

NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (“NABF”) formally adopts and incorporates the following rules and regulations for professional championship boxing matches as shall be approved and recognized by the NABF. These regulations shall expressly govern all NABF championship matches, including those for the NABF Female title and the NABF Junior title except as specifically set forth in the rules and regulations that govern those respective titles.

The headings used in these rules and regulations are intended solely for convenience of reference and shall not, in any manner, amplify, limit, expand, modify or otherwise be used in the interpretation of any of the rules and regulations detailed herein.

I.

NABF CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

A. Enforcement. Enforcement of these regulations shall be the responsibility of the Championship Committee of the NABF (the “Committee”). The Committee shall be composed of the NABF President and Chairman of the Committee and such additional members as the NABF President may appoint, subject to the approval of the NABF Executive Committee. The members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the NABF President until the next election of officers of the NABF after their respective appointments, and thereafter until the appointment and approval of their successors. Vacancies occurring within the Committee shall be filled through appointment by the NABF President, subject to the approval of the NABF Executive Committee.

B. Binding Effect of Decisions. Every decision of the Committee within the scope of these rules and regulations shall be final and universally binding throughout the NABF unless the NABF Grievance and Appeals Committee shall vote to hear an appeal therefrom, and, having heard such appeal, shall vote to amend or reverse the decision of the Committee. No such appeal shall be considered unless the appeals procedures established by the NABF Grievance and Appeals Committee are strictly observed.

C. Committee Meetings. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the Chairman shall designate, provided, however, that the members of the Committee may call a meeting by forwarding to the Chairman a written request to do so signed by the majority of members and setting forth the purpose or purposes and the proposed time and place of such meeting. A majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction

of business at any meeting of the Committee and the vote of a majority of the members present and voting on any motion shall be sufficient for a decision. The Committee shall be empowered to reach decisions by mail, facsimile, or e-mail vote when so requested by the Chairman. In the event of voting by mail, facsimile or e-mail, a majority vote of the entire Committee membership shall be required for a decision.

II.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

A. Promoter Eligibility. The promoter of NABF championship bouts must be an Associate Member of the NABF and must pay, in addition to applicable annual membership fees, such sanction fees as are required based upon the then-current NABF Sanction Fee Schedule as may be promulgated by the NABF Executive Committee in its discretion.

B. Championship Belt. In the event that the NABF championship changes hands or the NABF title is vacant, the promoter shall also pay the cost of the championship belt.

C. Sanction Fees. The champion and challenger (or, in the event of a vacant or interim title, each challenger) shall pay a sanction fee based upon the then-current NABF Sanction Fee Schedule, and each shall agree to the withholding of such amounts by the promoter for payment directly to the NABF. For the purposes of this Section, “purse” shall be defined as including all payments due the boxer for his services in respect to the championship contest except for transportation, lodging and meal expenses. The promoter’s sanction fee and the minimum fees for the champion and the challenger shall be payable at or before the rules meeting for the championship bout at issue or at such other time as may be designated by the NABF Executive Committee.

D. Boxer Eligibility. Boxers who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who reside in Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America may be approved as challengers or champions for an NABF championship. In addition, boxers who can establish to the satisfaction of the Committee that he/she intends to pursue his/her career, in whole or in part, within Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America also may be approved as challengers or champions for an NABF championship. All boxers approved to participate in an NABF championship bout shall agree, if they prevail, to defend the NABF championship in such time and place as may be required/approved by the NABF, as detailed herein.

E. NABF Membership. In order to be eligible to fight for an NABF championship, a boxer must be an Associate Member of the NABF. In addition to the sanction fees referenced above, each boxer shall be obligated to pay the applicable annual membership fee to the NABF.

III.

TITLE DEFENSES AND DEFENSE OBLIGATIONS

A. Defense Obligations. Within four (4) months after winning an NABF championship bout, or, in the case of a defending champion, retaining his/her championship by way of a draw or no decision, each NABF champion shall be required to defend against an opponent rated by the NABF and/or approved by the Committee.

