEDURES

30. POWERS AND DUTIES OF REFEREES

- (1) The referee's prime concern is the welfare of the boxers, and the enforcement of all rules.
- (2) The four basic commands a referee is to use are 'stop', 'box', 'break' and 'time' and they should be expressed clearly and with authority on all occasions.
- (3) Referees must ensure taping and bandaging of boxers hands comply with the rules. He/she must then stamp or initial the bandages for inspection before gloving.
- (4) After bandage checks and gloving, the referee must ensure that glove laces are securely tied to the back of the hands and that the laces are covered with suitable tape. If during a contest the laces come loose, the referee must call 'stop' and order that the laces be secured and re-taped. He/she must signal that the clock is to stop and signal to restart it when the round resumes. After gloving, whilst still in the dressing room, the referee must check that the boxer's groin protector does not extend above the belt line – being an imaginary line across the body, top of hips and navel as per rule 17 (d).
- (5) Before instructing the boxers in mid-ring the referee must ensure that both contestants are wearing protectors, mouthguard, boxing shorts, flat-soled boots and have no foreign objects or substances on their bodies or gloves and, at the discretion of the referee, do not have too much petroleum jelly on their faces.
- (6) Before each bout and round, the referee shall ensure the canvas and apron are free of any foreign matter or excess water and shall ensure that corner stools and resin boxes are not in the ring or on the ring apron. He/she shall ensure the ropes are properly taut and the tapes between the ropes, corner buckles and padding are secure.
- (7) Before the first round, the referee shall seek a signal from each judge to ensure they are ready, then signal the timekeeper to sound the bell.
- (8) A referee should avoid whenever possible physically 'breaking' contestants and should express his authority in his commands. Upon the referee ordering 'break' boxers must stop punching and take one step back before continuing to box. Continued failure by a boxer to comply with the referee's commands may cause a deduction of points or disqualification.
- (9) The referee should give cautions 'in running' loudly and with authority and only order 'stop' when there is a legitimate reason to do so. He/she must then give the order and signal to 'box'. It is a referee's duty to call time out and time in for the benefit of boxers and timekeepers.
- (10) When a boxer has been knocked down or goes down and the referee considers a count is pointless he/she should waive off the contest and then at his/her discretion remove the boxer's mouthguard and call the doctor to the ring to attend the boxer.
- (11) The referee must always ensure that no other persons are in the ring or on the ring apron while the round is in progress; otherwise, he/she must immediately stop the contest until they are removed. He/she shall not permit seconds to slap on the canvas or distract boxers.



- (12) When a referee considers a boxer should lose points for a foul, he/she must call 'stop' and order the other boxer to the neutral corner and with the offending boxer at his side signal the judges his point/s deduction order. The round will resume when the referee orders 'box'.
- (13) If any incident occurs, be it covered by rules or is unusual or irregular, and such incident warrants the stoppage of the contest and the referee's view of the incident is unsighted or partly obscured, he/she may order time out and confer with the judges and supervisor before giving his decision.
- (14) A referee should terminate a contest at any stage if he/she believes the contestants are not in earnest. He/she may disqualify one or both contestants or declare a 'no-contest'. He/she must make a written report to the ANBF as soon as possible.
- (15) In all bouts a referee shall collect scorecards from judges at the end of each round and hand them to the recorder.
- (16) If during a round a referee or judge is injured, becomes ill or is unable to continue, the timekeeper shall sound the bell and stop the round. The supervisor shall appoint another referee or judge to officiate. If it is a judge, then the replacement judge will use the incapacitated judge's scorecard for the remainder of the contest. The interrupted round shall recommence from the time of stoppage.
- (17) At the end of a round in which a boxer receives a cut, the referee must advise the judges and recorders whether the cut was caused by a legitimate blow or by accidental means or a deliberate foul.
- (18) Ring officials shall not wager on the outcome of a contest in which he/she officiates or publicly predict the result of a contest in which he/she will officiate. He/she must not align himself with any boxer and he/she must always be totally impartial.
- (19) Ring officials, including referees or any registered participants, must not consume alcohol on the day of a promotion, until their duties are completed.

Confidence in his ability and judgement is a most important factor in the make-up of a first class official. He/she must not be swayed by the audience and when he/she has given his decision, he/she must display strength of character irrespective of the reception afforded him.

If his duty is to disqualify a boxer he/she must do so unhesitatingly and with strength, no matter how unpleasant his duty may be. He/she may be handling a contest which has been closely fought, or the audience may be shouting for their favourite boxer, but immediately the final round is over and the result is known he/she must raise the winner's hand in a determined and unhesitating manner. A hesitant referee destroys the respect and confidence of the boxers he/she is controlling and also the respect of the audience. Under no circumstances should names, reputations, creed, nationality or colour of the contestant have any influence whatsoever on any official's judgement.

31. REFEREE'S DISCRETION

The referee shall decide any situation not provided for in these rules, and such a decision will prevail. He/she may confer with the judges or supervisor for guidance.



32. PRESENT AT RINGSIDE

It is mandatory during all contests that the ringside doctor be seated at ringside while bouts are in progress. If the doctor has to leave the ringside for any reason during a round, the bout must be stopped until such time as the doctor has returned to ringside.

33. OFFICIATION OF CONTESTS

- (1) All bouts should be controlled by a non-scoring referee and three judges. This rule may be varied by the supervisor or senior ring official, but only in extreme circumstances.
- (2) The judges will be seated on different sides of the ring in a central position and will score and record the contest on ANBF cards and sheets.
- (3) The promoter must take reasonable steps to ensure that no unlicensed or unauthorised persons are allowed to enter the ring or sit at ringside.
- (4) Judges shall not discuss their scores or talk with other people during a contest, unless to speak with the referee on other matters herein approved, and they shall ensure that other people do not sight their scorecards.
- (5) Australian, Commonwealth, world titles and at the discretion of the ANBF other fights, will be scored on individual cards per round and the results recorded on a master sheet by an approved ANBF recorder. The sheets shall be witnessed by a nominated ANBF official before results are announced.
- (6) The appointment of ring officials for all contests will be in accordance with rules on appointment of ring officials outlined in Section Eight.
- (7) Ring officials (as defined under Rule 84 Category 3) shall not make derogatory remarks in any form, offer comments or inference of mistakes or poor performances by other ring officials, in public, at any promotion or at any time to the media or to any other person(s). Any ring official doing so will be subject to disciplinary action. If ring officials have complaints they should advise the supervisor or senior ring official at an appropriate time, in private, and the matter must be addressed at a meeting of the ANBF.
- (8) Judges, referees and timekeepers shall be licensed by the ANBF after meeting all requirements set by the ANBF.
- (9) All industry participants must be current financial members of the ANBF in the state in which they reside.

34. SCORING

- (1) Judging Guidelines:
 - (a) Scoring shall be done as laid out in the current ANBF Judging Guidelines. The ANBF Secretary shall be the custodian of the most recent and current ANBF Judging Guidelines.
 - (b) The ANBF Judging Guidelines address judge's responsibilities, scoring criteria and the 10 point must system.



- (c) The ANBF Judging Guidelines can be updated by the ANBF Directors as required through a year. The changes must be confirmed or otherwise at the following ANBF Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Marking point deductions:
 - (a) Whenever a judge deducts a point for fouls or illegalities when directed by the referee, he/she must mark the card accordingly to testify such.
 - (b) If a point or points are deducted before a round is complete these points will be taken off the tally at the end of the bout.
- (3) Unfinished rounds
 - (a) Unfinished rounds will be scored and any point(s) deductions recorded.

35. REFEREE'S SIGNAL

Whenever a referee orders a deduction of points for an infringement, he/she shall stop the bout and signal to the judges his direction, and then order the contestants to 'box'.

36. SCORECARDS

- (1) All scorecards and sheets shall be handed to the supervisor on completion of the contest and shall not be shown to any other person, except for the purpose of witnessing such or as approved by the ANBF.
- (2) Individual scores with judges' names may be announced when a points decision is given.
- (3) Scorecards and recorder sheets, duly signed and witnessed, shall be given to the nominated ring officials committeeman as soon as possible after a promotion. These will be kept for a period of time for perusal by the committee and for grading of officials.
- (4) When individual round cards are being used, the judges must not keep secondary cards or tallies of points.

