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Licence Fees

Category	Annual Fee
	(£)
Promoter	571
Manager	293
Boxer	160
Trainer/Second	96
Second	64
Matchmaker	176
Referee – A Star	288
Referee – A	144
Referee – B	102
Timekeeper	102
Master of Ceremony	118
Ringmaster/Whip	90

1. **General**

The rules and regulations and the schedules thereto contained herein (“these Rules and Regulations” are made by the Directors pursuant to Article 22.2 of the Articles of Association of the Company (“the Articles”) and take effect subject to the Articles (as amended or replaced from time to time). In the event of any inconsistency between any provision of these Rules and Regulations and any provision of the Articles, the provisions of the Articles shall prevail and these Rules and Regulations shall be construed accordingly.

2. **Definitions**

2.1 In these Rules and Regulations (if not inconsistent with the subject or context and save expressly provided herein) the words and expressions set out in the first column below shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively:–

“*the Areas*” the Areas designated by the Board from time to time comprising the Territory as described in Articles 13.1 and 17.3.5 of the Articles

“*Area Councils*” the councils in each Area constituted in accordance with Article 13 of the Articles

“*Area Council Members*” those persons who sit on the Area Councils as specified in Article 13 of the Articles

“*Area Secretary*” the secretary from time to time of each Area

“*the B.B.B. of C.*” or “*the Company*” British Boxing Board of Control Limited

“*the Board*” the Board of Directors of the Company

“*Bond*” A monetary deposit paid by the Promoter to the Board

“*the Directors*” the President elected pursuant to Article 16.1 of the Articles and the Administrative Stewards and the Representative Stewards

“*Boxer*” professional Boxer

“*Contest*” boxing contest

“*Controlling Authority*” A commission, federation or other organisation which has the authority to grant licences to Boxers and others engaged in the sport of boxing, and to regulate, control and supervise professional boxing in a particular area; which is recognised

by the Board as such and, may for the time being, be affiliated to the Board.

“Inspector” A person appointed as such by the Board to attend Boxing Promotions and to carry out duties as specified in Regulation 14.2

“Matchmaker” A person licensed as such by the Board

“Overseas Boxer” a Boxer residing outside the jurisdiction of the B.B.B. of C.

“Promotion” a boxing tournament at which one or more contests are staged

“Purse” an amount receivable by a Boxer under the terms of his contract with a Promoter

“Ringmaster and Whip” a person licensed as such by the Board

“Second” A person licensed as such by the Board

“the General Secretary” the Secretary for the time being of the Company

“the Registered Office” the registered office for the time being of the Company

“the Stewards” has the meaning given to it in the Articles

“the Stewards of Appeal” means those persons holding office as such in accordance with Article 14 of the Articles

“the Territory” Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands

“Trainer/Second” a person licensed as such by the Board

For the avoidance of doubt the words he, himself or his refer to all boxers whether male or female except where stated specifically.

3. **Rules of Boxing**

3.1 The opponents in any one contest must be engaged at the same weight.

3.2 Subject as specified herein, the weigh-in shall be conducted in accordance with any directions given from time to time by the Board.

3.2.1 Prior to any weigh-in all arrangements appertaining thereto shall be notified to the Board or Area Council either of which shall have power to disapprove the same.

3.2.2 All Boxers must weigh-in not less than 24 hours or more than 36 hours before the commencement of a tournament. Permission may be

granted by the Board for Boxers to weigh-in on the day of a tournament provided that no Boxer reduces weight following the weigh-in.

3.2.3 At the weigh-in, Boxers may wear only those items of clothing approved by the official of the B.B.B. of C. in charge at the weigh-in.

3.2.4 When a contestant is overweight, he is allowed 1 hour from the time of the weigh-in to achieve the correct weight. If still overweight after such hour, no further weigh-in is allowed.

3.2.5 The Boxer or his Manager, shall if directed to do so by the official of the B.B.B. of C. in charge of the weigh-in, produce to such official the duly executed Boxer and Promoter contract for the contest.

3.3 A Referee and Timekeeper shall be appointed by the Board or Area Council to officiate at all contests. For British and Commonwealth Championship contests or other such contest that the Stewards, in their absolute discretion deem appropriate, a supervisor and three judges to score the contests will also be appointed.

3.4 All contests shall be decided in a four-rope ring not less than 16 foot nor more than 20 feet square and with the ropes joined together in the centre of each side. Any variation to this requirement must be approved by the Board. The bottom rope should be not more than 14 inches from the floor of the ring to the top of the bottom rope and ropes above this should be no more than 12 inches from centre to centre. The tension of the bottom rope should be considerably less than the tension of the top three. There must be at least an 18 inch margin of ring floor outside the ropes and the floor must be covered with canvas over a safety mat approved by the Board. Each corner should be padded from the top of the bottom rope with one whole length of padding not less than two inches thick and six inches wide.

3.5.1 A Referee shall officiate inside the boxing ring to score the contest and act as sole arbiter of the Rules of Boxing except for British and Commonwealth Championship contests, or other such contest that the Stewards in their absolute discretion deem appropriate.

3.5.2 For British and Commonwealth Championship contests only, or other such contest that the Stewards, in their absolute discretion deem appropriate, three judges will be appointed by the Board for the purpose of scoring the contest.

3.5.3 For British and Commonwealth Championship contests, or other such contest that the Stewards in their absolute discretion deem

appropriate, a supervisor being a Steward of the Board or Area Council representative will be appointed by the Board for the purpose of collating and totalling the judges scores and attending to any relevant matter pertaining to the Championship contest other than that provided for within these Rules and Regulations being within the authority of the Referee.

3.6 When officiating in the boxing ring the Referee shall wear a clean white B.B.B. of C. approved shirt, a black bow tie and dark trousers and black shoes or boxing pumps. The Referee may wear a jacket or track suit top when officiating at outdoor promotions. The Stewards may exercise their discretion to vary this requirement for special tournaments such as that provided for in Regulation 5.4(b).

3.7 In all contests the number of rounds shall be specified. No contest shall exceed 12 rounds nor be less than 8 minutes of actual boxing. Rounds shall be of 3 minute duration with an interval between each round of one minute. In contests of 10 rounds or less the rounds may be of 2 minute duration.

3.8 The Promoter shall ensure that a minimum of two doctors, one of whom must be practised in the management of an unconscious or partially conscious patient, who have been approved by the Area Medical Officer attend at all Promotions. A doctor practised in the management of an unconscious or partially conscious patient must be seated at the ringside at all times during a contest. A doctor of his/her own volition may visit a corner of a Boxer during the interval between rounds in order to assess the medical fitness of that Boxer to continue the contest. In any case where a doctor is concerned as to a Boxer's fitness to continue the contest he/she must signal to the referee to draw his attention prior to the commencement of the next round.

3.9 All Boxers shall be medically examined at the weigh-in or immediately prior to the commencement of the Promotion. Each Boxer must also be medically examined after every contest. If the examining Doctor considers it necessary to do so he shall send a report to the Board or Area Council. A Doctor must be available to give immediate attention to any Boxer should this be required.

3.10 The Promoter shall procure that at all Promotions a stretcher is available for use at the ringside. The Promoter shall engage the services of a licensed Ringmaster/Whip whose powers and duties are outlined in Regulation 21.

3.11 No more than four persons acting as seconds shall be allowed in each corner and only one shall be allowed inside the ring at any one time. The Referee must acquaint himself with the identity of the Chief Second in each contest.

3.12 Persons acting as Second to a Boxer must wear a clean tee shirt, sweatshirt, tracksuit or traditional style “seconds” jacket. The wearing of football shirts or regalia is not permitted.

3.13 Unless prior permission has been given by the Area Representative or the Steward in Charge to carry other items, the following equipment must be carried by seconds for use when working in a Boxer’s corner:

- (a) Clean white towels
- (b) White petroleum jelly
- (c) Best quality sterile cotton wool
- (d) Sterile gauze in small sealed packets
- (e) Orange, cherry or dental swab sticks
- (f) A quantity of Adrenalin made into a 1-1000 Aqueous solution, or such haemostatic as shall have been approved by the Medical Sub-Committee of the Board
- (g) A pair of blunt edged scissors
- (h) An ice bag
- (i) A roll of 1 inch zinc oxide plaster
- (j) A quantity of soft bandage
- (k) An eye iron

3.14 No stimulant may be given to a Boxer other than cold water sprinkled on the body or used as a mouth wash.

3.15 No Boxer shall use any substance for massage or any other purpose on any part of his body which may be harmful or act as an irritant to his opponent before or during the contest. The discretionary use of vaseline around the eyes or on the face shall be allowed, but the use of this or other oil or lubricant on the arms, legs or body is not permitted.

3.16 The Boxer, his Manager, or Chief Second must ensure that his correct licensed name is announced by the Master of Ceremonies before the contest. If an error is made it must be corrected before boxing commences.

3.17 Contestants may wear only boots and shorts approved by the Inspector and the Referee. Male Boxers must be stripped to the waist while female Boxers will wear above the waist a singlet and such protective cover as may from time to time be ordered by the Board.

3.18 All Boxers must have available two (2) pairs of boxing trunks which are clearly distinguishable from each other and wear those selected by the Inspector. In cases of dispute regarding a clash of shorts the Inspector's decision shall be final.

3.19 All Boxers must wear underneath their trunks a suitable protector approved by the B.B.B. of C. Inspector or official in charge of the Promotion.

3.20 A Boxer is required to wear throughout the contest a properly fitted gumshield. As a precaution he shall bring with him two of these to every contest in which he has to participate. With this exception no other protection may be worn by a Boxer on the body above the belt line except as may be ordered by the Board in the case of female Boxers.

3.21 The official in charge of the Promotion shall ensure that the Boxers have a clean and smart appearance and that all wearing apparel and towels are clean when entering the ring. The wearing of football shirts or regalia is not permitted.

3.22 Bandages are permitted for the protection of hands. These must be 2 inch wide soft bandage and up to 1 inch zinc oxide plaster. The tape must not be applied over the knuckles."

3.23 Boxing gloves shall be 8 ounces in weight for contests from Flyweight to Welterweight and 10 ounces for contests from Super-Welterweight upwards. Breaking by twisting, removal of padding by fingering and thumbing from the potential part of the glove is prohibited. All gloves used under the British Boxing Board of Control jurisdiction must be thumb attached.

3.24 Gloves will only be used in one contest at a Promotion. Contestants must wear the same make and model of glove (except in the case of Regulation 22.23). It shall be for the Promoter to ensure an adequate supply of approved gloves are available for every contest.

3.25 When a Referee is appointed to officiate in a contest in which one of the participants is an overseas Boxer he must interview the Boxer before the contest in the dressing room. This must be in the presence of the Boxer's Agent, or an interpreter, and the Inspector, when the Referee must explain to the Boxer the rules of boxing applicable in the Territory.

3.26 The Timekeeper shall ring the bell to start each round (“the Commencement”) and shall call “Corners – 10 seconds” ten seconds before the commencement and then “seconds out 5 seconds” before the commencement.

3.27 The seconds must leave the ring when called upon to do so by the Timekeeper and it shall be the Referee’s duty to see that they do.

3.28 Boxers must shake hands before the commencement of the contest and at the beginning of the final round and must defend themselves at all times during the contest.

3.29 The Referee shall award a maximum of ten points at the end of each round to the better man and a proportionate number to the other contestant. If he considers the round was even he will then award the maximum number to each contestant.

3.30 Only official score sheets approved and supplied by the Board shall be used by Referees at contests. The top copy shall be handed to the Inspector at the conclusion of the contest and then forwarded, by him, to the Area Secretary or in the case of all Championships and Eliminators for Championships (save of and for Area Championships) to the Board.

3.31 Points will be awarded:–

For “attack” – direct clean hits with the knuckle part of the glove of either hand to any part of the front or side of the head or body above the belt.

The “belt” is defined as an imaginary line drawn across the body from the top of the hip bones.

For “defence” – guarding, slipping, ducking, or getting away from an attack. Where contestants are otherwise equal the majority of points will be given to the one who does most leading off or displays the better style.

3.32 Should a Boxer go down to the floor as the result of a legitimate blow, the Timekeeper shall count off the seconds strictly in accordance with his watch. The opponent shall retire immediately to the furthest neutral corner and neither Boxer shall resume boxing until ordered to do so by the Referee.

3.32.1 In this Regulation 3.32, “down” shall mean one or more of the following:–

- (a) when a Boxer falls from the boxing ring beyond the ring apron as a result of a legitimate blow; or
- (b) when a Boxer is on one foot or both feet and at the same time any other part of his body is touching the floor of the boxing ring; or
- (c) when a Boxer is supported on the ropes of the boxing ring and, in the opinion of the Referee, is unable to defend himself; or
- (d) when a Boxer is in the act of rising

and in all of the above cases a Boxer shall be considered to be down until he has regained his feet within the boxing ring and is in a position and a condition to defend himself.

3.33 If a Boxer is “down” under the provisions of Regulation 3.32.1(a) he must return to the boxing ring unassisted within twenty seconds. In all other cases mentioned above, he must regain his feet unassisted within ten seconds. The Referee shall not permit a Boxer to continue boxing, if in his opinion he is unable to do so, until the expiration of 8 seconds following the knock down.

3.33.1 A Boxer failing to continue with a contest after the intervals specified above shall not be awarded any points for that round but will have 10 points deducted from his score. His opponent shall receive ten points and be declared the winner.

3.33.2 If a Boxer regains his feet in the boxing ring within the specified intervals but fails to satisfy the Referee that he is in a position and condition to defend himself, the Referee shall stop the contest and deduct ten points from this score. He shall award the opponent ten points and declare him the winner.

3.33.3 A Referee shall have the power to interrupt the count where he considers that a fallen boxer is in need of urgent medical attention and in such cases the opponent shall be declared the winner by a technical knock out (T.K.O.).

3.33.4. A Referee may consult the ringside doctor at any stage concerning the fitness of a boxer to continue a contest.

3.34 If at any time during a contest the Referee decides, in his complete discretion, that one contestant is outclassed or is unable to continue as a result of injury or is not in a position to continue boxing

he shall stop the contest and declare the opponent the winner having scored the bout in accordance with Regulation 3.33.2.

3.35 In the event of the count being interrupted by the bell signifying the end of a round, the contest and the count shall continue either until the Boxer who is down regains his feet within the boxing ring when the end of the round is declared; or until after the full count is reached when the contest will terminate. This shall apply in every round including the final round and any Promoter/Boxer Agreement will be deemed to have included this requirement within its terms.

3.36 Seconds employed in a corner shall not give advice or assistance to the Boxers in such a manner as to cause distraction to either of the Boxers, the Officials or offend others attending the promotion.

3.37 Any person acting as a second who is in breach of any of these Rules or Regulations, or any order from the Referee, or is guilty of behaviour which, in the opinion of the Referee or Inspector, is detrimental to either Boxer, or preventing him from carrying out his duties, may be ordered from the ringside. When a Referee or Inspector makes such a decision the second must comply by immediately leaving the area in an orderly manner.

