

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**OF THE**

**JAMAICA BOXING ASSOCIATION**

**AND THE**

**JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL**

## **PART I**

### **JAMAICA BOXING ASSOCIATION**

1. The Association hereinafter constituted shall be called **“The Jamaica Boxing Association”**
2. The objects of the Association are:-
  - (a) To encourage boxing in Jamaica
  - (b) To raise the standard of professional and amateur boxing
  - (c) Through “the Board” (hereinafter defined) to control all Amateur and Professional boxing in Jamaica in accordance with the Rules contained herein and as amended from time to time.
3.
  - (a) The Association shall consist of not more than 100 members exclusive of Life members, Hon. Life Members and Hon. Life Patrons. Candidates shall be proposed by a member of the Board, and shall be elected by the Board by ballot – one black ball in 3 to exclude.<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) The annual subscription payable in January of each year shall be J\$1,000.<sup>2</sup>
  - (c) Any member not complying with paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be liable to be struck off from membership
  - (d) LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any member of the Association shall be entitled to become a Life Member on payment of a fee of J\$10,000 either immediately on election or subsequently. Such Life Membership shall not be taken into account in computing the maximum of 100 members under Rule 3 (a)<sup>3</sup>
  - (e) HONORARY LIFE MEMBER: The Board may invite any person deemed by them to be a fit and proper person to become an Honorary Life Member of the Association, and such member shall not be liable to pay any subscription whatsoever. Such Honorary Life Members shall not be taken into account in computing the minimum of 100 members under Rule 3 (a).
  - (f) HONORARY LIFE PATRON: The Board may confer the office of Honorary Life Patron on anyone who in the opinion of the Board has rendered outstanding services over a period of years to the sport of boxing in Jamaica. There shall not be more than three Honorary Life Patrons at any one time. They shall be members of the Association but shall not be taken into account in computing the maximum of 100 members under Rule 3(a), and shall not be liable to pay any subscription whatsoever.
  - (g) No Promoter, Boxer, Boxer’s Second, Boxer’s Manager or Boxer’s Trainer shall be eligible for election as a member of the Association or the Board, and any Member acting as a Promoter, Boxer, Boxer’s Second, Boxer’s Manager or Boxer’s Trainer, shall ipso facto cease to be a member.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers increased from 50 to 100

<sup>2</sup> Rate changed to J\$1,000 effective January 2005

<sup>3</sup> The Life Membership fee increased to J\$10,000

<sup>4</sup> Reference to Referee and Time-keeper deleted

- (h) Each member of the Jamaica Boxing Association shall be entitled to one Complimentary Ticket to any Amateur contest promoted under authority of the Association or the Board.
4. (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the fourth Thursday of March each year unless for some good reason it is impracticable to do so, in which case it shall be held as soon thereafter as possible. The period of extension must not exceed 30 days.<sup>5</sup>
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting the Secretary's Report and audited Financial Statement for the previous year ending December 31 shall be presented.
- (c) Special Meetings of the Association may be summoned at any time by the Board upon 14 days' notice, and upon a requisition in writing signed by ten members of the Association the Board shall summon a special meeting of the Association.
- (d) At all meetings of the Jamaica Boxing Association ten members shall form a quorum except that there shall be no quorum required at the annual general meeting.
5. The Association shall have power to alter or add to these Rules at any time, and to make such Bye-Laws or Regulations as they may think fit: and in the case of any matter arising as to which the Rules, Bye-Laws or Regulations are silent, the Association shall have power to deal with it as they think fit.
6. (a) Subject to rule 6 (b) all assets of the Association shall be vested in the Board to be kept and dealt with by the Board in the interest of Boxing as they shall think fit or as the Association shall direct.
- (b) The Board for the time being shall be and are hereby authorized to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any real or personal property that they may consider expedient in the interests of the Association and the same shall be vested in Trustees nominated by the Board, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in trust to hold the same for the use and benefit of the Members of the Association, for the time being as the property of the Association, subject to the Rules of the Association; and also to the direction of the Board for the time being charged with, and as a security for the repayment of any moneys and interest due to the holders of Scrip or Shares issued by the Board for the time being, and also from time to time to permit the improvement of such property generally and the erection of new buildings on any land, and the repairing, altering or enlarging of the building offices and conveniences thereon, subject to the same direction. The Trustees for the time being shall by the direction of the Board have power to sell either by public auction or private contract, mortgage, lease, rent or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the real and personal property of the Association freed from all charges of Scrip or Shares thereon, and in every such case the Trustees shall hold and apply the moneys arising from such sale, mortgage, lease or renting in such manner for the benefit of the Association, as the Board for the time being shall direct, and no purchaser, mortgagee, lessee or other person dealing with the Trustees shall be bound to enquire as to the authority of the Trustees to sell, mortgage, lease or