37. TIMEKEEPERS

- (1) Timekeepers must be licensed by the ANBF as such, after meeting all requirements.
- (2) Timekeepers shall use two stopwatches, one for the general time and the second for a knockdown count. In the event of a knockdown, timekeepers shall immediately, in a loud and clear voice, count the elapsing seconds until the referee takes up the count.
- (3) For national, Commonwealth, OPBF and other international bouts, two timekeepers should be used, the second of whose duties shall include the knockdown count.
- (4) If near the end of any round, a boxer is down and the referee is in the course of counting over him, the bell indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. In the event of the timekeeper sounding the bell the referee will continue the count. If the boxer rises before ten (10) is counted and the referee gives the command 'box' (indicating the continuation of the bout), the bell will then be sounded to end the round.



- (5) The intervals between rounds shall be of one minute's duration. The timekeeper will announce 'seconds out' in a loud clear voice ten seconds before the minute is up and sound a warning buzzer or whistle, indicating the seconds must leave the ring and all foreign objects must be removed from the ring and apron.
- (6) The timekeeper shall at all times ensure the referee has heard the bell.
- (7) If a referee or judge is injured or becomes ill during a contest and is unable to continue, the timekeeper shall ring the bell to terminate the round. On the replacement of that official, the round shall recommence as a full round.
- (8) The timekeeper must sound the bell at the precise moment and he/she shall not lengthen or shorten the periods of boxing or intervals except as specified in paragraphs (4), (6) and (7).

38. RECORDERS

- (1) The recorder is responsible for checking scorecards and tallying individual cards onto a recorder sheet and shall ensure accuracy of the transfer.
- (2) He shall double-check all tallied figures by counting deducted points and ensure that they comply with the result
- (3) Whenever possible he/she shall have an assistant to check and verify all points and deductions before notifying the referee and the announcer of the official decision.
- (4) Individual judges' names and tallies shall be recorded.
- (5) The recorder must know all the terms used to describe the various decisions.
- (6) He shall at all times ensure that no other person, apart from his assistant, sights the cards or tally during a contest.
- (7) The recorder shall be satisfied that cards are correctly completed by judges and, if required, direct the judges to complete the cards. In such cases, the assistant should approach the judge during the minute rest period.
- (8) The recorder and his assistant shall not sit next to a judge during a contest.

39. SECONDS

- (1) There shall be no more than four seconds for each boxer, including the trainer and/or chief second, and only one may be in the ring during the minute break.
- (2) All seconds must be neatly attired, sober and act in a gentlemanly manner at all times.
- (3) On the sound of the warning buzzer or whistle or call of 'seconds out', the seconds must immediately vacate the ring and apron and shall ensure that the stool, water vessels and all other objects are cleared from the ring and apron, so as not to delay the contest when the bell rings at the start of the round. The referee shall ensure that this rule is adhered to. If a trainer or second continues to offend, the referee may



use his discretion, after a warning, to deduct a point from the boxer or have the second or trainer removed from the corner.

40. BOXERS

- (1) Boxers shall report to their dressing-rooms at site of contest no later than one hour before the start of the promotion.
- (2) A beard on a boxer will only be accepted if its thickness is not considered a cushion, or it could not cut or hurt the opponent. The decision is the responsibility of the referee.
- (3) No person under the age of eighteen will be licensed as a boxer.
- (4) No industry participant shall consume alcohol on the day of the promotion until his duties are completed.

41. TRAINERS

- (1) All trainers must be licensed or accredited by the ANBF and hold the required licence in all cases after meeting all requirements and examination that may be defined by the ANBF from time to time.
- (2) All trainers must have as their main objective the safety, health and welfare of their boxers. They must do all possible to have them totally prepared for any contests and ensure they do their best not to overmatch them.
- (3) They must ensure any injuries incurred by their boxers are properly attended to and they must also ensure their boxers take any tests and follow any instructions ordered by the ringside doctor or the doctor handling the annual medicals.
- (4) At contests all trainers must be clean, neatly attired and act in a gentlemanly manner and take all precautions in regards to hygiene while cornering a boxer.
- (5) At the call 'seconds out', or the sounding of the buzzer or whistle, trainers must immediately vacate the ring and ensure the stool and all other objects are removed from the ring and apron before the bell sounds to start the round.
- (6) During the contest they shall not slap the canvas or use any tactics to distract the referee, nor shall they call out any derogatory remarks about the opponent.
- (7) A trainer must ensure, if his boxer has been knocked out or stopped from injury or taken heavy punishment, that the boxer has the required post-fight medical and ensure that any recommendations or instructions by the doctor are carried out. Should the doctor consider it necessary he/she should ensure a responsible person accompanies the boxer to his residence and observe him for any problems.



SECTION FIVE – RULES OF CONTESTS

42. CUT RULE

This rule applies when a bout is stopped because of a cut or cuts to the boxer's head.

(1) Accidental:

If a contest has to be terminated owing to an accidental head cut as determined by the referee, the boxer leading on the scorecards will be declared the winner providing that:

- a. For a three round contest two rounds have been completed
- b. For a four or five round contest three rounds have been completed
- c. For a contest of six or more rounds four rounds have been completed.

If the required rounds have not been completed the result will be ruled a technical draw.

(Note: A round shall be deemed to have been completed when the bell ending the boxing in that round sounds.)

(2) Intentional:

If the referee rules that the cut was caused by an intentional foul and the injured boxer cannot continue, the offending boxer will lose by disqualification. If as a result of the injury the referee determines that the injured boxer can continue, the referee shall take a mandatory one (1) point from the offending boxer. If as a result of the injury the referee or doctor determines the injured boxer cannot continue in the later rounds, the result will be determined by the scorecards providing that:

- a. For a three round contest two rounds have been completed
- b. For a four or five round contest three rounds have been completed
- c. For a contest of six or more rounds four rounds have been completed.

If the result is to be determined by the scorecards and the required rounds have been completed the following will apply:

- a. If the injured boxer is ahead on the scorecards he/she will be declared the winner.
- b. If the injured boxer is behind on the scorecards, the result will be technical draw.

If the required rounds have not been completed the result will be ruled a technical draw.

(3) Referees Authority:

The referee is the only person with the authority to determine if the cut was caused by an accidental blow or a legal punch. If the referee is uncertain, he/she may ask for the opinion of the judges or supervisor.

- (4) It is the referee's responsibility to decide if the cut is due to a clean punch, deliberate foul or accidental foul.
- (5) If the referee is unsure what caused the cut he/she may ask the judges or supervisor for their opinion and guidance.
- (6) When a cut occurs the referee will advise the Supervisor at the end of the round of his ruling on the cause of the cut.



- (7) A referee shall not be directed by the boxer's corner to stop a contest due to a cut, irrespective of the cause, if in his opinion it does not warrant a stoppage. If the corner demands a stoppage under these conditions and the referee accedes, the referee shall declare the other boxer the winner by TKO.

43. NO-FOUL RULE

- (1) If in the opinion of the referee a boxer deliberately fouls an opponent by punching below the belt, the referee may disqualify the offending boxer without applying the No-Foul Rule. However, if the No-Foul Rule is applied, the action must follow as outlined below and no disqualification can occur.
- (2) In the case of an accidental low blow so determined by the referee he/she may apply the No-Foul rule and allow the injured boxer a maximum time of five minutes to recover.
- (3) The referee may resume the contest once the injured boxer has indicated that he/she has recovered but will not be given more than five minutes.
- (4) Once the No-Foul rule has been applied a boxer who is unwilling or unable to resume the contest once the five minute period has elapsed shall lose the contest, the result being recorded as a TKO.
- (5) Once the referee applies the No-Foul rule by signalling timeout, the timekeeper shall stop the round at that time and recommence the round once the referee has ordered the contestants to resume.
- (6) During the period the No-Foul rule is being applied, the offending boxer must go to the neutral corner and stand until directed otherwise by the referee. The stricken boxer may return to his corner where his cornermen can attend only to that injury if required.
- (7) The referee should instruct the judges during the break if points are to be deducted from the offending boxer.

44. ACCIDENTAL INJURY

- (1) If a boxer cannot continue because of an accidental injury not attributable to legal punches, the bout shall be treated in the same manner as for an accidental cut eye and the No Foul Rule shall apply.
- (2) If an accidental clash of heads renders one or both boxers temporarily unable to continue, they shall be given a short period of time to recover, at the referee's discretion, to see if they are able to continue.