3.38 The following acts shall not be permitted during a contest:—

- (a) hitting below the belt;
- (b) using the “pivot blow”;
- (c) hitting on the back of the head or neck;
- (d) kidney punching;
- (e) hitting with the open glove, the inside, or the butt or the back of the hand, or with the wrist or elbow;
- (f) holding, butting, or careless use of the head, shouldering, wrestling or roughing;
- (g) not trying;
- (h) persistently ducking below the waistline;
- (i) intentional falling without receiving a blow;
- (j) failing to break when so ordered, or striking or attempting to strike an opponent on the break;
- (k) deliberately striking an opponent when he is dropping to the floor or when he is down;

- (l) deliberately hitting an opponent after the termination of a round;
- (m) unsporting conduct.
- (n) any other conduct which a Referee may deem foul.
- (o) boxing whilst under the influence of a prohibited substance.

3.38.1 In any of the above cases the Referee shall name the Boxer at fault and call upon him to desist and may in his sole discretion have the power to caution or disqualify a Boxer for any such act with or without reference to any medical opinion.

3.38.2 A Referee may also deduct points from a Boxer's score for breaches of these rules. He should indicate this to the Boxer, his corner and to the Steward in charge or the Area Representative present by pointing to the offender, raising a finger or fingers to indicate the number of points deducted and call out or indicate the reason for the penalty.

3.39 When ordered by the Referee to 'break' both Boxers shall immediately take one step back before re-commencing to box. The parting of Boxers by force should be avoided if possible.

3.40 If for any reason a Referee decides that a contest shall be stopped temporarily he shall call upon the Boxers to 'Stop Boxing' and then instruct the Timekeeper to take 'Time Off'.

3.41 In the event of the disqualification of a Boxer the Referee must report the facts to the Promoter or his duly authorised representative forthwith and must send a full report to the Board, or the Area Council concerned, within 48 hours of the contest taking place.

3.42 A Boxer who is disqualified by a referee in a contest shall not be entitled to receive his purse, other than travelling expenses, until the Board or Area Council in whose Area the contest took place has adjudicated upon the distribution of the same in accordance with Regulation 9.16. The promoter must forward the purse, or balance of the purse, within 48 hours of the contest to the Area Council concerned or, in the case of a Championship or eliminating contests for a Championship, to the Registered Office of the Board.

3.43 The Boxer's Manager or, in his absence, the Chief Second, shall alone have the responsibility of retiring a Boxer in a contest. An indication of retirement shall not be given while a round is in progress. In such cases the contest shall be scored in accordance with Regulation 3.33.1 or 3.33.2.

3.44 The Referee shall decide each contest in favour of the Boxer who obtains the greater number of points.

3.45 At the conclusion of the contest both boxers will be called to the centre of the ring and the Referee shall raise the arm of the winning Boxer. In the event of a draw, the Referee will raise the arm of each Boxer simultaneously.

3.45.1 In the event of an anti-doping violation the following will apply:

- (a) If the winning boxer subsequently produces a positive dope test result, the contest will be declared a "No Contest" for both boxer's records.
- (b) If the losing boxer subsequently produces a positive dope test result his record will indicate his loss as disqualified due to the test result, however, the winning boxer's result will remain a "win".
- (c) In the case of a draw, the failing boxer is downgraded to disqualified but the other boxer's draw remains.

3.46 At the end of a contest which lasts the scheduled number of rounds the Master of Ceremonies shall announce the Referee's final score.

3.47 If, during a contest, the Timekeeper is taken ill at any time before the last round, the Referee shall stop the contest until another official has been appointed by the B.B.B. of C. official in charge, or the Inspector.

The Referee shall then use his discretion as to whether the Boxers shall continue an unfinished round or declare that round completed.

3.48 If for any reason a Referee is unable to continue to act during a contest the following action shall be taken:—

- (a) If a round is in progress the Timekeeper shall ring the bell and stop the contest.
- (b) The B.B.B. of C. representative in charge, or the Inspector, shall hand the score card for the contest to another appointed Referee who shall continue to supervise the contest from the last completed round.

- (c) At the conclusion of the contest, should it go the full distance, the Referee's decision shall be in accordance with the score sheet.
- (d) If no other Referee is available the B.B.B. of C. representative may appoint the Inspector to act as referee.

3.49 Promoters shall procure that no persons shall be permitted to enter the boxing ring at any time during a Promotion except with the permission of the Steward or representative in charge. Promoters shall procure further that no press or television photographers shall be permitted to mount the steps or walk on the platform of the boxing ring until the contest has terminated and the Referee's decision has been announced.

3.49.1 There shall be no amplification or broadcast of any statement made from the boxing ring before, during, or after any contest, except by the official Master of Ceremonies with the authority of the Promoter, or otherwise by permission of the Steward or representative in charge.

3.49.2 At the conclusion of a contest no person shall be allowed to enter the ring with the exception of the MC, the promoter and Board officials until such time as the ringside doctors have completed an initial examination of both boxers. It will be the responsibility of the promoter to ensure that this regulation is carried out.

3.50 Whilst officiating in his capacity the Referee shall decide any question not provided for in this Regulation and the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Regulation on matters arising during the time the Boxers are in the boxing ring. The Referee's decision in all cases shall be final.

Accidental Fouls

1. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DRAW if stopped before four (4) completed rounds. Four (4) rounds are complete when the bell rings signifying the end of the fourth round.

2. If an accidental foul causes an injury severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately after four (4) rounds have occurred, the bout will result in a TECHNICAL DECISION awarded to the boxer who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped.

Partial or incomplete rounds will be scored. If no action has occurred, the round should be scored as an even round. This is at the discretion of the judges.

In the case of four (4) round contests the Foul Rule would come into effect at the bell ending round two.

In the case of six (6) round contests the Foul Rule would come into effect at the bell ending round three.

In the case of eight (8) round or above contests the Foul Rule would come into effect at the bell ending round four.

3. A fighter who is hit with an accidental low blow must continue after a reasonable amount of time but no more than five (5) minutes, or he/she will lose the bout by abandonment.

Intentional Fouls

1. If an intentional foul (other than a low blow) causes an injury, and the injury is severe enough to terminate the bout immediately, the boxer causing the injury shall lose by disqualification. A boxer who is hit with an intentional low blow must continue in a reasonable amount of time (but no more than five (5) minutes) unless the referee in his absolute discretion disqualifies the offending boxer.

2. If an intentional foul causes an injury and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the authorities and deduct two (2) points from the boxer who caused the foul. Point deductions for intentional fouls that do not cause injury will be at the discretion of the referee.

3. If the contest continues and at a later round it needs to be stopped because of the same injury, the rules in relation to accidental fouls will apply.

4. If the boxer injures himself while attempting to intentionally foul his opponent, the referee will not take any action in his favour, and this injury will be the same as one produced by a fair blow.

If the referee feels that a boxer has conducted himself in an unsportsman-like manner, he may stop the bout and disqualify the boxer.

4. Licences

4.1(A) All Promoters, Boxers, Boxers' Managers, Matchmaker, Ring Masters, Whips, Trainers, Referees, Timekeepers, Seconds and Masters

of Ceremonies shall apply for a licence so to act. A Referee or Timekeeper shall hold only the licence of his category and no other. All Licence Holders must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence.

4.1(B) Subject to the requirement of Regulation 9.23 and 20.4 and Regulation 4.6 permission may be granted to a boxer or second not holding a licence issued by the Board but being licensed by a recognised Authority overseas to take part in a tournament in the relevant category. Such permission shall be limited upon each application to one tournament only.

Furthermore permission may also be granted to a Referee or Judge not holding a licence issued by the Board but being licensed or appointed by a recognised sanctioning authority to take part in a Tournament in the relevant category. Such permission shall be limited upon application to one Tournament only.

In such cases the Boxer, Referee/Judge or Second concerned shall be considered as being a licence holder of the Board from the time of permission being granted to the conclusion of all matters relating to the particular contest or tournament concerned.

4.2 All licenses shall be issued and held, varied, or withheld at the absolute discretion of the Board. All applications for licences must first be submitted to the Area Council for the Area in which the applicant resides which shall forward such applications to the Board with recommendation as it thinks fit. The relevant Area Council must require all new applicants to appear before them for interview before any recommendations to grant a Licence are made. The Area Council may delegate its powers hereunder to a sub-committee which shall forward its recommendations to the Area Council. In the case of an applicant who has previously held a licence, the Area Council may exercise its discretion as to the necessity of a further interview.

4.3 All new licences shall be provisional for one year and be reconsidered by the relevant Area Council or the Board when due for renewal.

4.4 Any person or persons to whom a licence is issued after payment of the requisite fee shall be deemed to be a Member of the Company and shall be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and to these Rules and Regulations and shall be deemed to have consented to

the publication in the general press of any matter or decision promoted under and governed by these Rules and Regulations.

4.4.1 A Member shall be responsible to the Company for any act or omission caused or permitted by him on the part of the corporation, body, partnership or firm of which he is a director, shadow director or associate (as defined in the Companies Act 1985) or Member of the Company if such act or omission would be in breach of any of these Rules and Regulations if committed by him personally.

4.5 Licences, other than Promoters' licences, shall be carried by the holder and be produced on demand, to the Promoter or Inspectors of the B.B.B. of C. at any tournament at which the holder is seeking engagement or is engaged.

4.6 No member shall be permitted to officiate or take part in any contest or promotion held under the jurisdiction of the B.B.B. of C. except in the capacity for which he is licensed and no person other than the licence holder shall be permitted to officiate at or take part in any such contest or Promotion and in particular but without limitation to this provision persons normally resident within the Territory will only be able to officiate or take part in any contest or promotion being conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the B.B.B. of C. if they hold a licence granted by the B.B.B. of C.

4.7 All licences shall be valid from the date of issue and continuing annually upon payment of the requisite renewal fee on the anniversaries of the date of issue unless otherwise determined by the Board, subject to any surrender by the Member or suspension or withdrawal by an Area Council or the Board.

4.8 Renewal fees for licences should be sent direct to the Board's registered office. Once received the Area Secretary shall be notified by the General Secretary of the same and such renewal of a licence shall not be effective unless and until authorised by that Area Council.

4.9 A licence holder's licence may be suspended or withdrawn by the Board or an Area Council:

- (a) without further reference where, having been notified of the same, the licence holder's licence renewal fee is in arrears for more than three months; or
- (b) if, having called the licence holder before it, it reasonably considers that it is not in the interests or

the welfare of boxing that the licence holder should continue to hold his licence or licences including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, where:—

- (i) in the opinion of the Board or an Area Council a licence holder, being a Boxer, is not medically fit to box; or
- (ii) in the opinion of the Board or an Area Council a licence holder being a Referee or Timekeeper, is not fit to continue to officiate.

4.10 Notwithstanding Regulation 22.12. if the licence of a Boxer who is the holder of a Championship is suspended then the Board shall in their absolute discretion decide whether or not such Boxer shall continue to hold that Championship and from which decision there shall be no appeal.

4.11 No member whose licence has been withdrawn or suspended shall be permitted to officiate or to take part in any tournament or contest held under the jurisdiction of the B.B.B. or C. nor shall that Member have any rights as a licence holder under these Rules and Regulations save where a Boxer's licence is suspended pursuant to regulations 5.8 or 5.10.

4.12 A Member shall only participate:

- (a) in or at a Promotion which is licensed by the B.B.B. of C.;
- (b) in or at a Promotion organised by another Controlling Authority with the prior written consent of the B.B.B. of C. such consent not to be unreasonably withheld having regard to that Controlling Authority's rules, regulations and standards, the safety of the participants and those who attend the Promotion, the interests of Boxing and the public interests. If consent is granted it will be on receipt of a fee, to be determined from time to time by the Board

5. **Boxers**

5.1 Boxers must be holders of a valid Boxer's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for a Boxer's licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board. Boxers must be at least 18 years of age before they may be issued with a licence to box in any contest or exhibition.

5.1.1 Boxers when first licensed must sign a contract with a duly licensed manager as provided by Regulation 7.1, for a period of not less than one year from the date of issue of a Boxer's licence. The Board shall have the power to waive this requirement.

5.2 A Boxer's licence must always be carried by the Boxer when attending the hall or place of the Promotion and must be produced as and when required by the Promoter or an official of the B.B.B. of C.

5.3 Boxers over 18 years of age but under 19 years of age shall not engage in a contest of more than 24 minutes actual boxing. Boxers over 19 years of age but under 20 years of age shall not engage in a contest of more than 30 minutes actual boxing.

5.4(a) No Boxer shall box in a contest within six clear days from the date of his last contest. The Board or Area Council shall have power to waive this restriction in cases where a late substitute is required but this must be subject to the Boxer having won his last contest within the first two rounds. No boxer shall be permitted to engage in more than one contest on any one day.

5.4(b) Notwithstanding Regulations 5.4(a) and 3.7 the Board may permit tournaments where Boxers are expected to contest the maximum of four (4) limited duration contests on the same night strictly subject to:

- (i) The total minutes of scheduled contests not to exceed 36 minutes in one evening.
- (ii) Such tournaments being limited to a maximum of 16 participants
- (ii) The Board having power to determine the terms and conditions which will apply to each such event upon each and every individual application from a Promoter.

5.5 No two Boxers under the same management and/or agency shall, without first obtaining permission of the relevant Area Council, be allowed to meet each other in any contest unless matched for a Championship or eliminating contest for a Championship.

5.6 If after having contracted to box in any contest, a Boxer is in the opinion of the Board or Area Council considered to be neglecting his training, the Board or Area Council shall have the power to cancel the contest and take any further action that in its absolute discretion it deems necessary.

5.7 All Boxers, Trainers, Managers and Promoters are required to immediately inform the Board or Area Council of any illness, injury or physical condition to said Boxer which they believe or have been informed may affect the boxer's physical or medical fitness to box.

5.8 In the event of any of the following:

- (a) a doctor not passing a Boxer fit to take part in a contest; or
- (b) a doctor reporting after a contest that a Boxer is not fit to continue boxing for any period owing to injury or for any other reason; or
- (c) any contest (wheresoever it takes place) being stopped by the Referee (other than by reason of disqualification), or the retirement of a Boxer, or by a Boxer being counted out in a contest; then the licence of such Boxer shall be automatically suspended for a period of 28 or 45 clear days or more at the discretion of the Board's Senior Medical Officer present at the tournament.

At the completion of the period of suspension no Boxer shall return to the ring until he has been certified fit to box by a doctor who may be appointed by the Board or at their discretion by an Area Council. Written certificates of fitness to box again must be received at the Registered offices of the Company at least 24 hours prior to the Boxer's next contest.

5.9 If in the opinion of the Board Medical Officer(s) a Boxer is in need of further treatment or observation he shall be sent to hospital. The Board will immediately suspend any Boxer ignoring such medical advice at the tournament or at the hospital.

5.10 In the event that any Boxer loses four consecutive contests his licence may be suspended until he appears before his Area Council. Both the Boxer and his Manager and/or Trainer may be called before his Area Council for investigation.

5.11 No Boxer shall have as a sparring partner any Boxer whose licence has been suspended, withdrawn or relinquished except by prior written permission of the Board.

5.12 All boxers must be medically examined annually in accordance with the B.B.B. of C. standard medical form when their licences become due for renewal.

5.13 If a Boxer fails to make the stipulated weight as entered on the contract for a Promotion such failure shall be reported to the Area Council by the Promoter or Inspector, and disciplinary action may be taken under Regulation 25.