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<sup>5</sup> The date of the AGM changed to March and the period of extension limited to 30 days

otherwise deal with any real or personal property of the Association or any money arising therefrom or to ascertain whether any such sale, mortgage, lease or other act has been made or done under the directions of the Board or not, or be answerable for the misapplication or non-application of any money by the Trustees. In case the Board for the time being shall in their absolute discretion be desirous of appointing a new Trustee in addition to or in-substitution for any other Trustee or Trustees they may by resolution at any deed of appointment, appoint such new Trustee or Trustees and thereupon all real and personal property of the Association shall forthwith be conveyed or handed over as the case may require so as to vest in such new Trustee or Trustees solely or jointly with any continuing Trustee or Trustees in such manner and with the like powers and for the like Trusts and as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if such new Trustee or Trustees had been originally appointed. A deed vesting any real or personal property of the Association in any person or persons as Trustee or Trustees shall be sufficient evidence that such person or persons has or have been duly appointed Trustee or Trustees.

- (c) The Association may raise funds for the purpose of furthering its activities by accepting donations or by any other means which the Board may deem fit and proper.
7. (a) A Board to be known as the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control (herein called “the Board”) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by and out of the members of the Association. The term of office for members of such Board shall be two (2) years.<sup>6</sup>
- (b) Such Board shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Honorary Treasurer, a General Secretary, the Immediate Past President, the Trustees appointed under Rule 6 (b) hereof, who shall be ex-officio members of the board and 6 other members.<sup>7</sup>
- (c) Such Board shall have the powers of the Association except as hereinafter provided and all such other powers as are by these rules given to the Board.
- (d) In particular, the Board shall have the right to fill any vacancy occurring on the Board and to co-opt or invite any suitable person who is a member of the Association to become an additional member of the Board.
8. The Rules of Boxing recognized by the Association shall be the Rules contained in Part IV of these Rules and Regulations with such alterations, additions and amendments as may from time to time be made in all or any of the said Rules.

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<sup>6</sup> The term of office extended to 2 years

<sup>7</sup> the membership expanded to include the immediate Past President

## **PART II**

### **THE JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL**

9. (a) The Board shall be constituted as provided in Rule 7(b).
10. (a) Five Members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The President shall preside at all Meetings at which he is present. In his absence a Vice-President shall preside and in the absence of both the President and the two Vice Presidents the Meeting may elect a Chairman.
  - (b) The Board shall meet as often as necessary but at least once in each month unless the Secretary shall notify Members that there is no business or insufficient business for a meeting to be held.
  - (c) All meetings must be summoned by the Secretary on his/her own initiative or on the order of the President or of any two members of the Board.
  - (d) All matters shall be decided at meetings of the Board by majority of the votes of those present and the Chairman shall have an original and a casting vote.
  - (e) Any member absenting himself from 4 consecutive Meetings without excuse accepted by the Board shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Board.
11. (a) The Board shall have all the powers of the Association and may elect members to fill vacancies in the Association or the Board.
  - (b) The Board shall establish four Area Associations with the specific tasks of administering in their respective areas.
  - (c) The four areas are as follows:
    - i. Northern Area Boxing Association
      - a. Trelawny
      - b. St. Ann
      - c. St. Mary
      - d. Portland
    - ii. Western Area Boxing Association
      - a. St. James
      - b. Hanover
      - c. Westmoreland
    - iii. Central Area Boxing Association
      - a. St. Elizabeth
      - b. Manchester
      - c. Clarendon
    - iv. Southern Area Boxing Association
      - a. St. Catherine
      - b. St. Andrew