In furtherance of this rule, each boxer in an NABF title bout shall execute a written agreement that upon winning such bout, or, in the case of a defending champion, retaining his/her championship by way of a draw or no decision, he/she will make a defense of such title within four (4) months. Upon request from the boxer or his/her representative, the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant an exception to this rule. Each request for an exception to this rule shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and decisions by the NABF Executive Committee as to prior or unrelated requests shall have no precedential value.

B. Challenger Eligibility. Each champion may defend his NABF championship against a challenger who, in addition to meeting the eligibility requirements enumerated above, is rated in the most recent NABF ratings. Where reasonably necessary, the Committee may approve an opponent who is not rated by the NABF upon petition from or on behalf of the NABF champion. The boxer or his/her promoter or representative must provide updated information as to the non-rated challenger's complete and accurate ring record to the satisfaction of the Committee.

C. Elimination Bouts and Mandatory Challengers. A boxer rated by the NABF within the top ten (10) contenders in a given weight division may request that the Committee approve, in its sole discretion, a bout against another boxer rated by the NABF within the top ten (10) contenders in either the same or an adjoining weight division as an elimination bout to become the NABF Silver champion and the mandatory contender. All boxers in an elimination bout shall abide by the rules for NABF championship bouts. The boxer prevailing in an elimination bout shall be awarded the NABF Silver belt and shall be designated the NABF Mandatory Challenger in the given weight division.

In its sole discretion, the NABF also may bestow the designation of Mandatory Challenger upon a boxer by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the NABF Executive Committee.

To avoid any doubt, the highest rated boxer in a given weight division shall not become the Mandatory Challenger solely by virtue of holding such position within the NABF ratings.

D. Mandatory Defense Obligations. Within four (4) months of the date that a boxer either has won an elimination bout or has been designated by the NABF Executive Committee as a Mandatory Challenger, the NABF champion within that weight division shall be required to defend his/her title against said Mandatory Challenger. An exception to this rule may be granted by a petition from the NABF champion or his/her representative and approval by the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion. Each request for an exception to this rule shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and decisions by the NABF Executive Committee as to prior or unrelated requests shall have no precedential value. Mandatory bouts will not be enforced in a given division more than once every year, which shall be measured from the date of the last mandatory bout.

E. Purse Offer Procedures.

(1) Once an NABF champion has been notified in writing by the Chairman of the Committee of the designation of a Mandatory Challenger, there shall be a free negotiation period of thirty (30) days following such notice to permit the parties to negotiate and finalize the contest. Upon special circumstances, the NABF Executive Committee may shorten or lengthen the free negotiation period with notice to the boxers and/or their respective representatives.

(2) Should the boxers be unable to reach an agreement within the free negotiation period, the Chairman of the Committee will provide notice that purse offers will be held. The notification will establish the date, time and place for the submission of promoters' bids.

(3) Each promoter shall submit its bid directly to the NABF President prior to the purse bid deadline.

(4) Any promoter wishing to participate in bidding for the Championship contest shall include in its bid the total offer for the participants, with the acknowledgment that the total purse offer shall be net and free of any local taxes for the participating boxers.

(5) Any promoter that desires to submit a bid must be an NABF Associate Member and must pay the applicable annual NABF membership fee in order to have its bid considered.

(6) A licensed promoter making the highest specific dollar amount offer shall be awarded the right to promote the NABF championship contest. It shall be understood that a purse bid shall be deemed to consist of only the specific dollar amount guaranteed to the boxers; no percentage of gate, television, or any other contingent income will be considered by the NABF in selecting the winning bid over the bids of other promoters. In the event of identical high bids, the successful bidder will be determined by lottery.