5.14 Boxers or their Managers must not give gratuities to any Promoter or Promoter's official.

5.15 No Boxer resident in the Territory and holding a valid B.B.B. of C. licence shall take part in any contest or exhibition outside the jurisdiction of the B.B.B. of C. without obtaining the prior written permission of the Board. Contracts for such contests shall not be signed by a Boxer until such permission has been granted by the Board. Application for such permission must be made to the Registered Office of the Board at least 10 days prior to the date of the contest. Permission for such contests shall be incorporated into documentation satisfactory to the Board which must include official authorisation of the Board for the contest, the medical certification of the Boxer by a Board Medical Officer prior to his/her departure abroad. The fee payable shall be the amount determined from time to time by the Board.

5.16 Boxers who take part in any contest or exhibition outside the Board's jurisdiction shall pay the B.B.B. of C. a sum in accordance with the following scale:

Total Purse including ancillaries	Sum to be paid to the B.B.B. of C.
Up to £500	£25
£ 501- £1,000	£50
£ 1,001- £2,500	£100
£ 2,501- £5,000	£200
£ 5,001-£10,000	£300
£ 10,001-£20,000	£500
£ 20,001-£99,999	2.5 per cent of the Purse
£100,000 and upwards	to be determined by the Board

5.16.1 In the case of the European Championship contests, the Board shall waive the tax due on a Boxer's purse below £5001. Thereafter the tax shall be in accordance with Regulation 5.16.

5.17 Non-payment of a Purse to a Boxer by a Promoter must be reported to the General Secretary by the aggrieved Boxer or his

Manager immediately and in any event not more than 21 days after the date of the contest.

5.18 A Boxer selected to box in a Championship or Eliminator for a Championship contest of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or for an Area Championship must notify the Board or relevant Area Council prior to the closing time and date for submission of Purse Bids, if he does not wish to take part in any such contest. A Boxer allowing his name to go forward will be taken as having indicated his willingness that should a contest be submitted for Purse offers he will accept any Purse offer approved by the Board or Area Council and will fully discharge his obligations thereunder.

5.19 No licensed Boxer shall be trained, coached, managed or advised pursuant to these Rules and Regulations by any person other than his licensed Manager or licensed Trainer, No Boxer shall authorise, permit or suffer any person who is not so licensed, to act whether for reward or not, as his Manager or representative.

5.20 In the absence of his Manager a Boxer engaged to take part in a contest billed or advertised in any contest at a Promotion must be accompanied at the weigh-in and at the contest, by a licence holder duly appointed by his Manager.

5.21 Boxers shall be entitled to apply for licences in categories other than as a Boxer but such licences shall be issued at the discretion of the Board.

5.22 A Boxer training in a gymnasium may be required by a Board Inspector, Area Council official or other authorised representative to submit to a check weigh-in during the course of his or her training. If so requested by such authorised official the Boxer must comply.

5.23 A Boxer and his licensed representative/s (Manager, Trainer/Second, Matchmaker and/or Second) must ensure their arrival at the venue for the weigh-in prior to the time set by the Promoter.

6. Managers

6.1 A Manager of a Boxer including a Manager who manages him/herself as a Boxer must be the holder of a valid Manager's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for a Manager's licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board. No company, partnership, association, club or charitable organisation shall be entitled to hold a Manager's licence."

6.2 A Manager's licence shall not be granted to any person who has not held a licence in another category for a period of at least three years during the ten years prior to the date of application.

6.3 Every Manager must enter into and hold a contract, in accordance with Regulation 7.3 with every Boxer for whom he wishes to act. A Boxer shall not be managed by more than one Manager at any one time. Joint Managers are not permitted.

6.4 Details of any proposed sale transfer or release relating to a Boxer and Manager contract shall be submitted to the Area Council concerned, or where the parties are resident in different Areas, to the Board, for prior approval. The Board or Area Council may, in their discretion, require the parties to appear before them before approving such transaction.

6.5 A licensed Boxer ordinarily resident in the Territory shall not be managed by an overseas Manager without the prior written approval of the Board which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

6.6 After each contest the Manager must promptly and in any event within 14 working days submit a detailed written financial statement to the Boxer as to the allocation and/or distribution of the purse.

6.7 In the event that two Boxers under contract to the same Manager box each other in a contest separate terms therefore must be agreed, and the contract therefore shall be signed by both Boxers in addition to the Manager.

6.8 The respective entitlements of the Boxer and Manager to a Purse or other payments for a contest shall be in accordance with the Boxer and the Manager contract between the parties.

6.9 A Manager shall not appoint a nominee to act as a Promoter.

6.10 A Manager when engaging the services of a person to act as a Trainer for his Boxers in preparation for a contest must procure that the person engaged holds a valid Trainer's licence.

6.11 Managers must not give gratuities to any Promoter's official engaged at a Promotion.

6.12 A Manager shall be responsible for the settlement of all gymnasium fees incurred by his Boxer and must ensure that all necessary medical forms and/or certificates have been forwarded to the Board to satisfy licence requirements of the Boxer, and to ensure that the Boxer is fully and properly licensed.

6.13 In the event of a Manager being unable to attend on a Boxer at the weigh-in or at the Promotion, any payment to a person nominated to carry out the Manager's duties shall be paid by the Manager from his commission. When the Boxer has a registered Manager, the Manager shall be responsible for the settlement of levies due to the Board pursuant to Regulations 5.16 and 5.17.

6.14 Managers shall be entitled to apply for licences in categories other than as Manager but such licences shall be issued at the discretion of the Board.

7. Boxer and Manager Contracts

7.1 Subject to Regulation 7.3, all contracts between Boxers and Managers shall be in writing and executed by the parties thereto upon the B.B.B. of C. printed standard form of Boxer and Manager contract set out in the First Schedule hereto ("Form 36") or otherwise such contract that shall have been previously approved in writing by the B.B.B. of C. such approval not to be unreasonably withheld providing that such contract shall not be inconsistent with any provision of these Rules and Regulations.

7.1(a) All Boxer/Manager contracts shall be an agreement between a Boxer and one named Manager. A Boxer/Manager agreement whereby the boxer is to be managed by joint Managers will be in breach of Regulation 6.3 and will not be recognised.

7.2 Notwithstanding any provision in such Boxer and Manager contract the Manager shall file a complete and exact copy of the same together with the licences (for endorsements) of each party with the B.B.B. of C. at the Registered Office within 14 days of execution thereof failing which the Board may in their absolute discretion refuse to recognise the Manager thereunder unless and until such contract is so filed.

7.3 All contracts between Boxers and Managers existing at the date of making of these Rules and Regulations shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms save that any references therein to "The British Boxing Board of Control (1929)" and/or "B.B.B. of C." or to any regulation or paragraph of the "Constitution and Regulations" thereof shall be construed respectively as references to the Company and to the provision(s) (whether corresponding and/or generally as the context requires) of these Rules and Regulations.

8. Medical Examination of a Boxer

8.1 If any applicant for a Boxer's licence, not having previously held such a licence, suffers from any of the following it may preclude the grant to him of a Boxer's licence. If at any time thereafter any Boxer shall suffer from any of the following the Board, subject to 'the Rules' as referred to in Regulation 31, may take such action as in its absolute discretion it sees fit:-

- (a) Any neurological abnormality, whether congenital or acquired including epilepsy, severe migraine or any abnormalities which appear in Cat Scan, MRI or EEG tracing;
- (b) Any psychological disorder such as depression, schizophrenia or hyper mania;
- (c) Any pathology in the eye including cataracts, detachments or tears of the retina before or after treatment, retinal haemorrhages or exudates or any other intraocular pathology;

Uncorrected visual standards less than 6/9 in the better and 6/18 in the worse eye will exclude an applicant from holding a Professional Licence, even if corrected by surgery, except at the discretion of the Board after consultation with the Board Medical Panel;

- (d) Blood pressure higher than 140/90 after prolonged rest or any congenital or acquired cardio-vascular or circulatory disorder;
- (e) Chest problems such as asthma, emphysema, active tuberculosis and acute chest and upper respiratory infections and any other disease requiring maintenance medication;
- (f) Any acute or chronic gastro-intestinal abnormalities, inguinal hernias for at least six months after surgical repair. Hepatitis B and any other infectious or contagious disease;
- (g) Any applicant or Boxer testing positive for HIV. Any genito-urinary abnormalities, both acquired and congenital, including Haematuria, albuminuria and any active venereal infection;

- (h) Acute perforations of the ear drum, acute or chronic infections of the middle or inner ear including labyrinthitis and total deafness;
- (i) Any severe skeletal abnormalities or deformity which may impair the performance of a Boxer, rheumatoid arthritis and other such conditions;
- (j) Any infectious skin disease;
- (k) Diabetes and other endocrinological abnormalities or diseases;
- (l) Anaemia or other chronic and acute blood disorders and reticulosis including sickle-cell disease
- (m) Alcohol or drug abuse, subject to 'the Rules' as referred to in Regulation 31.

8.2 A Boxer applying for or renewing their Boxer's licence shall be examined by a fully registered GMC Doctor with a licence to practice.

8.3 Without prejudice to any other misconduct arising out of alcohol or drug abuse, doping, alcohol and drug abuse not falling within 'the Rules' as referred to in Regulation 31 may constitute misconduct for the purposes of these Regulations (including Regulation 25) and is prohibited.

8.4 All Boxers shall submit to the Board a satisfactory MRI Brain Scan report annually. All Boxers must have an MR Angiogram at the time of their first application for a licence.

8.5 Prior to every contest the officiating Medical Officer should satisfy himself that the Boxer is medically fit to box the scheduled distance, and is not suffering from any condition which may be aggravated by the contest, or from any infectious skin disease.

8.6 The following Regulations shall apply to all Promotions:—

8.6.1 Prior to any promotion taking place the Board will give written notification to the Accident and Emergency and Neurosurgical Units of the nearest hospital (local hospital) to the venue and advise that a promotion is to take place in their locality.

8.6.2 Prior to the Promotion taking place the Promoter shall set up and maintain during the Promotion the facility to communicate by telephone from the venue to the Local Hospital so that the Local Hospital can be advised immediately should an emergency occur at the Promotion.

8.6.3 The Senior Medical Officer shall arrange for full and adequate resuscitation equipment (including intubation and ventilation equipment) to be available at the ringside of the venue. No contest shall take place unless fully trained personnel able to operate such resuscitation equipment are present throughout the Promotion.

8.6.4. An ambulance, crewed by trained paramedics, shall be on site throughout the Promotion. The ambulance shall be for the sole use of injured Boxers and the crew shall be appraised by the Senior Medical Officer of the identity and location of the advised Local Hospital.

8.6.5 The Promoter shall ensure that sufficient security are in place at the venue to enable medical assistance to be carried out without hindrance to boxers in the ring should the necessity arise. The Senior Medical Officer shall approve such arrangements prior to the Promotion.

8.6.6 It is the responsibility of the Senior Medical Officer to the Promotion to ensure that all the safety procedures are in place for the Promotion.

8.6.7 Radio and television interviews with Boxers are NOT permitted in the ring following a contest. Such interviews may be conducted at the ringside provided that the Senior Medical Officer present has examined the Boxer(s) and given permission for the interview and the Steward in Charge at the venue has also given his approval.

8.6.8 At the conclusion of every contest the ringside doctors should enter the ring to make an immediate medical assessment of both Boxers.

8.6.9 No Boxer shall leave the venue of the Promotion after taking part in a contest without the permission of the medical officer(s). The Senior Medical Officer will provide where necessary and according to his discretion each Boxer following his contest with a printed card of advice on reaction to head injuries. A Boxer is responsible for ensuring that those accompanying him after the contest are aware of the content of such card or have been given the card or a copy of it.

8.7 Medical regulations for female Boxers will be the same as for male Boxers with any variations in examination as may be agreed from time to time.

9. **Promoters**

9.1 All persons wishing to promote a contest or tournament must be the holder of a Promoter's Licence issued by the B.B.B. of C.

No company, partnership, association, club or charitable organisation (a Corporate Promoter) shall be entitled to hold a Promoter's Licence.

9.2 Application for a Promoter's licence must be made to the Board at the Registered Office accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board. The Board shall be entitled to grant a Promoter's licence upon such terms and with such limitations as the Board shall deem necessary having regard to the good of boxing.

9.3 Any recipient of a Promoter's licence will be required by the Board, at its discretion, to deposit and maintain with the Board for the duration of his licence a Bond (or any other form of security acceptable to the Board) in a sum specified by the Board which sum may be varied by the Board from time to time at its discretion.

9.4 All Promoters wishing to promote a contest or Promotion on behalf of a charity or where the whole or part of the proceeds are publicised as being applied to or towards a charitable object ("a Charity Promotion") must be the holder of a charity licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. which licence shall be valid only for the requisite Charity Promotion.

9.4.1 Application for a charity licence must be made to the Board at the Registered Office prior to the requisite Charity Promotion accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

9.4.2 The issue of a Charity Licence shall be at the sole discretion of and under such conditions as the Board or Area Council may impose provided that no contest for a British, European, Commonwealth or World Championship may be held at a Charity Promotion save with the prior written consent of the Board.

9.4.3 The Board or Area Council may at their discretion order a Promoter of a Charity Promotion to engage a person licensed as a Matchmaker.

9.5 A Promoter of a Charity Promotion must forward to his Area Council within eight weeks of the Charity Promotion taking place a copy of the statement of account, audited by a Registered Auditor, showing the individual amounts paid to all Boxers and officials who have appeared together with a certificate and a receipt of any charity benefiting from the Charity Promotion.

9.6 The name of the Promoter shall be printed on all handbills,

posters, advertisements, and programmes. No Promoter shall be entitled in respect of any Promotion to advertise himself and another promoting a contest jointly or in association with that person if such person is not licensed as a Promoter without the prior written consent of the Board.

9.7 A Promoter shall deliver to the Registered Office and his Area Council, at least six days before the date of the Promotion, the names of all Boxers and officials to be engaged and the total amount of the Purses to be paid. Details of substitutions must be delivered forthwith to the Registered Office and his Area Council unless good cause is shown.

9.8 The Board or an Area Council shall have power to prohibit any contest which in their opinion is not in the interests of boxing.

9.9 The Promoter must, before engaging the services of a Boxer or Boxers, in all cases (including substitutes) take all reasonable steps to satisfy himself that Boxer or Boxers engaged or to be engaged by him are not committing any breach of these Rules and Regulations or of any previous contract for engagement.

9.10 In the event that a promoter appoints a licensed Matchmaker authorised as a signatory in respect of any contract by the Promoter, he shall declare in writing to the Board the names thereof forthwith upon their appointment.

9.11 In the case of any dispute in respect of any Promotion the Promoter shall furnish all such details as the B.B.B. of C. may require in order that such dispute may be determined.

9.12 In the event of a Promotion taking place and both Boxers billed for a contest being ready and able to compete put in an appearance but do not box through no fault of their own, the Promoter shall pay both Boxers the full sum as entered in the relevant contract or otherwise agreed upon.

9.13 Where appropriate and subject to the giving of prior notification to the Board, Promoters may contract for not more than two emergency contests. In the event of the emergency contest taking place, the Boxers shall be paid the agreed Purse. Should the emergency contest not take place, the Boxers shall be paid not less than one third of the sum agreed.