- c. Kingston
- d. St. Thomas

- (d) The area Associations are to be known as affiliates of the Board and are bound by the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Association and the Jamaica Board of Control.<sup>8</sup>
12. A Special Committee of the Board hereinafter provided under Rule 18 (b) may recommend to the Board that any member of the Board or of the Association or any licensee of the Board may be expelled, dismissed, suspended or fined for conduct injurious to the Association or to the Board and/or to the interest of boxing in Jamaica or for conduct unbecoming in a member of the Association or of the Board or in a licensee or for any breach of the Rules and Regulations of the Board or of the Association.
  13. The Board shall control and supervise all boxing in Jamaica, professional or amateur, and to that end shall issue Licenses to Judges, Referees, Promoters, Boxers and Boxers' Seconds and in such form as they deem fit which shall entitle such persons to take part in their respective capacities at Boxing promotions held under the control of and in virtue of licenses or permits issued by the Board.<sup>9</sup>
  14. The Board shall have control of all persons holding the licence of the Board as Judges, Referees, Promoters, Boxers or Boxers' Seconds in matters relating to Boxing Matches and/or Boxing Promotions.
  15. No Judge, Referee, Promoter, Boxer or Second holding a Licence as such from the Board shall take part in any Boxing Match and/or at any Boxing Promotion unless the same be held under licence or permit from the Board.
  16. No un-licensed Judge, Referee, Promoter, Boxer or Boxers' Second or other official shall be permitted to take any part in any Boxing Match and/or at any Boxing promotion held under licence or permit from the Board.
  17. No Boxing promotion in which the public or any section of the public is admitted for payment shall be held in Jamaica save under licence or permit from the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control.
  18. (a) The Board upon complaint or upon its own initiative may enquire into the conduct of any licensed person in relation to Boxing and/or Boxing promotions and may suspend or revoke licences and may impose penalties by way of fines for any misconduct or breach of the Rules of the Board or of the Association, upon any such licensed person, and any person accepting a licence in any capacity from the Board shall be deemed to do so subject to all the Rules of the Board and of the Association as if the same were incorporated in a contract between the Board and the person accepting such licence.
    - (b) All matters arising under Rules 12 and 18 (a) hereof shall be referred by the Board to a Committee consisting of 3 of its members who shall as promptly as practicable hold an enquiry into the same and shall have full power to

<sup>8</sup> Rules 11 amended to make provisions for the establishment of the four Area Associations

<sup>9</sup> Reference to Time-keeper deleted

hear the matter and shall make a full report to the Board and shall recommend to the Board such penalty as they shall think fit. The Board shall as promptly as possible meet and consider such report and recommendation and shall confirm the same or not or take such action thereon and impose such penalty as they shall think fit.

19. All licensed persons shall observe any direction or instructions given by the Board in relation to any matter connected with Boxing and of the Inspector appointed by the Board for any Boxing Match or promotion as hereinafter provided.
20. All licensed persons shall be deemed to have read the Rules of the Board and of the Association and shall further be deemed to have agreed to accept the decisions of the Board given under all or any of the Rules and Regulations without resort to a Court of Law.
21. All disputes between licensed persons in relation to Boxing and/or Boxing promotions shall be referred to the Board for arbitration and decision and no resort to any Court in this Island shall be made by any such parties in relation to Boxing and/or Boxing promotions unless the matter shall have been referred to the Board and an award and decision made in relation thereto.
22. (a) The Board may from time to time delegate all or any of its powers to a Committee of the members provided that the powers of enquiry and of revocation or suspension of licence or imposing fines shall not be delegated to a Committee of less than 3 persons.  
  
(b) Any Committee shall in all matters delegated to them report to the Board upon their action, finding and/or decision.
23. The official Jamaica Championships shall be controlled by the Board and shall be contested under the rules of Boxing contained herein with such alterations, additions and amendments as may at any time be made therein.
24. The Board shall whenever they think fit appoint one of the members thereof to act as Inspector at any Boxing Match or promotion to be held in the Island.
25. The Board shall have power to appoint a Medical Officer and any other Officer with such duties as the Board may allot to him.
26. The Board shall have power to alter or add to these rules at any time, and to make such bye-laws or regulations as they may think fit; and in case of any matter arising as to which the rules, bye-laws or regulations are silent, the Board shall have power to deal with it as they think fit.