(7) The promoter winning the purse offer must, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the purse offer has occurred, deposit with the NABF ten percent (10%) of the total amount of its offer. In the event that the winning promoter fails to stage the bout in accordance with the purse bid, said promoter will forfeit the ten percent (10%) deposit, which shall be distributed at the discretion of the NABF Executive Committee.

(8) The winning promoter must, within thirty five (35) calendar days of the opening of the sealed bids, forward to the NABF the final bout contracts executed by or on behalf of both boxers in the contest. The contracts shall specify the date, time and place on which the contest will be held and the boxer's purse in accordance with the winning bid. The NABF Executive Committee reserves the right to refuse any offer or contract if deemed to be too low, onerous and/or detrimental to the boxers.

(9) The interested boxers, both champion and Mandatory Challenger, are compelled to either accept the offer within thirty (30) calendar days or forfeit his/her rights as champion or Mandatory Challenger, respectively.

(10) If the champion does not sign the contract and/or does not accept the bout within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of said contract, the championship may be declared vacant. In that event, the Mandatory Challenger shall be approved to contest for the vacant NABF title against a qualified opponent approved by the Committee. If the Mandatory Challenger does not sign the contract and/or does not accept the bout within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of said contract, his designation as Mandatory Challenger shall be vacated.

(11) The promoter shall have the right to withdraw its bid and receive a refund of its deposit if either of the boxers from the original purse offer refuses to accept the offer.

(12) The net purse offer shall be divided as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) to the NABF champion and twenty-five percent (25%) to the Mandatory Challenger, unless otherwise approved by a majority vote of the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, prior to a purse offer.

(13) In the event that only one (1) promoter presents a bid, that promoter will be allowed to promote the contest unless a majority of the NABF Executive Committee finds the offer to be too low, onerous and/or detrimental to the boxers, in which case efforts will be made by the NABF to improve the boxers' purse and terms.

(14) If, for any reason, the winning promoter cannot promote the contest, the promotion will be approved for the promoter who made the second highest offer. If that offer is determined by a majority of the NABF Executive Committee to be too low, onerous and/or detrimental to the boxers and there are no other bidders, the NABF shall order another purse offer procedure consistent with these provisions.

(15) The contest shall take place within four (4) months of the opening of the purse offers, unless an extension of time is granted by a majority of the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion.

(16) The NABF President and/or the Chairman of the Committee shall have the right to resolve all problems and matters not included in these regulations and to resolve any dispute that arises hereunder or any other circumstances, as necessary. The purse offer regulations detailed herein may be set aside in special cases when it is so agreed by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion.

F. Failure to Satisfy Defense Obligation. If any NABF champion shall fail to comply with his/her defense obligations, the Committee may declare his/her title to be forfeited, in which case the championship in his/her weight class shall become vacant. If the NABF champion can establish to the satisfaction of the NABF Executive Committee that he/she was unable to meet his/her defense obligations due to injury, illness or other bona fide, sufficient cause beyond his/her control, the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant him/her a grace period or may suspend a defense obligation where it finds sufficient cause to do so. If the champion cannot defend his title for reasons satisfactory to the NABF Executive Committee, the NABF Executive Committee may allow an interim championship bout by majority vote.

G. Champion in Recess. If any NABF champion shall establish to the satisfaction of the NABF Executive Committee that he/she was unable to meet his/her defense obligations due to injury, illness or other bona fide, sufficient cause beyond his/her control, the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, may designate said boxer the “Champion in Recess.” Where a boxer is designated as the Champion in Recess, the title shall be declared vacant and may be filled by the Committee in accordance with these rules and regulations. As soon as the Champion in Recess is able to resume his/her career, he/she may petition the NABF Executive Committee to be named the Mandatory Contender. The Champion in Recess may be designated the Mandatory Challenger by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion.

H. Titles in Multiple Divisions. A champion shall not hold a championship title in more than one (1) weight division. Should an NABF champion of one division challenge for and win a title in another division, the champion must declare within thirty (30) calendar days after winning the second title which divisional title he/she intends to defend, and the title in the other division shall be vacated. Upon request from the boxer or his/her representative, the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant an exception to this rule. Each request for an exception to this rule shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and decisions by the NABF Executive Committee as to prior or unrelated requests shall have no precedential value.