9.14 A Promoter if called upon to do so by the Board or his Area Council must disclose forthwith in writing the amount of Purse paid to any Boxer.

9.15 Promoters will procure that all officials or professional persons exercising any powers or carrying out any duties at any Promotion pursuant to these Rules and Regulations shall be accommodated and shall not be hindered in any way in connection therewith.

9.16 In the event of a disqualification of any Boxer the Promoter may submit to the Board a claim for expenses incurred by him resulting from such disqualification. The Purse monies received pursuant to Regulation 3.42 shall be distributed in such manner as the Board or Area Council concerned (as applicable) shall think fit and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may be apportioned between one or more of the following:—

- a) Promoter
- b) Manager
- c) Trainer
- d) Sparring partner or partners
- e) Boxer

and the balance (if any) shall be put to the B.B.B. of C. (charity number 1068585).

9.17 Promoters shall not accept the signature of a Boxer when his licence shows he has an authorised Manager, without receiving the consent of the Board.

9.18 A Promoter shall not engage a Boxer unless he holds a Boxer's licence. A Promoter shall not at any one time engage the services of a Boxer for more contests than are permitted by the Boxer and Promoter contract and shall not re-engage a Boxer until the previous contract has expired. A Promoter shall use the name by which the Boxer is licensed on all bills, programmes, advertising matters and announcements. When a promoter engages a Boxer from outside Europe, the Boxer shall be in the place of the contest (i.e. the town or city) not less than 48 hours prior to such contest.

9.19 Where a Referee or Timekeeper declines to accept his proper fee or does not wish to receive a fee then the Promoter engaging such Referee or Timekeeper must send the fee usually paid by the Promoter for the services of such person or persons to the Board who may allocate or deal with the same as it thinks fit.

9.20 A promoter shall not appoint a nominee to act as a Manager. Neither shall he enter into any contract or arrangement whereby the

receipt by a Boxer of any monies whether directly or indirectly is or may be reduced.

9.21 In all contests the contracted weight, number of rounds and the duration thereof must be printed on all bills, programmes, announcements and advertising matter.

9.22 A Promoter may act as his own Matchmaker.

9.23 A Promoter wishing to engage the services of an overseas Boxer must:-

- (a) ensure that an overseas Boxer when engaged to appear in the Territory is represented by a licensed Matchmaker permanently residing in the Territory; and
- (b) apply to the Board giving details of the Boxer's record if required, the name of the proposed opponent, the amount of the Purse, the date and venue of the contest and the name of the licensed Matchmaker. In the event of the Boxer residing outside the European Community such application must be made not less than five days prior to the date of the tournament.

9.23.1 When the Purse of an overseas Boxer is £5,000 or more the appointment of a Referee may be made by the Board.

9.24 A Promoter shall not arrange a contest and/or state on any bills, programmes, advertising matter or announcements that a contest is for any Championship or eliminating contest for a Championship or to be contested under Championship conditions without the prior written sanction of the Board. In the case of Area Championships and Eliminators for Area Championships the prior written sanction is required of the Area Council.

9.25 The Board will only authorise World, European, British and Commonwealth Championships to any Promoter who has promoted at least two (2) promotions within twelve months preceding the date of entering into a contract for such Championship contests or the making of a purse offer or who has held a Promoter's Licence for a minimum of twelve months whether or not the Promoter's Licence was held jointly with other person/s or under any other name other than at the discretion of the Board.

9.26 A Promoter shall not state on any bills, programmes, advertising matter or announcements that a boxer holds a particular title unless he

has fully satisfied himself beyond reasonable doubt that the Boxer is officially recognised as holding such title.

9.27 A Promoter shall not state on any bills, programmes, advertising matter or announcements that a contest is bearing a side-stake unless the sum so stated has been previously deposited with the Board or an Area Council.

9.28(a) Save with the prior written consent of the Board or Area Council, the Promoter shall procure that the weigh-in relating to any contest shall take place as provided in Regulation 3.2.

9.28(b) A Promoter shall be solely responsible for ensuring that all Boxers, their licensed representatives and the Board or Area Council are informed of the time and venue of the weigh-in.

9.29 Promoters shall engage at least two “House Seconds” at each Promotion, one for each corner.

9.30 Promoter shall not state on any bill, programme, advertising matter or announcement that a promotion involves a contest between two Boxers of different races or produce any such material which is calculated directly or indirectly in the opinion of the Board or Area Council to amount to racial discrimination or be offensive to either boxer or to the public on the grounds of race or creed.

9.31(a) A purse bid must be accompanied by a deposit of £1,500 in respect of purse bids of £15,000 or less. In respect of all other purse bids the purse bid must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the purse bid up to a maximum of £20,000.

9.31(b) The Promoter making the highest bid accepted by the Board shall, within fourteen days of that acceptance, supply the Board with a date and venue for the contest

9.31(c) If the successful Promoter shall fail to notify the Board of the date and venue for the contest, or shall otherwise withdraw from the promotion, within the prescribed period, then:

- (i) The deposit up to £1,500 shall be forfeited. The deposit over £1,500 shall be forfeited unless the promoter making the purse bid shows good reason why it should not be forfeited: and
- (ii) The contest shall be offered to the next highest bidder who is prepared to conform to and match the amount and terms of the original, successful bid.

- (iii) The next highest bidder whose bid is accepted pursuant to 9.31(c)(ii) shall, within fourteen days of that acceptance, supply the Board with a date and venue for the contest.

9.32(a) In the event of Purse offers being submitted to and approved by the Board the Purse shall be divided 60% (Sixty per cent) to the Champion and 40% (Forty per cent) to the contender. In the event of there being no Champion or in any eliminating contest 60% (Sixty per cent) to the winner and 40% (Forty per cent) to the loser, and in the event of a “draw” 50% to each.

9.32(b) The Board may at its discretion reject a Purse Offer it regards as too low to be justified for a particular contest. In such cases that contest will be circulated again for further bids.

9.32(c) A Promoter will pay travel expenses, hotel and subsistence for three persons as required for Boxers in Championships or eliminators.

9.33 In the event of a British Championship or eliminating contest for a British Championship being submitted for Purse offers the Boxers concerned must not, without permission of the Board, arrange for or engage in any other contest until the Purse offers have been considered by the Board.

9.34 Within 28 days of any Promotion the Promoter thereof shall advise the Board of the total amount of the gross gate takings excluding VAT therefrom (“Net Takings”) and pay to the B.B.B. of C. a sum or sums calculated or assessed as follows:—

9.34.1

Net Takings	Net Takings	
	Exceeding	Sum per Tournament
£	£	£
—	7,500	200
7,501	10,000	250
10,001	12,500	300
12,501	15,000	350
15,001	20,000	400

9.34.2 Where the Net Takings are £20,000 or more or where a British, Commonwealth, European or the World Championship is contested, 5% of the Net Takings after deducting the total of the two largest Purses less the amount received or assessed by the Board by virtue of any television

arrangement and an allowance of 10% of the Net Takings provided that the Board may grant such further allowance as it sees fit.

9.34.3 Where any Promotion is promoted by a promoting club and/or where no separate admission charge or charges are made the following scales shall apply:

	Total Purses exceeding £	Sum per Tournament £
Up to	3,000	100
exceeding	3,000	150
	4,000	200
	6,000	250
	8,000	300
	10,000 and above	to be determined by the Board

9.34.4 4% of all purses of £1,500 or more at all tournaments.

9.34.5 The Board may in its absolute discretion require a Promoter to furnish detailed financial accounts, duly audited by a registered auditor for any tournament they promote under the auspices of the British Boxing Board of Control Ltd.

9.34.6 10% of any fee or payment received for television, or any process analogous thereof or any development thereof, broadcasting, filming and still photography of any contest (or any part thereof) or contests shall be retained by the Board.

9.34.7 In cases where a Promoter is required to pay sanction fees or expenses to an affiliated controlling authority the Board may in its absolute discretion vary any of the foregoing sum or fees.

9.35 If a promoter sustains a loss on a Promotion he may claim a refund of the whole or part of any sum paid under Regulation 9.34.1 and/or 9.34.2 and/or 9.34.3 provided that a statement of income and expenditure is forwarded to the B.B.B. of C. in support of such claim within three months of the date of the promotion and provided also that such refund shall be at the sole discretion of the B.B.B. of C. The Board may require the statement of Income and Expenditure to be certified by a Registered Auditor.

9.36 When a sum is donated to a charity or as sponsorship for any charitable object in connection with a Promotion and against such donation or sponsorship the donor is given seats to attend that

Promotion by a Promoter then the value of the seats shall be treated as gross gate takings (excluding VAT therefrom).

9.37 Promoters shall pay the Purse to the Boxer himself or to the Boxer's duly authorised representative if the Boxer so desires. Every Boxer being paid up to £3,000 shall be paid on the evening of the contest and shall sign for his Purse money in a book kept by the Promoter. Such book shall be open to inspection by the Board or Area Council if required. All Purse monies shall be paid within seven days of the contest taking place.

9.38 Not less than 28 days prior to any proposed tournament the Promoter shall submit to the Board and Area Council in writing the date and full details of the venue, for its approval such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, provided always that the Board and Area Council may in its absolute discretion reduce such 28 day period. In addition the Promoter shall forthwith supply to the Board and Area Council on request, such other information about the proposed tournament as the Board and Area Council may require.

9.38.1 In the event of a Promoter failing to promote a tournament on a date applied for by him and approved by the Area Council, the Board or Area Council shall have the power, after investigating the circumstances, to impose such penalty on the Promoter so defaulting as they think fit.

9.38.2 Each venue must have a room set aside exclusively for medical purposes. It shall be adequately lit, have an examination couch and possess hot and cold running water. The medical room should be situated in close proximity to the boxer's dressing rooms and be reasonably accessible to and from the ring.

9.39 Promoters shall procure that no belt, trophy or other award shall be offered to any licence holder nor shall any statement in respect thereof be made in any bill, programme, advertising material or announcement save with the prior written permission of the Board.

9.40 Except with the prior written consent of the Board, Promoters shall ensure that the first contest at any Promotion shall commence no later than 21.30 hours and a Championship contest at any promotion (other than a contest for an Area Championship) shall commence by no later than 22.00 hours on the day of such promotion.

9.41 At all Promotions, Promoters shall ensure that contests shall be

staged continuously without interruption for auctions, raffles, or any other forms of non-boxing entertainment or activity except with prior agreement with the Board or Area Council.

9.42 Promoters shall be entitled to apply for licences in categories other than as a Promoter but such other licences shall be issued at the discretion of the Board.

9.43 At every tournament promoters shall allow one side of the ring for exclusive use by the Board and Area Council Officials together with a seat in each corner with a clear sight of the ring for use of the appointed inspector and a seat in each corner with a clear sight of the ring for use of the Medical Officer when required. Where applicable a raised seat shall be placed in each of the middle of three sides of the ring for the sole use of the Judges.

9.44 Seating, and where necessary tables, must be provided at each promotion on all four sides of the ring. Erection of 'Catwalks' on any side of the ring for use by television or any other purpose shall be strictly forbidden.

9.45 At all tournaments under the jurisdiction of the Board it will be the responsibility of the promoter to provide adequate stewarding and security for the maintenance of good order and safety at such tournament. Any failure to do so will constitute a breach of these Regulations.

9.46 Dinner/Boxing events where patrons are admitted on payment for the boxing programme only shall not be permitted except with the express permission of the Board. No application may relate to more than one event, and in the grant of any permission, the Board may at its discretion impose conditions applicable to the venue and to all other material considerations (including the seating of diners and spectators) concerning the event.

Any application for such a mixed tournament must be made direct to the Board where it will be considered individually. A copy of the application must also be sent to the Secretary of the relevant Area Council.

9.47 Promoters must ensure that there is adequate dressing room accommodation at any venue at which a tournament is to be staged under the jurisdiction of the B.B.B. of C., including washing and toilet facilities that must be approved by the Board officials. Separate facilities of the same standard must be provided for female Boxers.

10. **Promoter and Boxer Contracts**

10.1 Subject to Regulation 10.4, all contracts between a Promoter or a Matchmaker on the Promoter's behalf and a Boxer or a Boxer's manager on the Boxer's behalf shall be in writing and executed by the parties thereto upon the B.B.B. of C. standard Form of Promoter and Boxer contract set out in the Second Schedule hereto ("Form 35") or otherwise such contract that shall have been previously approved in writing by the B.B.B. of C. such approval not to be unreasonably withheld provided that such contract shall not be inconsistent with any provision of these Rules and Regulations.

10.2 Subject to Regulation 10.4, the contest agreement card (Boxer – Promoter) set out in Third Schedule hereto ("Form 35A") may be completed and used in lieu of Form 35 provided that the relevant contest is not for a Championship (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing an Area Championship), is not being televised or broadcast and/or is not an international contest. Where Form 35A is so completed and used, the resultant contract shall in every case be subject to all of these Rules and Regulations and to the provisions of Form 35.

10.3 Subject to Regulation 10.4, a Promoter must not enter into any arrangement with a Boxer or any person on his behalf so as to prevent the Boxer from accepting an engagement from any other Promoter, except for the length of the time provided by Clause 12 of Form 35, and the Option Clause allowed for on the said Form 35. It shall not be permissible to contract out of this Regulation.

10.4 All contracts between a Promoter or a Matchmaker on the Promoter's behalf and a Boxer or a Boxer's Manager on the Boxer's behalf or contest agreement card (Boxer – Promoter) existing at the date of making of these Rules and Regulations shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms save that any references therein to "The British Boxing Board of Control (1929)" and/or "B.B.B. of C." or to any regulation or paragraph of the "Constitution and Regulations" thereof shall be construed respectively as references to the Company and to the provision(s) (whether corresponding and/or generally as the context requires) of these Rules and Regulations.

11. **Television**

11.1 Prior written consent of the Board must be obtained before any licence holder shall contract to take part in the televising, broadcasting

or screening by film or other means (whether in whole or in part) in the Territory of a boxing contest in any part of the World.

11.2 All applications for consent under Regulation 11.1 must be made to the Board in writing.

11.3 A Promoter shall submit to the Board a copy of any contract relating to the television screening of any Promotion with which he is associated either as a Promoter or co-Promoter. This contract shall be filed at the registered office of the Board within seven days of being signed.

12. **Sponsorship**

12.1 in this Regulation the following expressions shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them below:

12.1.1 “Associate” shall mean (in relation to any licence holder) his partner or relative (by blood or marriage or civil partnership) or any company, firm or entity over which he or any such partner or relative from time to time has control (as defined by section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010) or in which he from time to time has any interest (other than the holding of shares or securities quoted on a recognised stock exchange);

12.1.2 “Sponsorship Arrangement” shall mean any actual, purported, proposed or anticipated agreement or arrangement in any way touching or concerning any boxing contest, tournament or exhibition for the purpose of advertising or publicising any product, goods or service;

12.1.3 “Sponsorship Benefits” shall mean the aggregate of all monies and whichever is the greater of the retail value and open market value of all goods, property, services and other consideration derived by any licence holder or Associate from any Sponsorship Arrangement.

12.2 Unless the prior written consent of the Board is obtained, no licence holder or Associate shall negotiate in connection with or arrange for, take part in or benefit under any Sponsorship arrangement.