45. STANDING EIGHT COUNT

DELETED

46. FAILURE TO LEAVE CORNER

If the chief second advises the referee his boxer cannot continue, the boxer will lose by TKO – Corner Retired. If there is no such advice and the boxer refuses to leave the corner the referee will apply a count and, on reaching ten, declare the opponent winner by KO. If the boxer leaves the corner before the count ends, the referee may order a deduction, if he/she considers the opponent has been significantly inconvenienced, before ordering the bout to continue.



47. REST PERIOD BETWEEN ROUNDS

The one minute rest period between rounds is essentially for the boxers rest and his corner to satisfactorily perform their duties. However, if the referee has a concern and need to check on the boxer's condition he/she has the discretion to do so during this period.

If the referee needs to inspect the boxer's condition further he/she shall call for time out immediately after the bell has sounded to commence the next round. If the referee is not satisfied that the boxer is in a condition to continue he/she may immediately terminate the bout or call on the advice of the doctor. If the referee is satisfied that the boxer is able to continue he/she will order the contestants to "box"..

48. KNOCKDOWN

- (1) If a boxer is legitimately knocked down the referee shall complete a compulsory eight count, whether or not the boxer rises before the count of eight is reached. If a boxer fails to rise before the count of ten, he/she has lost the bout by KO. A boxer cannot be saved by the bell in any round .
- (2) Definition - A boxer shall be deemed to be knocked down as a result of a legal blow when:
 - (a) Any part of his body other than his feet is on the floor.
 - (b) He is helpless on the ropes, or is being supported by the ropes.
 - (c) He is rising from the down position and the referee has not given the command to 'box'.

When a boxer is knocked down:

- (a) The referee shall audibly announce the count and display the count by use of fingers – if the boxer taking the count is still down when the referee calls the count of ten (10), the referee shall waive both arms indicating the boxer has been knocked out.
 - (b) The referee shall order the opponent to the furthest neutral corner of the ring and pick up the count from the timekeeper. Should the opponent fail to stay in the corner as directed by the referee the referee shall stop the count and redirect the boxer to go back to the corner and resume the count at the point that it was interrupted. The timekeepers count will cease when picked up by the referee who count shall prevail and be relied on by the boxer.
- (3) Should a boxer slip, fall, be pushed down or voluntarily go down, he/she shall be ordered to his feet. Failure to do so immediately may be cause for disqualification or loss of points. The referee shall ensure the boxer's gloves are free from dirt or resin before ordering 'box'.
 - (4) In the case of knockdowns, or the referee calling 'stop', boxers shall not resume boxing until the order 'box' is given.
 - (5) In the event of a boxer being knocked down three times in one round, the contest will be terminated and the opponent declared the winner by KO. This rule may be waived in certain contests. If it is, it must be announced publicly before the bout.

49. KNOCKDOWN COUNT

- (1) In the event of a knockdown, the timekeeper shall start his count immediately. The referee shall pick up the count from the timekeeper.



- (2) The referee may complete the ten count on a boxer who has risen during the count, if he/she decides the boxer is not fit to continue.

50. DOUBLE KNOCKDOWN

If both boxers are knocked down, the count will proceed in the normal way. If only one rises before the count ends, he/she will win by KO. If both rise before the count ends and at the referee's discretion it is decided that only one is fit to continue, he/she will win by KO. If neither boxer rises before the count, or both rise before the count of ten and the referee's decision is that neither is fit to continue, the result will be a 'no decision'.

51. LOSS OF MOUTHGUARD

Should a boxer lose his mouthguard the round will be stopped until the mouthguard has been cleaned and replaced. Should the mouthguard be lost in an exchange the referee shall wait until the cessation of the exchange to order its replacement. In the event that the mouthguard is intentionally expelled, the referee may at his discretion penalise the offending boxer with points deductions, or for continual occurrences deduct further points or disqualify the offending boxer.

52. OUT OF RING

If a boxer is knocked out of the ring onto the apron, he/she must return inside the ropes, **unaided** within ten seconds. If he/she is knocked out of the ring by a legal punch and falls onto the floor he/she must return inside the ropes **unaided** within twenty seconds. Failure to do so shall result in the boxer being counted out. If a boxer is assisted by anyone to return to the ring he/she may lose points or be disqualified at the discretion of the referee.

53. STOPPING A CONTEST

- (1) The referee must stop a contest when:
- (c) In his opinion, a contestant is exhausted or injured to such an extent as to be unable to defend himself or to continue.
 - (d) A contestant suffers three knockdowns in one round of the contest, unless this rule has been waived, in which case a public announcement must be made before the bout begins.
- (2) Generally, when the chief second 'throws in the towel' the referee accedes to the corner's request to stop the fight. However, the referee at his discretion may ignore this request, especially if he/she is counting over a boxer.
- (3) The referee is the only person empowered to stop a contest. However, he/she must accept the recommendation from the ringside Doctor in his decision to stop the contest.

54. DECISIONS

At the end of a contest the referee or recorder shall notify the announcer, after the cards have been assessed, of the result, which shall be one of the following:

Win on points - unanimous, majority or split decision
Loss on points - unanimous, majority or split decision
Draw - unanimous, majority or split decision
Loss by knockout
Win by knockout



Win on disqualification
Loss on disqualification
No-Contest
No-Decision
Win by technical decision
Win by technical knockout
Loss by technical decision
Loss by technical knockout or injury
Draw by technical decision

- (1) A unanimous decision is when all cards have the same result.
- (2) A majority decision in a win is when two cards have the same winner and the third has a draw.
- (3) A split decision in a win is when two cards have the same winner and the third has a win to the other boxer.
- (4) A majority decision in a draw is when two cards have a draw and the third a winner.
- (5) A split draw is when all cards differ in result: e.g. 1 red corner, 1 blue corner and 1 draw.
- (6) A technical draw can occur when a match is stopped due to a boxer being accidentally injured owing to a cut occurring from an accidental head clash. Refer to Rule 42.

55. FOULS

- (1) Some fouls for which a referee may penalise or disqualify a boxer are:
 - (a) Hitting an opponent who is down or is rising from a knockdown.
 - (b) Using a knee, leg or boot to strike an opponent.
 - (c) Purposely going down without being hit and/or refusing to rise on direction from the referee.
 - (d) Deliberately butting an opponent.
 - (e) Any physical action which may injure a contestant except by fair boxing within the rules.
 - (f) Failure of the boxer or his seconds to obey the referee.
 - (g) Holding or deliberately maintaining a clinch.
 - (h) Hitting with the inside or butt of the hand.
 - (i) Hitting with the wrist or the elbow.
 - (j) Wrestling.
 - (k) Using a backhand blow.
 - (l) Striking an opponent after the bell sounds to end a round.
 - (m) Persistently pushing an opponent's head down.
 - (n) Striking deliberately on the back part of the body or back of the head.
 - (o) Interference or abuse of a referee by a boxer or his seconds.
 - (p) Repeated slapping of the canvas by a second after cautioning by the referee.
- (2) If people outside the ring continually harass a contestant, referee, judges or any other officials, the referee may ask the police or the ANBF supervisor in attendance to deal with and/or remove such people. The promoter must ensure that sufficient security is provided to handle this situation.
- (3) A boxer's second(s) must not slap the canvas during the contest or act in an unseemly manner. Breaches may lead to their boxer losing points or being disqualified.



56. DISQUALIFICATION

Should a boxer be disqualified, the referee shall report details to the ANBF supervisor, who shall take any action deemed necessary.

The referee has the discretion to intervene in the case of unfair acts not covered in these rules and regulations and:

- (a) Caution the boxer.
- (b) Order a point or points deduction.
- (c) Disqualify the offending boxer.

It is the referee's responsibility to decide if a foul was accidental or deliberate.

If his view of the foul was unsighted or partly obscured, he/she may confer with the judges and supervisor prior to his decision but he/she shall have the final decision.

57. NO-CONTEST

A no-contest verdict is given by the referee only when, in his opinion, the two contestants are not doing their best, when both repeatedly ignore the rules or disobey them after several warnings, or when a contest, in the opinion of the referee, is not being conducted honestly by both contestants. If a no-contest decision is given, the referee shall make a verbal report to the supervisor and shall supply the ANBF with a written report on the matter.

