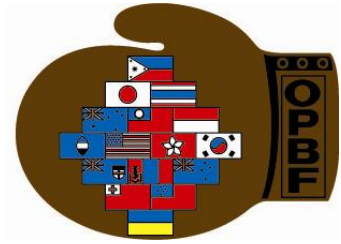


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A Statement against AIBA-Pro

We should seriously address AIBA's activities in professional boxing and intention to have professional boxers compete in the Olympic Games.

We have considered what stance we should take and, after much thought and discussion with all the boxing elements, now formally express opposition to both AIBA participation in professional boxing and professional boxers being allowed to participate in the Olympics.

The reasons are:

1.- Olympic Games boxing has an independent and special role for boxing in general. This is especially so in developing countries, where there is little or no professional boxing. Here, amateur boxing makes great contributions to the spread of boxing, worldwide.

2.- Olympic Games boxing is the biggest and final aim of many boxers from all over the world. Almost all professional boxers, managers, promoters and boxing commissions respect the principles on amateurism and consider that Olympic boxing is sacred and an inviolable stage for amateur boxers.

3.- If AIBA declares and continues its new activities in professional boxing, or operates as a new professional boxing organization, this means it has renounced its principles of amateurism and thrown away an independent and special role for boxing in general.

Due to the above three reasons, we request AIBA to withdraw from professional-boxing activities.

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