12.3 Any Sponsorship Arrangement involving a licence holder or Associate shall be in or be put into writing and shall inter alia contain provisions (substantially in such form as the Board may from time to time require):

12.3.1 requiring the prior obtaining of the Boards’ written consent as a condition of such Sponsorship Arrangement;

12.3.2 providing for automatic termination of such Sponsorship

Arrangement within twelve months from the date of signature thereof save in so far as the Board shall have otherwise indicated in writing;

12.3.3 requiring the parties thereto to refer any dispute in connection therewith for arbitration by way of a complaint to the Board to be determined in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 24 (such arbitration to be subject to the provisions of Regulation 28) and providing that the procedures contained in the said Regulations shall be exhausted and an order, decision or award made in accordance with the said Regulations, before any application may be made to the courts of law by any of the parties thereto;

12.3.4 providing that the Sponsorship Arrangement shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with English law; and

12.3.5 requiring the submission of a copy thereof to the Board in accordance with Regulation 12.4.

12.4 A copy of every Sponsorship Arrangement shall forthwith be submitted to the Board by the licence holder if requested by the Board or Area Council.

13. **Duties of Steward or Area Representative**

13.1 A Steward or Area Representative may be appointed by the Board or Area Council respectively to officiate in charge at any contest or Promotion.

13.2 The powers and duties of a Steward or Area Representative at a Promotion shall be as follows:—

- (a) to see that all Rules and Regulations which are applicable are complied with;
- (b) to settle any dispute which may arise pursuant to these Rules and Regulations for the better performance of the Promotion;
- (c) if necessary to attend the weigh-in of the Boxers;
- (d) to receive any reports from the Inspectors and instruct and advise them as necessary;
- (e) if he thinks fit, to instruct the Promoter to withhold payment to any Boxer or Boxers and to forward the same to the Registered Office of the Board when, in his opinion, an inquiry should be held arising from any matter during, or in connection with, the Promotion in which such Boxer or Boxers have taken part.

The Board or Area Council, or any committee elected for the purpose, undertaking the enquiry, shall have the power to dispose of such monies as they in their absolute discretion shall think fit. Any such determination shall be made irrespective of any verdict or opinion a Referee of a contest may previously have given.

See Regulations 3.42 and 9.16.

- (f) to make a report at the next meeting of the Board or Area Council as applicable, following the Promotion.

13.3 In the absence of an appointed Steward or Representative of an Area Council any Steward or Area Council member present may officiate and be vested with the same powers and duties as are set out in Regulation 13.2.

13.4 A Steward or Representative of an Area Council (not being a Licence holder) may be authorised to visit gymnasiums from time to time for the purposes of carrying out random check weigh-ins on Boxers pursuant to Regulations 5.22 and 16.8.

14. **Inspectors**

14.1 The Board or an Area Council may appoint and shall supervise Inspectors to carry out the duties specified in Regulation 14.2. The duties of an Inspector appointed by an Area Council shall only be applicable to the Area over which such Area Council has jurisdiction.

14.2 Inspectors shall be appointed by the Board or Area Council to carry out all or any of the following duties in accordance with the specifications issued by the Board from time to time but in addition and/or without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such duties at any Promotion may include:—

- (a) to ensure that all Rules and Regulations applicable to the Promotion are complied with;
- (b) attending the “weighing-in” of Boxers pursuant to Regulation 3.2 and inspecting Contracts and satisfying himself as to the contracted weight of the Boxers for a contest;
- (c) examining the licences of all categories from time to time and, where necessary, collecting outstanding licence fees due;
- (d) satisfying himself that Boxers and Seconds are properly

dressed before entering the boxing ring in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 3;

- (e) witnessing as many contests as possible and, where applicable, making a written report to the Board or Area Council;
- (f) being ready to carry out any order or request from a Referee during the course of a boxing contest;
- (g) dealing with any persistent shouting or any conduct of an unruly nature in a Boxer's corner, or any untoward happening whilst a contest is in progress;
- (h) impounding any substance used by a Second which the Inspector may have reason to consider is contrary to Regulations 3.13, 3.14 and/or 3.15;
- (i) examining the bandaging of Boxers' hands to ensure that only those bandages which comply with Regulation 3.22 are used and that these are properly applied;

14.3 Inspectors for Championships or any eliminating contests for Championships shall be appointed only by the Board unless the Board delegates such power in certain cases to an Area Council.

14.4 The Board shall pay Inspectors a sum for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses if claimed by an Inspector.

14.5 The General Secretary and the Secretaries of Area Councils may at any time act as an Inspector.

14.6 A Badge of office shall be issued to all Inspectors and shall be worn by an Inspector when officiating at a Promotion.

14.7 An Inspector appointed for a boxing contest shall be allowed access to Boxers' dressing rooms and shall be allotted a seat near a Boxer's corner for his sole use.

14.8 An Inspector may be authorised by the Board or an Area Council to visit gymnasiums from time to time for the purpose of random check weigh-ins of Boxers pursuant to Regulations 5.23 and 16.8.

15. Referees

15.1.1 Each Referee must be the holder of a valid Referee's licence issued by the B.B.B of C. Application for a Referee's licence shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board. All Referees shall relinquish their licences upon the expiration of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 65 years, except in the

case of Class “A” Star Referee who, being a member of or affiliated to an International Championship sanctioning authority permitted by the Board to sanction their Championship contests within the Board’s jurisdiction, may continue to hold a licence and be available to be appointed as a Judge only in a relevant Championship contest by such International Championship sanctioning authority or by the Board if so requested. In addition a Class “A” Star referee on reaching the age of 65 years will be permitted to continue as a Judge for English, Celtic, British, Commonwealth and International Championship contest and for British and Commonwealth Eliminating and Final Eliminating Contests until the age of 72 years.

15.1.2 All applications for a Referee’s licence must be submitted by the Area Council to the Referee’s Committee for its consideration for that Committee to make a recommendation to the Board.

15.1.3 Applicants shall be permitted to take part in practical tests inside the ring to determine their suitability and competence.

15.1.4 In doing so they shall have the powers and responsibility of a Class B Referee except that the licensed Referee appointed to oversee the contest from outside the ring shall determine the award of points and, if necessary, order the stoppage of the contest and disqualification of Boxer.

15.2 There shall be the following grades of licence:–

- (a) Class “B” – Referees who have satisfied the Board as to their competence and suitability following application, interview and practical and oral examination to referee a contest not exceeding 24 minutes actual boxing. A Class “B” Referee who does not, within three years of being granted a licence, satisfy the Referee’s Committee or the Board of his ability to be up-graded to Class “A” may have his licence withdrawn.
- (b) Class “A” – Referees who have satisfied the Board through its Committees as to their competence and suitability to officiate in all contests including contests for Area Championships, Championships or eliminating contests for Championships of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Commonwealth, but excluding Europe, and the World.
- (c) Class “A” Star – Referees who have satisfied the Board

through its Committees as to their competence and suitability to officiate in all or any contests.

15.2.1 Applications for upgrading must in the first instance be made to the Area Council of the Referee concerned. Any recommendation shall then be considered by the Referee's Committee before submission to the Board but nothing shall prevent an Area Council making a recommendation to the Referees' Committee on its own account.

15.2.2 The Board shall pay the expenses of Referees who may be appointed at Promotions outside their own Area for the purposes of consideration of up-grading of his licence.

15.3 The Board or Area Council shall appoint all Referees. Referees' fees shall be those fees determined by the Board from time to time and at present are as follows:-

1-9 Contests:

1st Referee – £150.00 plus expenses

2nd Referee – £125.00 plus expenses

10 Contests and above:

1st Referee – £150.00 plus expenses

2nd Referee – £125.00 plus expenses

3rd Referee – £100.00 plus expenses

15.3.1 Board appointments of "A" Star Referees

English & Celtic Championships Referees £200

British Championship Eliminator Judges x 3 £150

British, Commonwealth & Final Referees £250

Eliminator Judges x 3 £200

15.3.2 If any "A" Star Referee officiates in any additional non-title contests on the same Promotion he shall be paid £25 per contest.

15.3.3 When an "A" Star Referee is appointed by the Board to officiate in a Championship contest more than 50 miles journey from his place of residence he shall receive from the Promoter in addition to the above fees, reasonable accommodation and travelling expenses.

Any dispute arising in this connection shall be referred to the Board for adjudication.

15.3.4 All Referees who are appointed to a Tournament more than 15 miles from their place of residence shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses equal to the current standard rail fare (return). These shall be paid by the Promoter at the relevant Tournament.

15.4 Referees must not canvass any person to obtain employment in boxing either within or outside the Territory either verbally or in writing.

15.5 In the event of the Board or an Area Council deciding to refer a Referee to the Referees' Committee on its own initiative or, following a complaint, a Referee may be removed from the Area appointments list until the case has been heard by the Referees' Committee whose recommendation must be confirmed by the Board.

16. **Trainer/Second and Seconds**

16.1 Each Trainer/Second must be the holder of a valid Trainer/Seconds licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for such licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

The holder of a Trainer/Seconds licence may act as a Second.

16.2 Each Second must be the holder of a valid Second's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for such licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

Such a licence does not permit the holder to act as a Trainer.

16.3 Where a trainer is engaged by a Boxer, or a Boxer's manager, for a particular contest, the terms of the engagement shall provide that the trainer is entitled to a sum of up to, but not more than, 10% of the Boxer's gross purse, where the gross purse is no more than £10,000.

Where the Boxer's gross purse exceeds £10,000 the terms of the engagement may make any provision for the sum to be received by the trainer.

For the purpose of this regulation all amounts are deemed to be exclusive of V.A.T.

16.4 A trainer may enter into a contract with a Boxer, or a Boxer's manager, for the provision of the trainer's services other than by reference to a specific contest. In such circumstances there shall be the following requirements:

- (i) The contract shall be in writing and shall be lodged with the Board within seven days of it being entered into;
- (ii) The contract must specify the period of time (which shall be no longer than 12 months) for which the trainer's services are being retained;

- (iii) Where a contract is with a Boxer's manager it shall have no effect until the Boxer has confirmed in writing that he agrees to the training arrangements to be made by the trainer under the contract;
- (iv) In any event the contract shall have no effect until approved by the Board.

16.5 Where a trainer also acts as a Boxer's manager he shall be entitled to receive remuneration for his services as a trainer in addition to that received by him pursuant to his managerial contract with the Boxer. Any terms agreed by the trainer and Boxer in such circumstances shall be recorded in writing and must be approved by the Board before they have effect.

16.6 Each applicant for a Trainer/Second or Seconds licence must have a British Boxing Board of Control First Aid qualification before being granted a licence. Thereafter, the First Aid Certificate must be renewed every three years.

16.7 A Trainer/Second is required to keep a training diary for every licensed Boxer under his or her supervision which must include a record of the Boxer's training weight before and after each training session. Such a diary must be produced by the Trainer/Second on demand by the Board or Area Council or authorised representative.

16.8 A Trainer/Second supervising the training of a Boxer in a gymnasium must permit that Boxer to undergo a random check weigh-in in front of an authorised Board or Area Council official if so requested by that official.

17. **Timekeepers**

17.1 Each Timekeeper must be the holder of a valid Timekeeper's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for such a licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board. Upon the expiration of the calendar year in which they attain 65 years of age all Timekeepers shall relinquish their licences unless extended at the absolute discretion of the Board.

17.2 The Board or Area Council shall appoint all Timekeepers at a Contest or Promotion.

17.3 The Timekeeper must have in his possession two stop watches of such make that each second is plainly discernible.

17.4 Timekeepers' fees paid to a Timekeeper shall be those determined by the Board from time to time and at present are as follows:-

1-5 Contests:

Whole Tournament £125.00 plus expenses

6-9 Contests:

1st Timekeeper £125.00 plus expense

2nd Timekeeper £125.00 plus expenses

10 Contests and above:

1st Timekeeper £150.00 plus expense

2nd Timekeeper £150.00 plus expenses

17.4.1 If a Timekeeper officiates in a Championship contest he may also receive further fees to be assessed and paid by the Board.

17.4.2 When a Timekeeper is appointed and the tournament abandoned, he shall be paid reasonable expenses by the Promoter.

17.4.3 In the event of a Timekeeper being unable to return to his place of residence on the night of the tournament, reasonable expenses should be allowed in addition to the Second Class fare, such expenses should not exceed the prevailing rate as determined from time to time by the Board.

17.5 Timekeepers should wear dinner jacket and trousers or a dark suit, white shirt and black bow tie and be of clean and tidy appearance when officiating.

17.6 All Timekeepers to be appointed to a Tournament more than 15 miles from their place of residence shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses equal to the current standard rail fare (return). These shall be paid by the Promoter at the relevant Tournament.

18. **Master of Ceremonies**

18.1 Each Master of Ceremonies must be the holder of a Master of Ceremonies licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for such a licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount to be determined from time to time by the Board.

19. **Matchmakers**

19.1 Each Matchmaker must be the holder of a valid Matchmaker's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C.

19.2 Application for a Matchmaker's licence must be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board.

19.3 The holder of a Matchmaker's licence is entitled to act as a Ring Master, Whip or Master of Ceremonies at a Promotion in cases of emergency only. What constitutes an emergency shall be determined by the Steward or Representative in charge at the Promotion.

19.4 A Matchmaker shall obtain his authority in writing from a Promoter before signing any contract on the Promoter's behalf, and then shall only sign "for and on behalf of" that Promoter. No person other than a Promoter (on behalf of his own Promotion) or a duly appointed Matchmaker shall arrange or negotiate contests, or in any way carry out the duties of a Matchmaker.

19.5 A Matchmaker when obtaining authority in writing as provided in Regulation 19.4 shall ensure that his name is duly endorsed on the Promoter's licence in the requisite place and shall ensure that the Promoter lodges his Promoter's licence at the Registered Office for this purpose.

19.6 A Matchmaker shall not be entitled to deduct any commission from a Boxer's Purse or other earnings.

19.7 A licensed Matchmaker shall have duties and responsibilities with regard to Overseas Boxers as are set out in Regulation 20.

20. Overseas Boxers

20.1 All overseas Boxers engaged to box in the Territory shall be represented by a licenced Matchmaker permanently residing in the Territory.

20.2 The Matchmaker shall be responsible for the valid licensing with the B.B.B. of C. of an overseas Boxer and his second or Manager.

20.3 Every overseas Boxer must be in possession of an International Boxer's Licence or other documentation satisfactory to the Board which shall contain the Boxer's current licence status, his boxing record, medical fitness to take part in the proposed contest and containing or being accompanied by a certificate or other evidence of authorisation of his controlling authority, federation, association or state commission.

20.3.1 In the event of the said licence or other satisfactory documentation not being produced the Board may nevertheless, subject to satisfactory evidence being produced to meet his requirements and upon payment of a

fee in an amount determined from time to time by the Board grant the Boxer permission under Rule 4.1, but in this event the overseas Boxer shall forfeit 25 per cent of his Purse which shall be held by the Board or an Area Council pending its decision as to its disposal which decision shall be at its complete discretion.

20.3.2 Overseas Boxers will, when considered necessary by the Board, undergo a trial contest before being granted permission under Rule 4.1.