58. NO-DECISION

A no-decision verdict may be given if a bout is stopped in unusual circumstances, such as a ring collapsing or a long power failure. The referee should consider the circumstances prior to making a decision and if in doubt may consult with the supervisor.

59. EXHIBITIONS

- (1) A referee must be in the ring while an exhibition is in progress to ensure the safety of the contestants.
- (2) Exhibitions must be announced as such.
- (3) Boxers taking part in exhibitions must hold a current licence and have a medical examination when the boxers take their pre-fight medicals and should wear 16-ounce gloves and headgear.

60. FINALITY OF DECISION

- (1) The decision given in a contest by a referee and/or judge shall always be final unless a proven mathematical error is found in the scorecards, in which case the new decision shall be announced immediately after verification by the supervisor.
- (2) The ANBF may decide that after a thorough investigation, a rematch should be ordered.
- (3) If decisions are changed under the circumstances of (1) above the ANBF will take whatever disciplinary action it considers appropriate.



SECTION SIX – CONTESTS, DURATION, WEIGHTS

61. DURATION OF CONTESTS

- (1) For men’s contests:
 - a. The maximum number of rounds for any contest shall not exceed twelve.
 - b. The maximum time per round shall not exceed 3 minutes
 - c. There shall be rest periods of one minute between each round.
- (2) For women contests:
 - a. The maximum number of rounds for any contest shall not exceed eight.
 - b. The maximum time per round shall not exceed 2 minutes
 - c. There shall be rest periods of one minute between each round.
- (3) There shall be rest periods of one minute between each round.

62. WEIGHTS AND DIVISIONS

Men’s and women’s weighted are the same.

DIVISION	MIN WEIGHT LBS	MAX WEIGHT LBS	MAX WEIGHT KILOGRAM
Strawweight		105	47.627
Light Flyweight	over 105	108	48.987
Flyweight	over 108	112	50.802
Super Flyweight	over 112	115	52.163
Bantamweight	over 115	118	53.523
Super Bantamweight	over 118	122	55.338
Featherweight	over 122	126	57.152
Super Featherweight	over 126	130	58.966
Lightweight	over 130	135	61.234
Super Lightweight	over 135	140	63.502
Welterweight	over 140	147	66.678
Super Welterweight	over 147	154	69.853
Middleweight	over 154	160	72.574
Super Middleweight	over 160	168	76.203
Light Heavyweight	over 168	175	79.378
Cruiserweight	over 175	200	90.718
Super Cruiserweight	over 200	224	101.604
Heavyweight	over 200		Over 90.718 (1)

Note (1) Heavyweight is unchanged.

63. ANNOUNCED WEIGHT

A person shall not announce or cause to be announced the weight of a contestant as being any weight other than that recorded at the official weigh-in for the contest.



64. CLOTHING AT WEIGH-IN

When being weighed-in, a boxer may wear shorts but no other clothing.

65. WEIGH-IN SCALES

The scales must be approved by the ANBF representative supervising the weigh-in. In title contests the promoter must have a current certification form, from a registered scales company or government authority, to verify the accuracy of the scales.

66. WEIGH-IN TITLES

- (1) Weigh-in times for title bouts must be at least eight hours but no more than thirty hours before the promotion is due to start and must be conducted by an ANBF appointed supervisor. Boxers must submit to a weight check by ANBF officials up to half an hour prior to the start of a promotion if requested by the ANBF. This will not be regarded as the official weight.
- (2) In the event of a dispute relating to the official weigh-in time, when an agreement cannot be reached by both parties, the dispute will be dealt with in the following manner:
 - (a) In the case of a national title bout, the matter will be referred to and decided by, the national secretary. This must be done prior to any contracts being signed or verbal agreements being made.
 - (b) In the case of a state title bout, the matter will be referred to and decided by, the state secretary of the state in which the bout is to take place. This must be done prior to any contracts being signed or verbal agreements being made.
- (3) The contestants will be allowed two hours after the first weigh-in (at the announced time) to make the required weight, and will be allowed any number of times on the scales during that period.
- (4) If the champion cannot make the weight in that period of time, he/she will lose the title on the scales. If the challenger makes the weight, and wins the bout, he/she is the new champion. If the ex-champion wins, the title remains vacant. Contracted penalty clauses shall apply for failure to make the weight.
- (5) In the case of a vacant title, if a contestant cannot make the prescribed weight and wins, he/she shall not be declared the champion and the title shall remain vacant. If the other contestant makes the prescribed weight and wins he/she shall be declared the champion.
- (6) If at the weigh-in for a title fight the champion weighs within the limit and the challenger fails to make the weight at the final weigh-in, the contest shall proceed as a non-title fight. Contracted penalty clauses shall apply for failure to make the weight limit.

67. WEIGH-IN NON-TITLE

The prescribed period is the period from ten hours to thirty minutes before the commencement of the promotion. With the approval of both trainers, boxers, the ANBF supervisor and promoter, the weigh-in may be held at an earlier time but not more than thirty hours before the commencement of the promotion. All weigh-ins must be conducted by the ANBF supervisor. Boxers must submit to a weight check by ANBF officials up to half an hour prior to the start of a promotion if requested by the ANBF. This will not be regarded as the official weight.



SECTION SEVEN – AUSTRALIAN TITLE RULES AND PROCEDURES

68. NOTES TO THESE RULES

- (1) In these rules:
 - (a) ANBF means the Australian National Boxing Federation Ltd.
 - (b) “Director” or “ANBF Director” means a Director of the ANBF;
 - (c) “Secretary” means the ANBF National Secretary;
 - (d) “Champion” means the person who is the Australian Title Champion in any weight division;
 - (e) “Title” or “National Title” means the Australian Title owned by the ANBF;
- (2) These rules apply to the management of the Australian Title owned by the ANBF.
- (3) These rules also apply to Australasian title bouts managed by the ANBF, the NZPBAI or other New Zealand recognised regulatory bodies. These rules should be read in conjunction to the ANBF Rules and Regulations and the ANBF Constitution.
- (4) The ANBF Directors comprise the ANBF President, ANBF Secretary, ANBF Vice President, ANBF Treasurer.

69. ANBF AUSTRALIAN TITLE GOVERNANCE

- (1) Australian title bouts shall be governed and controlled by the ANBF Directors in accordance with these rules except in instances where they conflict with the local Government authority.
- (2) All applications for title bouts are referred to the ANBF Directors for majority approval before the promoter is given sanction.
- (3) The ANBF National Ratings Officer will provide recommendations to the ANBF Directors on Australian title sanctions (vacant title, mandatory defence, voluntary defence) and the ANBF Directors may request such advice from the ANBF National Ratings Officer. The ANBF Directors, while incorporating such advice in their sanctioning decision process, are not bound by any such recommendations provided.
- (4) All issues associated with the management of Australian title contests are referred to the ANBF Directors for decision.
- (5) It is recognised that there may be circumstances that arise that are not covered by these rules. Regardless of this, parties participating in the Australian title accept that the ANBF Directors have the right to make decisions regarding the ratings, sanctioning of Australian title bouts, forfeiting of Australian titles, and the ordering of Australian title bouts.
- (6) All ANBF Titles controlled by the ANBF shall be officiated by ANBF officials appointed by the ANBF Directors.
- (7) The ANBF Directors have the right to vary from these rules as circumstances might require and as the ANBF Directors see fit.
- (8) The decision by the ANBF in any dispute of the application of the ANBF Rules is final.
- (9) The ANBF Rules include the published document “ANBF Australian Title Sanction Guidelines” (which may be updated from time to time). In relation to the ANBF Australian Title Sanction Guidelines:



- (a) They are part of the ANBF Rules associated with sanctioning ANBF Australian title contests;
- (b) Where the ANBF Australian Title Sanction Guidelines differ from the ANBF Rules (contained in this document), the ANBF Australian Title Sanction Guidelines shall take priority;
- (c) ANBF have the right to vary from the ANBF Australian Title Sanction Guidelines as circumstances might require and as the ANBF Directors see fit.

70. AUSTRALIAN TITLE CONTESTS

- (1) Australian title bouts, and sanctions for an Australian title, will be associated with one of three types of title contests:
 - (d) Vacant title (see Section 8);
 - (e) Mandatory defence by the champion (see Section 9);
 - (f) Voluntary defence by the champion (see Section 10).