I. Losses in Non-NABF Title Bouts. Should an NABF champion enter into a contest within his/her weight division or an inferior weight division that has not been sanctioned by the NABF and be defeated, his/her NABF title may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the NABF Executive Committee, in its sole discretion.

IV.

WEIGHT CLASSES

Weight limits for championship contest classes are as follows:

MALE CHAMPIONSHIP	CLASS	WEIGHT LIMIT
	Strawweight	105 pounds / 47.63 kg.
	Light Flyweight	108 pounds / 48.98 kg.
	Flyweight	112 pounds / 50.80 kg.
	Super Flyweight	115 pounds / 52.16 kg.

	Bantamweight	118 pounds / 53.52 kg.
	Super Bantamweight	122 pounds / 55.33 kg.
	Featherweight	126 pounds / 57.15 kg.
	Super Featherweight	130 pounds / 58.96 kg.
	Lightweight	135 pounds / 61.23 kg.
	Super Lightweight	140 pounds / 63.50 kg.
	Welterweight	147 pounds / 66.67 kg.
	Super Welterweight	154 pounds / 69.85 kg.
	Middleweight	160 pounds / 72.57 kg.
	Super Middleweight	168 pounds / 76.20 kg.
	Light Heavyweight	175 pounds / 79.38 kg.
	Cruiserweight	200 pounds / 90.91 kg.
	Heavyweight	Over 200 pounds / 90.91 kg.

V.

CONDUCT OF NABF CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

A. Weigh-In. The weigh-in for an NABF bout shall be held at the time and place as designated by the local commission. The local commission shall select the best-certified scale and flooring place to ensure maximum accuracy in the weights.

(1) Each boxer may not exceed the official weight limit listed above. If any – or both – of the boxers shall exceed such weight, he/she will be allowed two (2) hours to make the weight by weighing-in as many times as he/she desires. In the event that a boxer exceeds the weight limit to such an extent that the NABF supervisor, acting in conjunction with the local commission, believes that the boxer’s safety would be jeopardized should he/she lose the weight required to make weight within the two (2) hour period, the NABF may, for the safety of the boxer, refuse to sanction the bout.

(2) Due to the possible adverse results of dehydration and subsequent rehydration of a boxer who is required to lose more than a safe amount of weight to make the required weight limit for the bout, the NABF strongly encourages participants in championship bouts to agree to additional official weigh-ins to be held thirty (30) and seven (7) days prior to the official weigh-in.

(a) at the thirty (30) day weigh-in, a boxer's weight should not exceed 10% of the weight limit for the bout.

(b) at the seven (7) day weigh-in, a boxer's weight should not exceed 5% of the weight limit for the bout.

(3) Failure of boxer to make weight:

(a) **OVER-THE-WEIGHT CHAMPION.** If an NABF champion shall fail to make the prescribed weight for the championship contest at the official weigh-in and after the allotted period detailed above, his/her title shall be forfeited. The bout, however, may be held as scheduled, and if the challenger, having made the prescribed weight, shall win, he/she shall succeed to the championship, but if the champion shall win, the championship shall be vacant.

(b) **OVER-THE-WEIGHT CHALLENGER.** If the challenger for an NABF champion shall fail to make the prescribed weight for the championship contest at the official weigh-in and after the allotted period detailed above, the bout may be held as scheduled, and if the champion should retain his/her title and the bout was a mandatory bout, the champion will be considered to have fulfilled his/her obligations to box a mandatory contest. If the champion should lose the bout, the championship title may be declared vacant.

(c) **BOTH BOXERS OVER-THE-WEIGHT.** If both the champion and challenger shall fail to make the prescribed weight for the championship contest at the official weigh-in, the championship may be declared vacant.