20.3.3 The Board otherwise may in its absolute discretion grant licences to overseas Boxers on production of evidence of suitable residential qualification in the Territory.

20.3.4 All documents referred to in this Regulation shall be lodged with the secretary of the Area in which the contest is to take place no later than 24 hours before the contest.

20.4 The Matchmaker shall be responsible for the strict observance by the overseas Boxer and those attending him, of these Rules and Regulations with particular regard to Regulation 3 and the provision of Regulation 20.3.

20.4.1 The Matchmaker shall be in attendance for the weigh-in and at the ringside during the contest.

20.4.2 The Matchmaker shall be responsible for having available at all material times the service of an interpreter if he is unable to converse in the language of the overseas Boxer, or his Manager, or vice versa.

21. **Ring Master and Whips**

21.1 Each Ring Master and Whip must be the holder of a valid Ring Master's and Whip's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. Application for such a licence must be accompanied by fees in amounts determined from time to time by the Board.

21.2 The duties of Ring Masters and Whips shall be determined by the Promoter.

22. **Championships of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

22.1(a)	STANDARD WEIGHTS
Flyweight	50.80kg/112lbs/8st and under
Super Flyweight	52.16kg/115lbs/8st 3lbs and under
Bantamweight	53.52kg/118lbs/8st 6lbs and under
Super Bantamweight	55.34kg/122lbs/8st 10lbs and under
Featherweight	57.15kg/126lbs/9st and under

Super Featherweight	58.97kg/130lbs/9st 4lbs and under
Lightweight	61.24kg/135lbs/9st 9lbs and under
Super Lightweight	63.50kg/140lbs/10st and under
Welterweight	66.68kg/147lbs/10st 7lbs and under
Super Welterweight	69.85kg/154lbs/11st and under
Middleweight	72.58kg/160lbs/11st 6lbs and under
Super Middleweight	76.20kg/168lbs/12st and under
Light Heavyweight	79.38kg/175lbs/12st 7lbs and under
Cruiserweight	90.72kg/200lbs/14st 4lbs and under
Heavyweight	Any weight

22.1(b) Following the announcement or contracting of a Championship or Official Eliminating contest both Boxers will be required to attend a check weigh-in before a designated official of the Board or Area Council at a time and place to be determined by the Board or Area Council.

22.1(c) Three days prior to the contest both Boxers will have to submit to a further check weigh-in before a designated official of the Board or Area Council at a time and place to be determined by the Board or Area Council. A Boxer weighing more than 3% above the relevant Championship limit three days prior to the date of the contest will require the sanction of the B.B.B. of C. before being permitted to box for that Championship on the contracted contest date.

22.1(d) Unless expressly authorised by the Board or an Area Council Boxers competing for a Heavyweight Championship will be exempted from Regulations 22.1(b) and (c).

22.2 Immediately before each contest, the Boxer's respective weights shall be announced from the boxing ring.

22.2.1 The weight determines the category. Should either the Champion or the Challenger fail to reach the weight determined by the category at the official weigh-in time they shall be allowed one hour to meet the weight prescribed by the Regulation.

22.2.2 If the Champion makes the weight and the Challenger fails, and the contest goes ahead, the Champion shall retain the title even if he loses the contest.

22.2.3 If the Champion fails to make the weight he will forfeit the championship. In the event that the challenger has made the weight the contest may proceed under the championship conditions. In the event

that the challenger wins the contest he will be recognised as the champion. In the event of any other result the championship will be declared vacant.

22.2.4 Should both contestants fail to make the weight then the title shall be declared vacant and the contest may be carried out as a non-title contest.

22.3 All Championships and eliminating contests for Championships shall be controlled by the Board, and shall be contested under Regulation 3.

22.4 No Boxer may at the same time hold two British, English or Area titles in different weight categories. The Boxer, on winning the second title shall declare which one he shall retain and the relinquished title shall automatically be declared vacant.

22.5 In the event of a British Champion becoming a World or European Champion (at the same or any other weight under an organisation whether or not recognised by the Board) the Board may declare the Champion's British title or titles vacant. If this Boxer subsequently loses the World or European Championship he shall be entitled to claim consideration as the first contender for the British title or titles which the Board vacates under this rule.

22.6 In the event of a British Champion voluntarily relinquishing his British title in order to box for a European or World Championship and subsequently losing the said European or World Championship contest he shall be entitled to claim consideration as the first contender for the British title he relinquished.

22.7 In both paragraphs 22.5 and 22.6 above, the division of any Purse monies for a subsequent British Championship following a Purse offer shall be 50 per cent to each Boxer.

22.8 In the event of an English, Celtic or Area Champion winning a British and Northern Ireland, European and Commonwealth Championship, his English or Area title shall automatically be declared vacant. In the event of an Area Champion winning an English or Celtic Championship his Area Championship shall be declared vacant automatically.

22.9(a) Before advertising or announcing a championship or eliminating contest the promoter must first obtain the necessary sanction. Contracts must be lodged at the Registered Office within a period decided by the Board, at its sole discretion, as reasonable. If

contracts are not lodged as required by the Board the contest may not be sanctioned or any sanction previously given may be withdrawn and action taken by the Board as it deems necessary.

22.9(b) Where the Board orders a champion to defend against a named challenger or nominates two boxers for a vacant championship; or orders a series of eliminating or final eliminating contests; or, in the case of Area Championships the Area Council makes such an order or orders, the Board or Area Council will allow at its absolute discretion a period of time for the boxers or authorised managers and promoters or matchmakers to voluntarily agree terms and forward the signed Boxer/Promoter contracts to the Registered Offices.

In the event that voluntary agreements cannot be reached the Board or Area Council will call for purse offers to be submitted by promoters. Such purse offers shall be submitted in accordance with Regulation 9.32 or 22.7 as applicable.

22.9(c) Other than as provided for in Regulations 9.32(a)(b)(c) and Regulation 22.7 the Board shall determine from time to time the terms and conditions relating to any specific purse offer.

22.10 Championship contests and final eliminating contests shall be 12 rounds of three minutes each round, with one minute rest between each. All English, Celtic, eliminating and Area contests shall normally be 10 rounds of 3 minutes each round with one minute rest between each but this may be varied by the Board or with prior permission of the Board to 12 rounds of three minutes and 1 minute rest between each. In the case of women boxers contesting any Championship, contests may be varied to 10 rounds of 2 minutes each round provided both boxers agree and subject to the prior written permission of the Board.

22.11 Contestants for a British Championship must:-

- (i) Be the holder of a current and renewable boxer's licence issued by the B.B.B. of C. and, for the avoidance of doubt, boxers granted permission under Regulation 4.1(b) do not qualify;
- (ii) Be a British citizen by birth; or be a person born abroad who has since become a British Citizen and has been permanently resident and domiciled in the Territory for a continuous period of not less than five years immediately preceding the Championship contest. Birth certificate and/or passport must be produced to the Board;

- (iii) Be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland who has since become a British citizen.

22.12 A Champion shall forfeit his title in the following circumstances:-

- (a) If defeated in a Championship contest sanctioned and controlled by the Board and at the same weight at which he won his title;
- (b) At the discretion of the Board, if convicted of any arrestable offence while he is the holder of a title;
- (c) If proved guilty, to the satisfaction of the Board, of gross misconduct as a Boxer;
- (d) If he refuses to defend his title after the receipt of a challenge approved, and a date limit given for such a title match, by the Board;
- (e) If a Champion is for any reason unable or unwilling to defend his title when required by the Board to do so;
- (f) If he ceases to be a Member of the British Boxing Board of Control Ltd; or
- (g) If he fails to achieve the specified weight at the weigh-in for the Championship contest.

22.13 In the event that a title becomes vacant pursuant to Regulation 22.12 then the Board shall, in addition have power to impose any penalty upon the immediate past Champion, which in their discretion, is appropriate.

22.14 A Champion shall not be required to defend his title until the expiration of six months or in the case of an English, Celtic or Area Champion, four months from the date of winning or successfully defending his title.

The Board, or, in the case of an Area Championship, the Area Council, may, in their sole discretion, have the power to waive the requirements of this Regulation and order a re-match of the Championship.

22.15 Contenders for Championships or their Managers when arranging a Championship contest must not agree to grant a return Championship contest to the Champion in the event of the title changing hands. Champions are not allowed to demand or stipulate a return Championship contest in the event of their being defeated.

22.16 Where a Champion boxes an eligible contender in a contest which is not sanctioned as being for the Championship and loses, the title shall be declared vacant. Such a contest may however be allowed when declared at a stipulated weight above the particular Championship weight. The permission of the Board is required before a Champion arranges to take part in a non-title contest against an eligible boxer at less than 2lb. over his Championship weight.

22.17 In the case of the Heavyweight Champion being defeated in a contest not recognised by the Board as a Championship and the opponent being an eligible contender for the title, the Board may declare the title vacant.

22.18 No Boxer contesting a Championship contest shall engage in a contest within 28 days before the date fixed for such Championship except with the prior written permission from the Board.

22.19 In the event of the Champion wishing to defend his title voluntarily, the Board's approval must first be obtained.

22.20 The actual weight of both Boxers must not be recorded or announced when a Champion is boxing in a contest at a weight over the Championship weight when his opponent is a possible contender for the title held by the Champion. Both contestants need only prove they are not more than the agreed weight. Only when a Champion boxing at a weight over the weight of his division exceeds the contracted weight must his actual weight be recorded or announced.

22.21 Boxers chosen by the Board or an Area Council for eliminating contests for Championships shall not box in contests at less than 2lb. over the Championship weight until the Championship series is ended. If his opponent weighs in under the Championship weight, the exact weight of the chosen contender shall not be recorded or announced unless he is overweight.

22.22 Notwithstanding Regulation 22.12 a Boxer can only be declared a Champion by winning a contest under Championship conditions.

22.23 Gloves and bandages used in the Championship contests must be provided to the Board and handed to the duly appointed Inspector(s) in charge at the Promotion. Notwithstanding the requirements of Regulation 3.24 the Stewards may exercise their discretion, subject to application, to permit Championship boxers to wear different makes of gloves by mutual agreement and this may apply to any other feature

contest, so designated by the Stewards. The Inspector shall inspect and sign or stamp the bandages of a Boxer before the Boxer is gloved. The Inspector(s) may supervise the bandaging of the hands and the gloving of the Boxers which may be in the presence of a representative of the Boxer's opponent.

22.24 In the event of the Board declaring that a series of eliminating contests shall take place to find the contenders to meet a Champion at any weight, and before the final of the series has taken place should another Boxer not in the eliminating series prove himself to the satisfaction of the Stewards of equal merit to the other contenders, the Board may approve a contest between the Champion and such other contender as being for the Championship on condition that both Boxers agree that in the event of being declared the winner of the Championship they will forego Regulation 22.14 and meet the finalist of the series by a date determined by the Board.

22.25 The Board or in the case of an Area Championship the Area Council, may withdraw a Boxer from any eliminating series or contest in the event of the Boxer being defeated before taking part in the Eliminator, and may, at their discretion, substitute the winner or another Boxer. The Board or Council may order a rematch of the two Boxers who have engaged in an Eliminator.

22.26 A Boxer who has been asked by the Board or an Area Council to take part in a Championship or eliminating series may be withdrawn at any time by the Board or such Area Council, if it is not satisfied as to his current form, fitness, ability to make the required weight satisfactorily or for any other reason that it shall consider advisable.

22.27 Any Boxer withdrawing from an eliminating contest for reasons not acceptable to the Board or Area Council shall not be permitted to take part in a voluntary defence at that weight for a period of 12 months.

22.28 The Board shall award a Lord Lonsdale Championship Challenge Belt for every British Championship and such belt shall become the property of any Boxer who shall win a Championship contest on four occasions in the same weight division, such wins to include at least one mandatory defence. No Boxer shall receive more than one belt as his own property in any one weight division. In the event of a Champion not being called upon to defend his title for a period of three years from winning the title date, the Board may, at its discretion, authorise the belt to become the property of such Champion.

22.29 In the event of Championships or eliminating contests being held and one or both of the Boxers residing outside a distance of 100 miles of the venue at which the contest takes place the Boxer(s) shall report to the Promoter the night before the contest.

22.30 Before any contest for a British Championship can take place a sanction fee at the prevailing rate must be paid to the Board by the Promoter.

22.31 Area Championships shall be organised, managed and supervised by each respective Area Council. Those eligible to take part in such Area Championships will be any Boxer who was born in that Area, notwithstanding that his permanent address is in another Area; or, any Boxer who is licensed by the B.B.B. of C. and has been resident in the Area for not less than three years.

Any Boxer having boxed for any Championship of one Area shall never be eligible to box for any Championship of another Area.

English or Celtic Championships shall be organised, managed and supervised by the Board. Those eligible to take part in such English Championships will be any Boxer who was born in England, or has resided in England for not less than five (5) years, and who is licensed by the B.B.B. of C. Those eligible to take part in such Celtic Championships will be any Boxer who was born in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales or has resided in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales for not less than five (5) years, and who is licensed by the B.B.B. of C

Any Boxer having boxed for any Championship of England shall never be eligible to box for an Area Championship of Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales. Any Boxer who has boxed for any Championship of the Scottish, Northern Irish or Welsh Area shall never be eligible to box for any Championship of England

Any Boxer having boxed for any Championship of the Northern, Central, Southern and Midlands Areas (since the introduction of Celtic Championships) shall never be eligible to box for any Celtic Championship.

Any Boxer who having boxed for an English Championship shall never be eligible to box for any Celtic Championship.

Any Boxer who having boxed for a Celtic Championship shall never be eligible to box for any English Championship.

22.31.1 Referees for Area Championships shall be appointed by the Area Council concerned. If after the appointment is made an Area Championship is recognised by the Board as an official British title eliminator, the appointment may remain unaltered should the original appointment have been of an 'A' Category official rather than an 'A' Star.

22.32 The sanction fee for any Area Championship contest shall be such amount as the Board shall determine each year. The sanction fee shall be non-refundable. If the Area Council approves the proposed contest for the Area Championship (the "Approval"), the sanction fee shall be paid to the relevant Area Council within 7 days of the Area Council notifying the Promoter of the Approval, and signed contracts for the contest shall be sent so that the Secretary of the relevant Area Council receives them within 14 days of the Area Council notifying the Promoter of the Approval. If within such time limits the sanction fee is not paid or the contracts are not sent, the contest shall automatically no longer be approved for the Area Championship.

23. **Commonwealth, European, Continental and Associated and World Championships**

23.1 Commonwealth, European and World Championships when promoted in Great Britain and Northern Ireland must be organised and controlled in accordance with the Regulations of the B.B.B. of C. except where such Regulations may be at variance with those of any Commonwealth, European or World Boxing Authorities with whom the B.B.B. of C. may for the time being be affiliated, when the Regulations of such Authorities shall apply subject to approval by the B.B.B. of C.

23.2 Before advertising or announcing a Championship or eliminating contest the Promoter must first obtain the necessary sanction. Contracts must be lodged at the Registered Office within a period decided by the Board, at its sole discretion, as reasonable. If contracts are not lodged as required by the Board the contest may not be sanctioned or any sanction previously given may be withdrawn and action taken by the Board as it deems necessary.