The conditions and obligation for each of these is detailed in the relevant rules below.

- (2) Australian champions must win the title by contest in the ring. No titles will be awarded without a contest taking place.
- (3) Australian titles shall be fought over:
 - (a) For men's Australian titles 10 x 3 minute rounds
 - (b) For women's Australian titles 8 x 2 minute rounds.
- (4) Australian title contests can only be held in Australia.
- (5) The minimum purses payable for an Australian champion in an Australian title contest shall be as follows:
 - (a) \$8,000 when competing over 10 x 3 minute rounds
 - (b) \$4,500 competing over 8 x 2 minute round.
- (6) An Australian champion will be presented with a belt when he/she wins the title. He/she will also be presented with a further belt each time he/she successfully defends this title on three consecutive occasions.
- (7) The sanctioning fee for an Australian title over 10 x 3 minute round is \$2,500 and for bouts of 8 rounds \$1,450

71. PRE-SANCTION CONDITIONS

71.1 Residentially Qualified

- (1) To contest an Australian title a boxer must be currently residing in Australia and satisfy one of the following conditions:
 - (a) Born in Australia;
 - (b) A naturalised Australian;
 - (c) A resident in Australia continuously for the previous twelve months;
 - (d) In special circumstances at the discretion of Directors of the ANBF.



- (2) The ANBF Secretary may seek proof of such (a), (b) or (c) in clauses (1) or (2) before approving the title bout.
- (3) Proof of residential qualification may be required as a condition of title-bout approval.

71.2 Conditions and Obligations

- (1) The following conditions must be met before the ANBF Directors can approve a sanction of an Australian title bout, unless permission has been granted by the ANBF Directors for other arrangements:
 - (a) Promoters must agree to abide by all ANBF rules and regulations for the title bout;
 - (b) Promoters must have completed and lodged an application for the sanction of the Australian title bout, using the standard application form available on the ANBF website, at least 14 days before the proposed title bout date;
 - (c) The application must satisfy the obligations stated in these rules associated with the contest type and any conditions that may have been specified in a previous Australian National Championship Contract;
 - (d) Promoters should not advertise proposed Australian title contests prior to sanction approval.
- (2) The ANBF is under no obligation to consider boxers that have not informed the ANBF of their availability and contact details.
- (3) An Australian title cannot be sanctioned more than 3 months prior to the contest. Prior to this a requesting party can communicate with the ANBF on whether a proposed sanction is suitable.
- (4) If a boxer schedules a fight prior to an Australian title he/she is sanctioned to contest, the ANBF may cancel that sanction.

71.3 Conditions and Obligations

- (1) The ANBF may sanction a regional title holder to fight for an Australian title. The conditions for this are as specified in the Australian Title Sanction Guidelines. This rule is to be revised as the 2025-26 ANBF Annual General Meeting.

71.4 No Australian Opponent Sanction (NAOS)

- (1) A boxer may request the ANBF to sanction an Australian title under the NAOS rule. To qualify:
 - a. The weight division must be lower than bantamweight
 - b. The title must have been vacant for 6 months
 - c. The requesting boxer must be considered of suitable standard to complete for an Australian title. Having held a previous ANBF title would assist here
 - d. There are no other known Australian opponents.
- (2) On the above conditions being met, the ANBF would undertake a 7-day Registration of Interest (ROI) for this title (Rule 75).
- (3) On the basis that the result of the ROI is that there are no other boxers considered by the ANBF as suitable to contest for this Australian title, the ANBF would invite the requesting boxer to propose a non-residentially qualified opponent for the title.
- (4) The ANBF would sanction the title on the same basis had both boxers been residentially qualified to contest for an Australian title. This includes that the proposed opponent (that is not residentially qualified



to contest for an Australian title) is considered by the ANBF to be suitable to contest for an Australian title.

- (5) The following rules would apply to the winning boxer and the Australian title:
- (a) Should the boxer residentially qualified to contest for an Australian title can win the contest, that boxer would become the Australian champion.
 - (b) Should the boxer not residentially qualified to contest for an Australian title win the contest, that boxer would not become the Australian champion. The ANBF may present the boxer with some form of recognition.

72. POST SANCTION CONDITIONS

- (1) The following conditions must be met after sanction approval for an Australia title bout to be held, unless permission has been granted for other arrangements:
- (a) Payment of sanction fees will be managed by supervisor and Treasurer. Payment is preferred to be made prior to the bout but may be made after the bout, but not more than 7 days after the bout;
 - (b) The Australian National Championship Contract must be signed and lodged with the ANBF Representative prior to the contest and signatories must agree to abide by any special conditions listed subsequently in the contract; Promoters must admit all necessary officials as approved by the ANBF, free of charge, and allow for appropriate seating as required;
 - (c) Both boxers must be a member of the ANBF. No boxer can contest for an Australian Title unless that boxer is a member of the ANBF and whose membership fee has been paid for the current year.
- (2) Failure to adhere to any of the aforementioned rules may result in the Australian title sanction being withdrawn. Such action is at the discretion of the ANBF Directors.

72.1 Non-sanctioned Australian Title

- (1) If a boxer wins the Australian title in a non-sanctioned Aust title fight, then before being declared the Australian champion he/she must sign the Australian National Championship Contract. There shall be 2-week period for this after which time the title will be declared vacant. A belt will be supplied on payment of the cost of the belt.

73. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTRACT

- (1) Prior to competing in an Australian title bout, a boxer or his/her representative must complete the approved Australian National Championship Contract (referred to as the auxiliary contract prior to 1 January 2019) and must abide by this contract to be so deemed as the champion. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of recognition. Such action is at the discretion of the ANBF Directors.

74. RATINGS

- (1) Active boxers, that through experience and/or capability are assessed at a standard to contest an Australian title, shall be rated in the Australian Ratings by the ANBF Ratings Officer. Matters that will be included
- (a) Amateur record be included in considerations
 - (b) Overseas fighters that have migrated to Australia to be rated highly upon initial entry, must earn the rating by beating an Australian opponent ranked in the top 15. The ANBF directors and ratings officer at its discretion and judgement may make exceptions where under special circumstances a decorated boxer becomes a resident of Australia.



- (2) National ratings shall be compiled each month by the ANBF Ratings Officer, who shall base his/her ratings on results of contests, quality of performances, length of bouts, quality of opposition and degree of activity and any other basis considered relevant.
- (3) Each State may have a rating person that compiles State rating and who may liaise with the National Rating Officer.
- (4) To be considered a contender in a division, a boxer must have boxed within the weight limit of that division at least once in the past 12 months. For ratings purposes only a tolerance no greater than 2% of the upper limit of a division may be applied.
- (5) A boxer may be rated in more than one division.
- (6) Boxers wanting to be removed from the ratings in a particular division should have this advice expressed in writing, by themselves or by their manager, to the ANBF Secretary, who will advise the ANBF Ratings Officer to remove them from that division.
- (7) Boxers who retire should have this advice expressed to the ANBF Secretary, in writing, by themselves or by their manager, who will then advise the ANBF Ratings Officer. The boxer will then be immediately removed from the ratings.
- (8) A request by a boxer or his/her management to be rated in another weight division can be considered, and if considered reasonable by the National Rating Officer, undertaken.