B. Responsibility for Pre-Fight Safety and Medical Examinations. Boxers, managers, trainers, and promoters are solely responsible for these pre-fight safety weigh-ins and medical examinations required by the NABF and the failure of any boxer, manager and trainer to comply with these rules and regulations is their sole responsibility and not that of the NABF.

C. Prohibited Contractual Clauses. No contract for an NABF championship contest shall contain any clause or provision whatsoever guaranteeing or otherwise assuring or promising either contestant a return NABF championship contest, it being the definite purpose of this rule to limit the legal scope, effect, and pertinence of every such contract strictly to the single contest for which it primarily provides. No contract for an NABF championship contest shall contain any clause or provision whereby any interest whatsoever in the future earnings or management of either contestant shall pass to the other contestant or to any other designee

named or unnamed in the contracts, nor shall any such contract contain any clause or provision whereby the services of either or both contestants shall be guaranteed, promised or otherwise assured to any promoter, promotional group or corporate enterprise for any future contest or contests after the completion of the contest primarily provided for by the contract. This rule shall apply with equal force to written and oral contracts, as well as to written and oral supplemental contracts and collateral agreements, regardless of whether or not any such contract, agreement or supplement thereto shall have been filed with, brought to the attention of or approved by any athletic commission, boxing commission or other authority affiliated or unaffiliated with the NABF.

D. Rules Regarding Conduct of Championship Bouts.

(1) NABF championship contests shall be scheduled for either a minimum duration of ten (10) rounds or a maximum duration of twelve (12) rounds.

(2) In the event that no local commission exists, or the laws or regulations in effect within the jurisdiction fail to meet the minimum requirements of the NABF and the local commission refuses to permit the minimum requirements of the NABF to be enforced, in the interest of participant safety the sanction for a championship contest may be withheld or revoked, as the case may be, without liability to the NABF.

(3) If an NABF championship contest shall be declared a draw, or if for any reason both contestants shall become simultaneously unable to continue, or if for any reason beyond the control of the contestants the contest shall be prematurely terminated while both contestants remain able to continue as so adjudged by the referee of the contest, or if for any reason the official or officials duly appointed for such purpose shall fail to render or shall be prevented from rendering a decision after the contest, the championship shall be retained by the defending champion.

(4) The NABF adopts the unified rules of the United States Association of Boxing Commissioners for the conduct of championship bouts, including but not limited to, rules concerning hand wraps, the use of coagulants, and fluids that may be consumed during the bout, to the extent that such rules do not conflict with those of the local commission.

(5) Whenever practical, antidoping tests shall be administered in conjunction with the local commission where the bout is to be held. In the event of a failed antidoping test, the NABF Executive Committee shall determine appropriate sanctions, in accordance with the

NABF Bylaws and these Championship Rules, including, but not limited to, vacating the title of an NABF champion who fails an antidoping test.

VI.

INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS

A. Interpretation. The Committee shall have such further, unspecified power and authority as shall be necessary to enable it to discharge fairly and reasonably its responsibilities under these regulations. The NABF President and/or the Chairman of the Committee will have the right to resolve all problems and matters not included in these regulations or any other circumstances as necessary.

B. Violation. Any member of the NABF who shall violate, induce or collaborate in the violation of these NABF Championship regulations shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the NABF in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in the NABF By-Laws.

C. Notices. Any notices required to be given hereunder may be made in writing via posting to the NABF website, via press release, letter, fax, email, or such other means as the NABF may deem appropriate.

D. Exceptions. Any exception to these rules and regulations must be approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the NABF Executive Committee. Any exception to these rules and regulations granted by the NABF Executive Committee shall be based upon the individual facts presented and shall be made on a case-by-case basis. No exception granted by the NABF Executive Committee shall have precedential value as to other potential exceptions.

E. Invalidity. Should any provision herein be deemed invalid for any reason, it shall have no effect upon the remainder of the provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.