23.3 The Board shall appoint the Steward in Charge, Timekeeper and Inspectors (and, where it considers appropriate, the Supervisor, Referee and/or judges) for World, European, Continental and Associated and Commonwealth Championships when such contests take place in the Territory.

23.4 In the event of an Area Champion winning a Commonwealth,

European, or World Championship, his Area title shall automatically be declared vacant.

23.5 Regulations 22.1(b), (c) and (d) will apply for International Championships or Official Eliminating contests. In the event that one or either of the Boxers is normally resident overseas it will be necessary for that Boxer to arrange a check weigh-in, upon the announcement or contracting of such Championship or Official Eliminator to be forwarded by the fastest means to Head Office of the Board and the Promoter shall be responsible for arranging this.

24. **Complaints**

24.1 Any complaint of a Member or differences and questions coming within the provisions of these Rules and Regulations must be lodged with his Area Council or the Board if there is no such Area Council and the fact of membership of the Company shall constitute an agreement to refer all such complaints, differences and questions in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and shall be enforceable as an agreement to refer under the Arbitration Act 1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

24.2 Upon receipt of notice of a complaint the Board may order that the same shall be referred to and heard by the Board. The Board may require the Complaint to be accompanied by a deposit in such sum as the Board may determine. If the Complaint is not pursued or is not successful the deposit may be forfeited to the Board. Further, if the Complaint is referred to a Specialist Service Provider pursuant to Regulation 26.2, such deposit shall be forfeited to the Board to indemnify the Board against any sum for which the Board is or may become liable to the Specialist Service Provider.

24.2.1 If the party making the complaint resides in a different Area from the party against whom the complaint is made, then, subject to Regulation 24.2 the Board shall decide by which Area Council the complaint shall be heard.

24.3 When notified of a complaint the Board or the Area Council shall have a complete discretion to refuse to hear such complaint.

24.4 If the Board or the Area Council decide that they will hear the complaint, they shall proceed to determine the same and make such order as they may in their absolute discretion think fit. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Board or Area Council shall have the power to withdraw a licence or to suspend the same for such a period or between

such dates as they may decide and/or make such an order as to the validity of contract as they consider fit and/or to award compensation.

25. **Misconduct**

25.1 The Board or an Area Council may require any Member to appear before it in connection with any allegation of misconduct made by any person.

25.1.1 For the purposes of this Regulation misconduct shall mean conduct detrimental to the interests of boxing or the public interest and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing shall include:–

- (a) any breach of these Rules and Regulations;
- (b) any failure to comply with an order made by the Board or an Area Council;
- (c) any failure to honour any contractual obligation;
- (d) any attempt, directly or indirectly, to induce the breaking of any contractual obligation;
- (e) incompetence.

25.2 The Board or the Area Council shall proceed to determine the matter and if they determine that a Member is guilty of the misconduct alleged, they may make such an order as they in their absolute discretion think fit. The Board or the Area Council shall, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, have power to withdraw a licence or to suspend the same for such period or between such dates as they may decide, and/or to impose such other penalty, including a fine, as they may decide and/or make such order as to the validity of a contract as they consider fit and/or award compensation.

25.3 If an order for the suspension or withdrawal of a licence is made in respect of a Member holding more than one licence, the Board or the Area Council may suspend or withdraw any or all of the licences held by such member.

25.3.1 All fines imposed under this or any other Regulation shall be credited to the British Boxing Board of Control Charity.

26. **Procedure at Hearings**

26.1 The provisions of this Regulation shall apply except as herein otherwise expressly stated, to all hearings under Regulations 24 and 25.

26.2 The Board or Area Council shall at all times be able to appoint a sub-committee, which shall consist of not less than three members of the

Board or the said Area Council to hear or determine complaints under Regulation 24 and allegations of misconduct under Regulation 25.

The Board shall also at all times be able to refer complaints under Regulation 24 and/or allegations of misconduct under Regulation 25 to a Specialist Service Provider contained on the Board's approved list for final and binding arbitration in accordance with these Regulations, the Arbitration Act 1996 and the Specialist Service Providers arbitration rules.

Any reference to the Board or an Area Council in those Regulations or this Regulation shall be deemed to include a sub-committee of the same, duly appointed, or any panel appointed by a Specialist Service Provider in accordance with the above.

The decision of such sub-committee or duly appointed arbitral panel shall be deemed to be the decision of the Board or the said Area Council.

26.3 The Board or Area Council shall give ten clear days notice to all Members concerned to appear under Regulations 24 or 25, except that the Chairman of the Board or Area Council may decide, under special circumstances, that a lesser period of notice shall be given to the Member. The decision of the Chairman in this respect shall be final.

26.4 Such notice shall include the date and place of the hearing and notification to the Members of their right to attend and/or be legally represented, or have their case conducted by a licensed Member.

It shall also include particulars of the nature of the complaint or of the alleged misconduct.

26.5 The Board or an Area Council; may decide either prior to, or during, a hearing of a complaint under Regulation 24 to hear at the same time an allegation of misconduct under Regulation 25, notwithstanding the lack of formal notice thereof to the Member concerned, provided that the Chairman of the Board or Area Council, whose decision shall be final, is satisfied that the said Member is not prejudiced by the lack of such notice.

26.6 When a complaint under Regulation 24 and an allegation of misconduct under Regulation 25 are heard at the same time, the Board or Area Council shall have the powers under the respective Regulations to make such order in respect of the complaint and the allegation of misconduct as they shall, in their absolute discretion, think fit.

26.7 The Board or Area Council may, in relation to the hearing of a complaint made under Regulation 24 or of an allegation of misconduct made to pursuant to Regulation 25, require any Member to attend as a witness.

26.8 The Board or Area Council may, at its discretion, pay a witness the reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in such attendance.

26.9 The Board or Area Council may, on determination of any complaint or allegation of misconduct, make such order for costs as they think fit.

26.10 Any Member who is subject of any order made shall be given written notice thereof by the Secretary of the Board or Area Council, with all reasonable despatch.

27. **Stewards of Appeal**

27.1 The Stewards of Appeal shall meet from time to time as and when necessary to hear appeals from decisions in accordance with Regulation 28 and the Articles.

27.2 The provisions of Article 14 of the Articles (as amended or replaced or superseded from time to time) shall apply in relation to the Stewards of Appeal, their appointment, powers and procedures.

28. **Appeal**

28.1 Any Member (an “appellant”) affected by any decision or order of the Board, any Area Council or any sub-committee or of Specialist Service Provider appointed pursuant to Regulation 24 or 25 (each of them, the Board, such Area Council, sub-committee or Specialist Service Provider being hereafter in this Regulation respectively referred to as “the Tribunal”) may give notice of appeal in accordance with Regulation 28.4 to the General Secretary.

28.2 No notice of appeal may be given unless, when the decision of the Tribunal requires the payment by the Appellant of a sum of money whether by way of fine or compensation, such sum shall be deposited with the Tribunal or Specialist Service Provider to hold upon trust at the same time as notice of appeal is given or if the Appellant without good cause did not appear personally at the first hearing of the case held before the Board, Area Council or Sub-Committee thereof.

28.3 Notice of appeal shall be in writing stating the grounds upon which the appeal is to be made and must be received by the General Secretary within 14 clear days of the receipt or deemed receipt by the Appellant of the decision or order of the Tribunal or Specialist Service Provider. Every Appellant shall deposit with the General Secretary a sum at the prevailing rate at the same time as notice of appeal is given. If the Appeal is not pursued or unsuccessful then such sum shall be forfeited to the B.B.B.C. (charity number 1068585).

28.4 The General Secretary shall (within 7 days following receipt of notice of appeal) notify the chairman of the Stewards of Appeal of the same. A summary of the evidence adduced before the Tribunal shall be prepared by the Secretary of the relevant Area Council or the General Secretary as the case may be and shall be given or sent by first class prepaid post to the parties, at least 14 days prior to the date fixed for the hearing of any appeal.

28.5 Subject as hereinafter mentioned, every appeal of whatsoever nature and howsoever arising shall take the form of a rehearing and the person or body originally making the complaint must be prepared to prove the same.

28.6 If new evidence is adduced by either party the Stewards of Appeal may decide to send the case back for hearing by the Tribunal from whose decision the appeal is made.

28.7 The Stewards of Appeal shall have power to order any Member to attend as a witness and to direct the payment of conduct money to witnesses.

28.8 The Tribunal shall appoint a representative to be present and to assist at the appeal, but who shall take no part in the decision of the Stewards of Appeal.

28.9 Subject to Article 14.1.3 (as amended or replaced or superseded from time to time) and unless otherwise ordered by the Tribunal concerned, any penalty or sanction shall not take effect until the appeal is determined.

28.10 The Stewards of Appeal may confirm, or vary any such decision or order made by the Tribunal, and every decision of the Stewards of Appeal shall be final. All decisions of the Stewards of Appeal shall be reported to the next meeting of the Tribunal following such decision. The Stewards of Appeal may make such order as to costs as they shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

28.11 Any party to an appeal may be legally represented by Counsel, a solicitor or a Member.

29. **Appearance of Member before Board**

The Board, Area Council or a Committee appointed by the Board may, on its own initiative, require any member to appear before it on any matter relating to the conduct of professional boxing.

30. **Betting**

Otherwise than with the express approval of the Board given in advance, no tournament shall be held at a venue at which arrangements are made by the Promoter or otherwise for betting facilities (whether licensed or not) to be

available either in the hall where any boxing contest is scheduled to take place or any other part of the venue. Further, should it come to the attention of the Board, subsequent to approval of a venue having been given, that betting facilities will be available at it, such approval shall be withdrawn forthwith.

30(a) A Member shall not directly or indirectly bet or permit, direct, allow or enable any person for the Member's benefit or gain to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other outcome in connection therewith of a contest in which the Member is participating or proposing to participate in any capacity or which the Member has any influence, either direct or indirect.

31. **Dope Testing**

31(i) The Board has adopted Anti-Doping Rules that impose clear prohibitions and controls on doping in professional boxing. The Anti-Doping Rules are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by the Drug-Free Sport Directorate of UK Sport (or its successor) as amended from time to time.

31(ii) The Anti-Doping Rules shall be deemed to be part of, and form part of, the general Rules and Regulations of the Board and have like force and effect but in the event of any conflict or duplication between the Anti-Doping Rules and any other Rule or Regulation of the board the provisions of the Anti-Doping Rules shall prevail.

31(iii) The Anti-Doping Rules apply to all persons licensed permanently, provisionally or temporarily to participate in professional boxing in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Board, whether or not the licence holder is a citizen of, or resident in, the Territory.

31(iv) All such licensed persons as described above shall be deemed to have made him/herself familiar with, and agreed to be bound to, comply with, and abide strictly by the Anti-Doping Rules and all other anti-doping rules applicable to him/her, and submit to the authority of the Board, any designee(s) of the Board, including UK Sport and its Directorates and the National Anti-Doping Organisation in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

BRITISH BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL LIMITED

APPROVED BOXER/MANAGER AGREEMENT

The First Schedule Form No. 36

THIS AGREEMENT is made on theday of20.....

BETWEEN

(1)("the Boxer")

AND

(2)("the Manager")

CONDITIONS

1.1 This Agreement is conditional upon:

- (i) The Boxer being or becoming within 60 days the holder of current and unsuspended Boxer's Licence issued by the British Boxing Board of Control Limited ("the Board");
- (ii) The Manager being or becoming within 60 days the holder of a current and unsuspended Manager's Licence issued by the Board; and
- (iii) The Manager lodging a copy of this Agreement with the Board within 14 days of the date hereof.

1.2 If the Manager lives more than 50 miles from the Boxer, this Agreement is also conditional upon the Manager having satisfied the Board that suitable arrangements have been made for the training and supervision of the Boxer.

1.3 The Boxer and the Manager will each use reasonable endeavours to procure that all of these conditions are satisfied.

APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION OF MANAGER

2. The Boxer appoints the Manager, and the Manager agrees to act, as the Boxer's sole and exclusive Manager throughout the period of this Agreement. In this connection (and subject to the following clauses of the Agreement) the Boxer authorises the Manager to act as his agent and to enter into contracts on his behalf.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE MANAGER

General

3. The Manager will use reasonable skill and care in performing his obligations under this Agreement. In particular, and in any event, the Manager will:

- (i) Supervise and take all reasonable steps to preserve the health and safety of the Boxer in the context of his profession;
- (ii) Comply with, and do everything reasonable to ensure that the Boxer complies with, the Rules and Regulations of the Board;
- (iii) Arrange and supervise an appropriate training programme for the Boxer; and
- (iv) Arrange and supervise an appropriate programme of suitable boxing and other engagements for the Boxer; in addition to boxing contests, those engagements may relate to:
 - work as a sparring partner
 - contributions to publications or to radio, television or other broadcasts
 - stage, cinema or other personal appearances
 - advertisements or endorsements acceptable to, and honestly subscribed to by, the Boxer
 - any other suitable activities whatsoever; and
- (v) In performing his obligations as above, take into account any views the Boxer may have, and in particular to permit the Boxer the right to decline on reasonable grounds any opponent suggested to him by the Manager.
- (vi) If the Boxer is not satisfied with the number or quality of Boxing or other engagements arranged by, or opponents selected by, the Manager, the Boxer may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies he may have, refer the matter to the Board in accordance with Clause 14 below, and the Board or relevant Area Council (as the case may be) shall decide whether the Boxer may be released from this Agreement.

The Terms to be obtained for a Boxer

4. The Manager will arrange the Boxer's professional affairs and engagements so as to secure for the Boxer all due and proper profit and reward.
5. In particular, and subject to Clause 6 below, the Manager will ensure that, in relation to every engagement which he arranges on behalf of the Boxer, the Boxer obtains terms which are fair and reasonable and as advantageous to the Boxer as are reasonably obtainable.

Possible Conflicts of Interest

- 6.1 The Manager will immediately notify the Boxer in writing on Board Form No. 36A if he is intending to arrange an engagement or engagements on behalf of the Boxer and:
 - (i) The Manager will himself be the Promoter or other person with whom the Boxer will be entering into a contract; or
 - (ii) The Manager has any financial or other association with the intended Promoter or other person which affects, or might reasonably be thought to affect, the Manager's ability to act independently in the best interests of the Boxer.
- 6.2 The Manager will not enter into any such engagement unless and until:
 - (i) The terms offered to the Boxer are fair and reasonable and no less advantageous to the Boxer than the terms (if any) which the Boxer could reasonably have expected to obtain if the Manager had been wholly independent of the relevant Promoter or other person;
 - (ii) A written copy of those terms has been provided to the Boxer and they have been fully explained to him by the Manager;
 - (iii) The Boxer has been given a reasonable opportunity to consider those terms and to renegotiate them if he should so wish; and
 - (iv) The Boxer has accepted those terms or any renegotiated terms in writing.
- 6.3 In the circumstances envisaged by Clause 6.1 above:
 - (i) Unless the Manager has given the Boxer notification in writing as aforesaid, then the Manager will not arrange an engagement on behalf of the Boxer on terms which exclude the provisions set out in Clause 10 of the standard form of Boxer/Promoter Contract ("Board Form 35");

- (ii) In the event of the Manager being in breach of the foregoing sub-clause, he will pay the Boxer in respect of the engagement a sum equivalent to the fee to which the Boxer would have been entitled by virtue of Clause 10 of the Board Form 35, such sum in the case of dispute to be determined by the Board or Area Council concerned.