75. AUSTRALIAN TITLE BOUT APPROVAL - VACANT TITLE

75.1 Sanctioning Process

- (1) When an Australian title becomes vacant the ANBF will undertake the process outlined in this section. The intention of the process is to have the highest rated and available boxers contest for the vacant title through providing the opportunity for all interested parties to present proposals to the ANBF of either matches or interested boxers.
- (2) The ANBF will specify any preference(s) that will be given to boxers in an ROI process.
- (3) Irrespective of the process outlined below, these rules provide for the ANBF Directors to take any steps or actions which, in its judgement and discretion, are necessary to appropriately fill the title vacancy, including authorising as the challenger a boxer rated in a lower or higher weight division or approving one or more elimination bouts among the leading contenders.
- (4) Noting Clause 8 (2) above, the process for sanctioning a vacant title is as follows.
- (5) Upon an Australian title becoming vacant the ANBF would:
 - (a) Post notification on the ANBF website that the said Australian title has become vacant. The notice shall state that a “Registration of Interest Period” has commenced, during which time interested promoters / managers may lodge a “Registrations of Interest” with the ANBF Secretary of the boxer or boxers they wish to be considered to compete for the vacant Australian title;
 - (b) The ANBF will not consider any application until the Registration of Interest Period has expired;
 - (c) The Registration of Interest Period would normally be 7 days. However, the ANBF Directors have the discretion to change the Registration of Interest Period and any such change would be stated in the ROI notification and posted on the ANBF website.
- (6) During the Registration of Interest Period:



- (a) Promoters / managers must lodge a Registration of Interest of the boxers or boxer they wish to be considered to compete for the vacant title with the ANBF Secretary;
 - (b) It is not the responsibility of the ANBF to contact boxers / managers when a Registration of Interest Rule has been advised on the website and invoked.
 - (c) If a submission is received that must win the ROI, the ANBF may reduce the ROI period and announce the winner of the ROI. The assessment of such a submission would be based on rating and the verified availability of boxers.
- (7) After the Registration of Interest Period has elapsed and based on the Registration of Interest(s) (ROI) received by the ANBF Secretary, the ANBF Directors shall undertake the following:
- (a) All submissions received shall be sent to those parties that submitted an ROI;
 - (b) Only established matches will be considered.
 - (c) The submission that contains the highest rated boxer will be preferred subject to the difference in rating position between the two boxers in the submission and the date of the contest:
 - a. If the difference in the rating positions is more than 5, than the ANBF may select another established match
 - b. If the time until the match is over 3 months, the ANBF may select another match
 - c. For an established match to be selected over one that contains the highest rated boxer, both boxers must be rated more highly than the lower rated boxer in the match that contains the highest rated boxer
 - d. If a submission contains the boxer that was the immediate previous champion (and as such would not be in the rating), that boxer will be considered an unrated boxer.
 - (d) The ANBF would communicate the winning match to all parties.
 - (e) If the Registration of Interest process does not result in a contest considered suitable by the ANBF Directors, then the title would remain vacant until such time as a contest is submitted to the ANBF that is considered suitable.

75.2 Obligations of the new Australian Champion

- (8) The ANBF may also impose such conditions as it deems proper and necessary upon a new champion, including:
- (a) Designation of the boxer against whom the first defence will be made (who will be the next highest rated boxer or a boxer selected through an elimination bout); or
 - (b) Ordering the new champion to make his first mandatory defence within a prescribed period of acquiring the title; or
 - (c) Ordering two consecutive mandatory defences, depending on circumstances.
- (9) Once a boxer becomes a champion he/she must ensure that he/she is contactable by the ANBF. The ANBF shall have no responsibility to locate a boxer concerning ruling regarding the Championship title.
- (10) The mandatory defence period stated on the Australian National Championship Contract will be as per the ANBF Sanctioning Guidelines or as directed by the ANBF.



76. AUSTRALIAN TITLE BOUT APPROVAL - MANDATORY DEFENCE

- (1) The mandatory period and defence obligations are as specified in the most recent Australian Title Sanction Guidelines, This means that after defeating the challenger:
- (2) DELETED
- (3) DELETED.
- (4) The ANBF Directors have the power to grant extensions to the mandatory date for a title defence by up to a maximum of three months.
- (5) When the champion has been ordered to defend and the deadline is set for the bout, there shall be a seven-day period of free negotiations for the connections of champion and challenger to reach an agreement on purse and site. If there is no agreement, purse bids shall be invited (see Section 11).
- (6) Failure by the champion to defend when ordered to do so will result in the withdrawal of recognition of him as champion, provided that:
 - (a) A promoter was willing to promote the contest at terms which the ANBF Directors considered reasonable;
 - (b) The champion and challenger were medically fit.
- (7) If the mandatory contest has not taken place within the established period (including any extension granted) the title will be declared vacant unless both challenger and champion have reached agreement on a date considered acceptable by the ANBF Directors.
- (8) DELETED

77. AUSTRALIAN TITLE BOUT APPROVAL -VOLUNTARY DEFENCE

- (2) Champions may make as many voluntary defences as per the Australian Title Sanction Guidelines.

78. PURSE BIDS FOR AN AUSTRALIAN TITLE BOUT

- (1) The procedure for purse bids shall be:
 - (a) Prior to entering into purse bids competing parties the ANBF can require that both parties sign an agreement to abide by the terms of the purse bid process. This agreement would include:
 - i. an agreement to abide by the terms of the purse bid process described below
 - ii. that the winner of the purse bids has a contractual obligation to undertake the title bout under the terms of the purse bid
 - iii. lodge a deposit with the ANBF of \$1,000. The losing bid would have this returned after the bid is opened. The winning bid would have it returned prior to the bout
 - iv. penalties in relation to exclusion from ANBF titles for a period up to one year as determined by the ANBF shall apply in the event the winning party does not proceed with the bout under the agreed term;
 - (b) The ANBF Secretary shall by use of written correspondence, including electronic mediums, invite promoters to file bids within the seven day time frame. The purse bid submitted by each party must detail the names of the boxers involved, total amount offered, date of the bout, and location of the bout;
 - (c) Both boxers will be expected to meet the reasonable dates submitted. In the event a reasonable date does not work for one side, such as due to non-boxing commitment, the ANBF can require that a reasonable date be met.



- (d) The purse bid process can be via password protected files submitted to the ANBF;
- (e) At the given date and time, an approved ANBF person will be present (this can include via phone) when the purse bids are open;
- (f) The ANBF shall award the promotion to the highest bidder and the champion and challenger must accept the winning offer;
- (g) In the event of two or more bidders offering the same highest total amount, the champion may choose which promoter that will stage the bout;
- (h) The division of the purse will be sixty percent (60%) to the champion and forty percent (40%) to the challenger;
- (i) If after winning a purse bid, the winner may request a change to the date and venue submitted. This would only be with the agreement of the ANBF and the other party to the purse bid;
- (j) If after winning a purse bid the party later withdraws, they shall be required to provide an explanation for the withdrawal. If it is on medical grounds, scans must be supplied (where appropriate) and the reasoning of the associated medical doctor. Failure to do this would result in the deposit being lost.

79. OFFICIALS AND ROLE OF THE ANBF SUPERVISOR

- (1) All officials (i.e. supervisor, judges, referee, timekeeper) shall be members of the ANBF.
- (2) The ANBF Directors shall appoint a supervisor for each Australian Title fight. The role of the ANBF supervisor entails matters associated with the management of the Australian Title that is being contested. This shall include (but not be limited to):
 - (a) Attending the weigh-in and adjudicating any matters associated with failure to make the specified weight in accordance with these rules;
 - (b) Australian National Championship Contracts including having thee signed;
 - (c) Collection of sanction fees;
 - (d) [This clause has been removed];
 - (e) Recording the score using a scoresheet (which may involve sitting next to the appointed Government recorder);
 - (f) Awarding or arranging of the awarding of the belt to the winner;
 - (g) Post fight writing a brief account of the fight including photos if this can be arranged;
 - (h) Noting any issues associated with the fight that may need later consideration.
- (3) Supervision associated with the conduct of the title fight, that include matters such platform and mat, anti-doping test, scorecards, cut eye, weigh-ins, disputes would be undertaken by the government body in those States where boxing is controlled by a government body, and by an ANBF Supervisor where this is not the case. The duties of the ANBF supervisor associated with the conduct of a title fight are described in the ANBF Rules – Conduct of Boxing.



80. WEIGH-IN FOR AUSTRALIAN TITLES

- (1) Weigh-in times for Australian title bouts must be within 30 hours of the time the promotion is due to start and must be conducted with an ANBF appointed supervisor in attendance.
- (2) Boxers must submit to a weight check by ANBF officials up to half an hour prior to the start of a promotion if requested by the ANBF. This will not be regarded as the official weight.
- (3) In the event of a dispute relating to the official weigh-in time, when an agreement cannot be reached by both parties, the matter will be referred to and decided by, the controlling body (which would be the government appointed party in States where boxing is controlled by a government body, ANBF Queensland branch in Queensland, and an ANBF Supervisor in other circumstances). This must be done prior to any contracts being signed or verbal agreements being made.
- (4) The contestants will be allowed two hours after the first weigh-in (at the announced time) to make the required weight and will be allowed any number of times on the scales during that period.
- (5) If the champion cannot make the weight in that period of time, he/she will lose the title on the scales. If the challenger makes the weight, and wins the bout, he/she is the new champion. If the ex-champion wins, the title remains vacant.
- (6) In the case of a vacant title, if a contestant cannot make the prescribed weight and wins, he/she shall not be declared the champion and the title shall remain vacant. If the other contestant makes the prescribed weight and wins he/she shall be declared the champion.
- (7) If at the weigh-in for an Australian title fight the champion weighs within the limit and the challenger fails to make the weight at the final weigh-in, the contest shall proceed as a non-title fight.