Accounts and Receipts

- 7.1 The Manager will promptly and in any event within 14 working days after each contest:
 - (i) Render to the Boxer a full and accurate written account of any money which the Manager receives, and any reasonable and proper expenses which he incurs in connection with the performance of his obligations under this Agreement; and
 - (ii) Pay to the Boxer any money which the Manager receives and to which the Boxer is entitled.
- 7.2 Should either party so require it each party will permit his records of expenses to be inspected at any time during normal business hours by a registered auditor.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOXER

- 8. The Boxer will:
 - (i) Use his reasonable endeavours to keep himself in the best possible physical condition;
 - (ii) Comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Board;
 - (iii) Accept and fulfil to the best of his ability all engagements which are reasonably arranged for him by the Manager in accordance with this Agreement; and
 - (iv) Promptly pay the Manager any money which the Boxer receives and to which the Manager is entitled.
- 9. Save as is hereinbefore expressly provided, except with the Manager's prior written permission, the Boxer will not:
 - (i) Arrange any engagements of the type which the Manager has undertaken to arrange; or
 - (ii) Authorise or permit any other person to arrange such engagements on his behalf.

The Manager will not withhold this permission unreasonably.

RECEIPTS, EXPENSES AND COMMISSION

10.1 Any money which the Boxer or the Manager receives

- (i) As payment for an engagement arranged by the Manager during the period of this Agreement; or
- (ii) From a testimonial or other event or transaction incidental to the Boxer's profession which takes place during the period of this Agreement, shall be applied and divided as follows:

10.2 (i) Any sums payable to the Board shall be paid to it

- (ii) Any proper, necessary and reasonable training, travelling or other expenses incurred by the Boxer or the Manager shall be reimbursed to each of them

(iii) 25 per cent of the balance shall be paid to or retained by the Manager by way of commission and

(iv) The remainder shall be paid to or retained by the Boxer.

10.3 For the avoidance of doubt it is expressly agreed that:

(i) the Manager shall not be entitled to receive or deduct any other payment or sum in connection with the performance of his obligations under this Agreement; and

(ii) any professional fees incurred in arranging non-boxing engagements for the Boxer shall be paid by the Manager out of his 25% commission; and

(iii) the Manager shall not be entitled to be paid 25% or any sum in respect of monies received by the Boxer for engagements which are arranged by or for the Boxer with the permission of the Manager pursuant to Clause 9 hereof or where the permission referred to in Clause 9 has been unreasonably refused.

DURATION

11. This Agreement shall continue in force for an initial period of (not being more than 3 years). That period ("the Initial Period") may be extended in the circumstances set out in Clause 12 below.

12.1 If during the Initial Period:

(i) The Boxer wins a British Championship or European, Commonwealth or World Championship organised by a controlling body to which the Board is affiliated; and

(ii) At the time the initial period has less than two years to run, the Manager may serve a written notice ("an Extension Notice")

extending the duration of this Agreement. Any such extension shall expire not later than 18 months after the date on which the Boxer wins the relevant championship.

12.2 The Manager may serve only one Extension Notice in respect of this Agreement and he shall not withdraw such a notice without the written consent of the Boxer.

12.3 An Extension Notice shall be invalid and of no effect unless:

- (i) it is served on the Boxer, and a copy is served on the Board, within 60 days of the Boxer winning the relevant Championship;
- (ii) it specifies the period of the proposed extension and, in particular, the date upon which that extension will expire; and
- (iii) it reminds the Boxer of his right to ask the Board to disallow the proposed extension.

12.4 The Boxer may object to any such extension by serving written notice of objection on the Manager and the Board within 30 days of the service of the Extension Notice. If he does so, and if that objection is held by the Board to be reasonable, the Extension Notice shall be of no effect.

DETERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

13.1 The Boxer or the Manager may determine this Agreement by notice in writing if the other party:

- (i) Is guilty of any serious breach of his obligation under it; or
- (ii) Ceases for more than 60 days to be a holder of an appropriate current and unsuspended Licence issued by the Board.

13.2 The Boxer may determine this Agreement in the event of the Manager having a bankruptcy order made against him.

DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION

14. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with Regulations 24, 26 and 28 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. The procedures set out in those Regulations must be exhausted and an award must be made (including, if appropriate, an award made on appeal pursuant to Regulation 28) before the Boxer or the Manager may commence any legal proceedings or make any application to a Court.

NON-ASSIGNMENT

15. The rights and obligations conferred and imposed by this Agreement are personal to the parties and may not be assigned or transferred.

GENERAL

- 16.1 It is hereby agreed that nothing herein contained is intended to or shall constitute any partnership between the parties hereto.
- 16.2 Failure or neglect by either party to enforce at any time any of the provisions hereof shall not be construed nor shall be deemed to be a waiver of that party's rights hereunder nor in any way affect the validity of the whole of any part of this Agreement nor prejudice that party's rights to take subsequent action.

LAW

- 17 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

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Signed by the Boxer

Dated Witness

Address

Signature of witness

Signed by the Manager

Dated Witness

Address

Signature of witness

**NOTICE BY A MANAGER TO A BOXER FOR WHOM
IT IS INTENDED TO ARRANGE BOXING
ENGAGEMENTS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE
MANAGER WILL ACT AS OR BE ASSOCIATED WITH
THE PROMOTER**

I
in my capacity as your Manager pursuant to a British Boxing Board of Control

Limited Boxer/Manager Agreement dated the hereby give
notice that:

I intend to arrange boxing engagements for you in relation to which I shall be
acting as or associated with the Promoter of such contests.

In the event that I am successful in arranging such engagements, these will
come within Clause 6 of the aforesaid Boxer/Manager Agreement, being
engagements where there will be a possible conflict of interest between us.

Before entering into such engagements you have the rights set out in Clause 6.2
of the aforesaid Boxer/Manager Agreement and the right to know the nature
and extent of any financial association which I have with the intended
Promoter.

This notice remains in force during the whole period of our Boxer/Manager
Agreement as aforesaid and any lawful extension thereof.

In the event of any dispute between us as to the interpretation and effect of this
notice, you have the right to seek the determination of such dispute by the
British Boxing Board of Control.

To the Boxer

Signed

I, the above mentioned Boxer,
acknowledge that I have read and understood the contents of this notice.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Form No. 35

BRITISH BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL LIMITED PROMOTER and BOXER

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

(For the use of Members of the B.B.B. of C. only)

Where alternatives appear in italics they must all except one be struck out

THIS AGREEMENT is made on theday of20.....
betweenof
.....(hereinafter called “the Promoter”) of the
first part and
of.....(hereinafter called “the Boxer”)
of the second part

1. Words and expressions defined in the Rules and Regulations (“the Rules and Regulations”) of British Boxing Board of Control Limited (“B.B.B. of C.”) (save where the context otherwise requires and/or where otherwise provided herein) shall bear the same meaning wherever used in this Agreement.
2. The Boxer shall appear and box at
.....on the *afternoon/evening* of
.....in a contest of.....rounds of
.....minutes each round againstof
or such substitute Boxer (hereinafter called the opponent Boxer) as
hereinafter provided in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

3. The Boxer shall weigh-in at.....stone.....lb at
.....a.m. at
.....p.m.
on the date of the contest. If overweight the Boxer shall be allowed one hour to make the agreed weight. If he is then overweight he shall pay a weight forfeit to the opponent of £
4. The Promoter shall provide in his agreement with the opponent Boxer that the opponent Boxer shall weigh in at.....stone.....lb (under similar conditions to the Boxer) and if overweight the opponent Boxer shall pay a weight forfeit to the Boxer of £
5. The Promoter shall be responsible for the collection and payment of weight forfeits. The payment of forfeit money as above shall in no way prevent the Board or Area Council taking any action they deem necessary under Regulation 25 of the Rules and Regulations.
6. If the opponent Boxer shall be more than.....lb above the stipulated weight, the Boxer will not box him and shall be paid the agreed weight forfeit.
7. In the event of the Boxer failing to appear and box or to weigh-in as provided above (except under circumstances set out under Article 16(a) of this Agreement) in consequence of which the contest does not take place, he shall pay to the Promoter damages as may be assessed by the Board or Area Council after being satisfied that such additional damages have been incurred.
8. In the event of the Promoter failing to supply a duly qualified opponent he shall pay the Boxer damages as may be assessed by the Board or Area Council after being satisfied that such damages have been incurred.
9. (a) In consideration for boxing as above the Promoter shall pay the Boxer the sum of £..... For the purpose of this Agreement it is agreed that this amount does not include Value Added Tax.
(b) The Promoter shall deduct such sum as may be payable in accordance with Regulation 9.35 of the Rules and Regulations and shall forthwith pay the B.B.B. of C. the monies so deducted.
10. The Boxer shall on the signing of this Agreement deposit the sum of £..... with the Board or Area Council as a guarantee of his appearance and his compliance with the conditions. In the event of the contest taking place, the sum deposited shall be returned to the Boxer.
11. The Referee shall be appointed by the Board or Area Council of the B.B.B. of C.

12. The Boxer shall not box publicly days before the date of the contest without the consent in writing of the Promoter.
13. The Boxer, within thirty six hours of the contest, shall be certified in a fit condition to box by a duly qualified Medical Officer appointed by the Promoter, or, if called upon to do by the Board, Area Council or the Promoter at any time by a Medical Officer appointed by the Board or Area Council.
14. The Boxer shall from the date hereof until the contest conform in all respects to the reasonable arrangements made by the Promoter for, or in any way concerning, the contest, and shall not be guilty of any act or conduct calculated or which might reasonably be expected to render him unfit to carry out the terms of this Agreement in all respects and will carry out all reasonable requirements of the Promoter which are put forward for the success of the contest and the fitness of the Boxer.

NOTE: Promoters, Managers and Boxers should particularly note lines 4 and 5 of the first paragraph of Clause 10.

15. (a) IN THE EVENT OF THE BOXER BEING DECLARED MEDICALLY UNFIT TO FULFIL THIS ENGAGEMENT HE SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE PROMOTER. THE BOXER AGREES NOT TO ENTER INTO ANY OTHER AGREEMENT, OTHER THAN THOSE REPORTED TO THE PROMOTER BEFORE THE TIME OF SUCH UNFITNESS, BEFORE HE HAS FULFILLED THIS CONTRACT, SUBJECT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED.
- (b) The Boxer shall notify the Promoter in writing within seven days after being declared unfit.
- (c) The Promoter after being so notified shall offer in writing within seven days a date for the contest contracted for herein which shall take place at the first reasonable opportunity. In the event of the parties being unable to agree on the date the Board or Area Council, whose decision shall be final, shall decide.
- (d) In the event of the contest not being fulfilled within twenty-eight days of reporting fit nothing shall prevent the Boxer from entering into an agreement to box before the date agreed for the fulfilment of this Contract, subject always to there being no contravention of Clause 12 of the re-arranged contest.
- (e) In the event of the Promoter, for adequate reasons, not giving a date to the Boxer in accordance with the above provisions, the

deposit shall be returned to the Boxer and thereafter each party shall be at liberty to enter into such other arrangements as he may desire, and this Agreement shall be considered at an end.

The decision as to what constitute adequate reasons shall be a matter for the Board or Area Council, whose decision shall be final.

- (f) If, however the Boxer's unfitness is caused by his own misconduct, such misconduct shall be reported to, and dealt with, by the Board or Area Council.
16. In the event of the said being unable to appear through any cause whatsoever the Boxer agrees to box a substitute of *similar skill* to be mutually agreed upon. If parties are unable to mutually agree on a suitable substitute the Board or Area Council, whose decision shall be final, shall select an opponent.
 17. Representatives of the Board, Area Council and the Promoter shall have access to witness the training of the Boxer at any time after the signing of these Articles.
 18. The Boxer shall be at the place of the contest on at o'clock.
 19. Seconds are allowed free admission with the Boxer, and should the Boxer be working on percentage he is entitled to bring extra persons to look after his financial interests.
 20. In the event of the venue of the contest being in the open air and the tournament being postponed owing to weather conditions, such as fog, rain, etc, the Promoter shall pay to the Boxer such reasonable expenses as may be agreed or as failing agreement the Board or Area Council may decide.
 21. After all deposits have been repaid this Agreement shall be null and void in the event of the stated venue not being available by reason of strikes, Queen's enemies, force majeure, or by order of any authorised authority, and in the event of any decision of the B.B.B. of C. affecting the contest or any other parties concerned therewith, causing it to be impossible to hold the contest.
 22. In case any dispute shall arise as to any matter arising under or out of this Agreement, and whether this Agreement has been abandoned, rescinded or determined by forfeiture or otherwise, and whether the claims arise under this Agreement or from the breach, rescission or abandonment thereof, it shall be referred for decision to the Board or Area Council.

AS WITNESS WHEREOF the parties herein mentioned have hereunto set their hands this day and year first before written.

Witness

Promoter's
Signature

Witness

Boxer's Authorised
Manager's Signature

Witness

Guardian's Signature

OPTION CLAUSE

The Boxer agrees to grant the Promoter an option of further contests under similar terms and conditions, provided these contests take place within of the contest provided for in Article 2 of this Agreement.
Provided:-

- (a) each subsequent contest under this Agreement takes place no later than six (6) months after the previous one;
- (b) the opponents in such further contests are mutually agreed upon and in the event of the parties being unable to reach agreement the matter being referred to the Board or Area Council whose decision shall be final.
- (c) this Agreement being up to a maximum of six (6) further contests to take place within a maximum of three (3) years thereafter the Agreement to terminate except as provided for below;
- (d) that in the event of the Boxer's licence being suspended for medical or disciplinary reasons (other than up to 45 days under Regulation 5.8(c)) or the Boxer being unable to box for medical or other reasons, such period of time will be discounted for the purposes of the length of this Agreement and Clause (a) as above;
- (e) that if during the course of this Agreement the Promoter's licence is suspended for any reason the Agreement will automatically expire under Clause (a) as above or the conclusion of the period of the Agreement being a maximum of three (3) years.

Agreed purses for subsequent contests

1.....	£.....
2.....	£.....
3.....	£.....
4.....	£.....
5.....	£.....
6.....	£.....

Boxer's Authorised

Manager's Signature

NO SIGNATURE – NO OPTION

Witness

Guardian's Signature

Details of Engagements already arranged (see Clause 16(a))

<i>Date of Contest</i>	<i>Promoter</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
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THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Form No. 35A

CONTEST AGREEMENT (BOXER-PROMOTER)

PART A (to be completed by Promoter or Match Maker)

To: Boxer or Manager

Date Venue

Boxer Opponent

Number and duration of rounds

Weight Weight Forfeit Purse
(if applicable)

Signature of Promoter/Match Maker

Address

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PART B (to be completed by Boxer or Manager, detached and returned to Promoter or Match Maker)

To: Promoter or Match Maker

Date Venue

Boxer Opponent

Number and duration of rounds

I accept/reject the above contest:

Signature of Boxer or Manager

N.B. – This agreement shall in every case be subject to the Regulations of the B.B.B. of C. and the provisions of Form 35 (Boxer/Promoter Contract).