81. DEPRIVATION OF AUSTRALIAN TITLE

- (1) An Australian champion will be deprived of his/her Australian title and the Australian title will automatically be declared vacant if he/she:
 - (a) Announces his retirement in writing to the ANBF;
 - (c) Fails to defend his title when ordered to do so by the ANBF Directors. This includes failure to defend against the mandatory challenger when ordered to do so by a particular date;
 - (d) If any special terms of an auxiliary contract are not complied with when ordered to do so by the ANBF Directors;
 - (e) Fails to defend against the nominated contender;
 - (f) Leaves Australia with the intention of residing in another country and not returning within six months;
 - (g) Leaves Australia and remains away from Australia until after his defence is due, and there is a worthy contender;
 - (h) If injuries or illness preclude him/her from a defence within a time considered by ANBF Directors to be reasonable;
 - (i) Is jailed for a period of time which would preclude him from defending the title in the defined time or when so ordered;
 - (j) Demands an excessive purse and refuses to fight for a purse which is considered by the ANBF to be adequate;



- (k) Wins a world title or regional title;
 - (l) Has not defended the title within a given time – to be decided by the ANBF Directors considering all aspects of the situation;
 - (m) If correspondence is not replied to within 1 week by a champion the ANBF may declare the title vacant.
- (2) If an Australian champion has not defended his/her title for a period of 9-months or it becomes clear this will be the case, for whatever reason, the ANBF must declare the title vacant.
 - (3) If a boxer has not had a professional boxing match in the last 9 months, then whatever the reason, the title may be declared vacant.
 - (4) If a champion fails to meet his obligations under these rules the ANBF Secretary is required to notify the relevant party (such as the champions manager) that the ANBF no longer recognises him/her as Australian titleholder. The ANBF Secretary is authorised to notify the relevant authorities, media, affiliated organisations and relevant parties of this decision.
 - (5) If correspondence from the ANBF, using the last communication details provided by the champion or his/her repetitive, is not replied to within 1 week by a champion or his/he representative, the ANBF may declare the title vacant.
 - (6) In the event the Australian title is declared vacant, the rules listed in the Section 8 “Australian Title Bout Approval – Vacant Title” will be implemented.

82. DUAL AUSTRALIAN TITLES

- (1) A boxer may only hold one ANBF Australian title. If the champion in a weight division wishes to contest an ANBF Australian title in another weight division, either higher or lower, this must be approved by the ANBF Directors.
- (2) Should the champion successfully win that title, he/she will be given 7 days to notify the ANBF Secretary of the Australian title he/she wishes to be recognised. The title advised by the boxer that he/she does will relinquish, or in the case of no communication by the boxer within the 7 day period in which case the title previously held by the boxer, will be declared vacant and the ANBF Secretary will notify the relevant authorities, media, affiliated organisations and relevant parties of this decision.

83. LOSING AUSTRALIAN OR AUSTRALAIAN TITLE IN NON-TITLE CONTEST

- (1) An Australian champion will automatically lose his/her ANBF Australian or Australasian title in a non-title contest if he/she is knocked out by an opponent, provided that all of the following conditions exist:
 - (a) The opponent is residentially qualified to contest for the title held by the champion;
 - (b) The champion and his opponent each weigh, at the accepted time of weigh-in, within the weight limits of the division in which the champion holds the title, except in a case where a titleholder was contracted to make a weight limit within the division;
 - (c) The contest is conducted for men’s titles over three-minute rounds and for women’s titles over 2-minute rounds. For both men and women’s title this is irrespective of the scheduled number of rounds;
 - (d) The opponent must sign an ANBF Australian Championship Title Contract or an ANBF Australasian Championship Title Contract (whichever applies) before he/she is officially recognised as the champion.



Definition –For the purpose of this rule, ‘knocked out’ shall mean the bout being stopped by the referee for any reason other than injury.

84. AUSTRALIAN TITLE OR AUSTRALASIAN INELIGIBILITY DUE TO REGIONAL TITLES

- 1) If an ANBF Australian champion or an ANBF Australasian champion contests any regional title, in any weight division his recognition as the ANBF Australian champion or the ANBF Australasian champion will be withdrawn.

Note: In the definition above regional titles includes the Commonwealth Title.

- 2) A boxer who holds a world title or a regional title recognised by the ANBF as defined in this Rule 17 will not be permitted to contest or hold an Australian title in any weight division. To be considered as a challenger and have sanction for such a bout, the the conditions specified in Rule 71.3 would apply.

85. AUSTRALASIAN TITLES

- (1) The title shall be called the ANBF Australasian title.
- (2) The ANBF Ltd will control all ANBF Australasian title bouts. The exception to this is when the ANBF Ltd agrees to other arrangements.
- (3) All Australasian title bouts will be conducted under the rules of the ANBF. The exception to this is when the ANBF Ltd agrees to other arrangements.
- (4) Subject to Rule 6 below, an Australasian Title can be contested between boxers who comply with residency requirements of the following nations: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Kiribati, Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.
- (5) At least one of the boxers to an Australasian Title must comply with residency requirements of Australia or New Zealand.
- (6) Australasian title bouts must be sanctioned by the ANBF Ltd and may be co-sanctioned by a recognised boxing regulatory/sanctioning body of a boxer competing who is not Australian. The ANBF Ltd have the right to proceed or not proceed without co-sanction.
- (7) Australasian champions must win the title by contest in the ring. No titles will be awarded without a contest taking place.
- (8) Australasian title bouts must be:
 - (a) for men’s titles either 8 x 3 minute rounds or 10 x 3 minute rounds ; and
 - (b) for women’s titles either 6 x 2 minute rounds or 8 x 2 minute rounds.
- (9) A boxer contesting the Australasian title does not need to be the national champion of their respective country.
- (10) All Australasian titles shall have a mandatory period of 120 days. The title will automatically be declared vacant if a boxer has not defended to title within 6 months.
- (11) If after wining an Australasian title a boxer or boxer’s manager must communicate with the ANBF Ltd one month after the title was won on any defence arrangements. Failure to do so may result in that ANBF Australasian title being declared vacant.



- (12) An Australian champion may contest an Australasian Title, or an Australasian champion may contest an Australian Title. Should the boxer win the contest and become both the Australian champion and Australasian champion, the boxer has one week to decide which title to keep. Failure to communicate this to the ANBF would have the ANBF declare vacant the title that was won first.
- (13) Subject the Rule 85 (12) above which excludes the Australian title, a boxer may hold the Australasian title with other countries national title.
- (14) The sanction fee for an Australasian title shall be:
 - (a) For men's titles: \$1,650
 - (b) For women's titles: \$1,100.
- (15) The ANBF Directors have the right to vary from these rules as circumstances might require and as the ANBF Directors see fit.
- (16) To contest for an ANBF Australasian title, boxers and managers of boxers must agree to the decision by the ANBF Ltd on any dispute that may arise.

86. STATE TITLES

- (1) The management of State titles in those States that have an ANBF branch is the responsibility of that State branch. The sanctioning rules of those States that have an ANBF branch are developed and published by those States.
- (2) State titles in those States that have an ANBF branch would be contested under the ANBF Rules and Regulation.

SECTION EIGHT – LICENCING, GRADING, APPOINTMENTS

87. APPOINTMENT OF RING OFFICIALS

- (1) The appointment of referees, judges, timekeepers and recorders at all promotions, including state titles, shall be dealt with solely by the ring officials committee of the state in which the bouts occur, in accordance with rules on licensing.
- (2) Ring officials must receive their appointments through the correct procedure. They must not ask any industry participant or members of any committee directly or indirectly for any assistance in obtaining help to be appointed to officiate in any contest.

Supervising Nation Titles

- (3) The following will apply to supervisors of ANBF National Titles
 - (a) ANBF supervisors be paid \$300 or as considered reasonable plus actual (and reasonable) out of pocket expenses (for travel outside the metropolitan area) for supervising an Australian title.
 - (b) This payment would be contingent on undertaking the services which would be specified.
 - (c) These services would be Australian title contract, attending weigh-in and undertaking a rules meeting if required, monies collection, attendance on the night, supervisor report and brief article to the website controller.



88. APPOINTMENT OF RING OFFICIALS NATIONAL TITLE

[This rule was removed on 1 January 2025.]

89. GRADING OF REFEREES AND JUDGES

[This rule has been removed.]

90. LICENSING

All new and re-joining members should join the ANBF in the state in which they reside or where a branch does not exist in that state the neighbouring branch. The ANBF shall license all participants in all areas, provided they are financial. Such licensing is according to procedures defined by the ANBF and these participants may be licensed in the following categories.

91. INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS FOR LICENSING

- Category (1) Boxers
- Category (2) Promoters, matchmakers, trainers, managers, agents, seconds, boxers
- Category (3) Ring officials – referees, judges, timekeepers, recorders, supervisors

92. NON-CONFLICTIVE LICENSING

- (1) Referees, judges, timekeepers, recorders and supervisors may be licensed in any of category (3) above but shall not be licensed or act in other industry participants' areas, whether gaining financial reward or otherwise.
- (2) Persons acting in areas other than their own current licensed category shall be de-licensed and dealt with by the executive at its discretion.
- (3) Promoters shall not be permitted to hold an executive office in any national or state branch or be involved in the selection of officials for any promotion.

93. INTERNATIONAL BOXING LICENSING AND APPOINTMENTS

- (1) No Australian boxer will fight abroad without an ANBF clearance, which must be issued by the state or national secretary, and this may not be issued until the ANBF is satisfied the boxer is competent to perform at the level expected of him. Also, the overseas boxing commission must undertake to the result of the contest and the ringside doctor's post-fight comments.
- (2) No foreign boxer will be accepted by the ANBF unless the state or national secretary has established that the boxer is considered to be competent to perform at the level expected of him in Australia. The promoter must have a certified record of the visiting boxer and a clearance, in writing or to the satisfaction of the ANBF, from the visiting boxer's home commission or government board.
- (3) The promoter must ensure the visiting boxer has a full medical and serology test in Australia and conform with regulations in the state in which he/she is to box.
- (4) All overseas appointments for OPBF bouts be undertaken by the ANBF Directors and shall be shared amongst suitable ANBF officials.



SECTION NINE – CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

94. DISPUTES

In the event of an occurrence not provided for in these rules, or if parties cannot agree on any matter, the senior ANBF committeeman or supervisor of the promotion shall decide such dispute. There will be right of arbitration appeal to the state or national executive against the decision by the ANBF committeeman or the supervisor but, having accepted the course of arbitration, the dissenter must agree to abide by the decision forthcoming at the appeal.

95. DISHONESTY OR FRAUD

- (1) If at any time a referee, judge, timekeeper or recorder is approached by any person for the purpose of rendering a specific decision or act, wagering of monies, or anything contrary to the rules and regulations, the official shall immediately notify the senior ANBF representative of such approach.
- (2) The official shall also formally file a written report as soon as possible to the state branch secretary.
- (3) This shall also apply if an official knows or believes that an approach or offer has been made to any other official, boxer or any industry participant involved in that contest or promotion.

96. CONTRAVENTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

A person who is deemed by the ANBF to have breached rules and regulations shall be dealt with by the state or national executive as per the constitution.

97. UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

- (1) Any industry participant who conducts himself in a manner that could be considered harmful to the promotion of boxing unity, safety and fair competition, or increases the risk of malpractice, is guilty of unethical behaviour.
- (2) Any industry participant who conducts himself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interest of boxing, or breaches any substantial rule of the ANBF, or acts against any ruling made by the ANBF, is guilty of unethical behaviour.
- (3) Any industry participant who verbally or physically abuses any person at any boxing promotion shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the ANBF and its interests.
- (4) No industry participant shall consume alcohol on the day of a boxing promotion until after his duties are completed.
- (5) The following shall apply in relation to the use of social media:
 - (a) No official shall comment on quality of match up(s) on any upcoming event.
 - (b) No official shall make any type of prediction on any upcoming event.
 - (c) No official should appear to have favouritism towards any promoter by giving excessive praise or flattering comparisons to other promotional firms or upcoming events.



- (d) No official shall in any manner publicly criticize the performance of any other official.
- (e) No official shall in any manner publicly criticize the performance of any combatant.
- (f) No official shall in any manner publicly criticize the appointment of any other official.
- (g) No official shall in any manner respond to criticisms of their performance or an event they have worked on, without prior permission of the Chairman of the Referees and Judges Committee or the Event Supervisor.
- (h) No official shall post dressing room and/or backstage photographs which can bring into question their own professionalism, for example – posing with fighters over whom they are officiating or any other act which may be construed as an act of “fandom” rather than that of an impartial, professional Ring Official.
- (i) Those who have been proven to infringe on the ANBF Social Media Policy may be withdrawn from participating in any relevant event pertaining to the individual’s actions.

98. NOTIFICATION OF OFFENCE/PENALTY

Any person considered guilty of unethical behaviour shall be called to appear before the state executive in which the incident occurred, at a meeting convened for the purpose of hearing the matter. If the person cannot attend, he/she may send any evidence that he/she wishes to be presented at this meeting to the state secretary. The state executive shall, after hearing all the evidence, decide what action is to be taken.

The notice of the offence and the request to appear before the state executive must be issued by the ANBF by serving the member personally or sending it by post. Where notice is sent by post, service of notice shall be deemed to be affected if it was properly addressed and posted to the member by ordinary prepaid mail.

The member shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his case and the state executive will decide what action is to be taken. If the member chooses not to attend the meeting, the state executive will decide what action is to be taken in his absence.

The member must be given the results of the hearing in the same manner as the notice of the offence and request to appear before the state executive was issued.

99. APPEAL PROCEDURE

The state secretary will advise the member of the decision. If the member wishes to appeal he/she must advise the state secretary in writing within fourteen days of receipt of the original notice. If he/she does not advise the state secretary of his intention to appeal, the decision of the state executive will stand.

If the member advises in writing of his wish to appeal against the decision or the severity of the penalty, and he/she describes his grounds for appeal, the state secretary must acknowledge receipt of the appeal and convene a meeting of the branch to hear the appeal. The member must be given a fair and full opportunity to present his case, either verbally or in writing. The appeal shall be determined by a majority vote of members present at such meeting and the decision of the meeting is final. After the meeting the state secretary shall advise the national secretary of the outcome of the hearing.



SECTION TEN – WOMEN BOXERS RULES / REGULATIONS

100. MIXED SEX BOXING

It shall be prohibited to allow men versus women contests or public exhibitions.

101. DRESSING ROOMS

Promoters must provide separate dressing rooms for men and women boxers at all promotions.

102. GLOVES

In any contest where a boxer's weight is under or equal to the welterweight limit (65.32kg) 8-ounce gloves must be used. In any contest where a boxer's weight is over the welterweight limit (65.32kg) 10-ounce gloves must be used.

103. RING ATTIRE

In addition to the requirements for men boxers, women participants shall wear a sports brassiere (bra) and sports top or singlet without sleeves.

104. BREAST PROTECTORS

The wearing of a breast protector is optional, but if worn must be of a type that could not harm the wearer or their opponent. They must be personal size, made of a soft material and have no hard clips or such. They must be firm enough not to shift during the contest, which could or would hinder the wearer and distract them. Participants are to consult with the medical practitioner who performs their medical to obtain a licence in relation to the wearing of a breast protector.

105. GROIN PROTECTORS

This rule removed on 1 January 2025.

106. BREAST EXAMINATION

A medical practitioner must check participant's breasts before annual registration. If the results of this test show irregularities, the medical practitioner should recommend any tests he/she considers necessary prior to passing the person fit to box, or not pass them fit to box for health reasons.

107. PREGNANCY TEST

DELETED

108. DURATION OF CONTEST

[Rule removed – see Rule 61 and Rule 70]