**GENERAL RULES CONCERNING PROMOTERS,  
MANAGERS, BOXERS, BOXERS' SECONDS  
REFEREES, JUDGES, TIMEKEEPERS  
AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**PROMOTERS**

27. (a) A licence as per Appendix "A" entitling the holder to promote Boxing Matches and Meetings may in the discretion of the Board be issued for a fee of J\$20,000 per annum or such other fee as the Board may determine from time to time.<sup>10</sup>
- (b) Every licensed Promoter shall together with a guarantor approved by the Board enter into a Bond as per Appendix "B" in the sum of J\$100,000 to secure the due observance of the General Rules and Regulations of the Board and the Association and any decisions or awards thereof and the due performance of all obligations undertaken in any Boxing promotion.<sup>11</sup>
- (c) The Board may at any time require the Promoter to obtain another Guarantor in lieu of any existing guarantor upon one month's notice in writing without assigning any reason therefore and upon such request the Licence shall be automatically suspended on the expiry of such Notice until another guarantor is obtained and approved by the Board.
- (d) For each Boxing Match or Promotion for which a Licence or permit shall be necessary there shall be paid by the Promoter for such Licence or permit a fee of 20% of gate receipts or such other fee as the Board may from time to time determine in respect of each professional boxing promotion.<sup>12</sup>
- (e) The Board shall have power to prohibit the participation in or attendance of any person whatsoever at any boxing match or promotion in Jamaica for conduct injurious to the Association or to the Board and/or to the interests of boxing in Jamaica. The duration of such prohibition may be for a specified period of time or for the life of the person, at the discretion of the Board. In any such case notice of such prohibition, without specifying reason therefore shall be communicated to all licensed promoters.
28. (a) Promoters shall submit to the Secretary of the Board the application for licence or permit for any promotion together with the fee 10 clear days before the date of the promotion and shall submit with such application the complete programme of the promotion together with contracts duly signed by all the Boxers and the Promoters as also the name of the Referee for each of the bouts and also the names of all the officials for approval by the Board and the Board may refuse to permit any promotion unless this rule has been observed. All contracts shall be witnessed by an Executive Officer of the Board.
- (b) Where a boxer not having previously fought in Jamaica is about to be brought to Jamaica by any promoter, it shall be the duty of the promoter to obtain and

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<sup>10</sup> Promotion Licence Fee changed to J\$20,000

<sup>11</sup> Promotion Bond amount changed to J\$100,000

<sup>12</sup> Promotion Fee changed to 20% of gate receipts for professional bouts



- to deliver to the Board an official record of such boxer for the purpose of receiving provisional sanction for any contest proposed for such boxer. Where provisional sanction has not been obtained no contract for a fight in which the boxer is engaged shall be approved until the official record has been tendered and until the Board is satisfied of the status and qualification of the boxer.
29. (a) No Promoter shall enter into a contract with any boxer or boxers for a contest under the terms of which the boxer, if he loses may receive any amount larger than or equal to the amount he is to receive if he wins.
- (b) Where a Promoter proposes to make a contract with a boxer for a fixed guaranteed sum of a guaranteed percentage of receipts win, lose or draw the sanction of the Board must be applied for and obtained prior to the submission of the contract for approval and the amount guaranteed or such sum as the Board may require, if it sanctions the agreement, must be deposited with the Board on such date prior to the fight as may be directed. Application for such special sanction must be made two weeks before the proposed contest.
30. The Promoter is responsible for the following, subject to approval by the Board or its Inspector:-
- (a) The provision of a suitable place to hold the contest.
- (b) The provision of a ring, chairs, gong, gloves and bandages, buckets and other necessary equipment. (The Ring and gloves to be of the size and weight laid down by the Board in the Rules of Boxing respectively).
- (c) The provision of the necessary Referees, Judges and time-keepers previously to be submitted to and approved by the Board.
- (d) The weighing-in of boxers and their certification as fit by the Medical Officer of the Board and their proper apparel and equipment.
- (e) The exhibition of suitable numbers in the interval between rounds indicating the number of the next round.
31. The Promoter shall make a written return to the Board reporting the Result of all bouts and containing a full report on all untoward incidents, if any, occurring in the promotion.
32. The Promoter shall not pay any money to a Boxer where the boxer is disqualified for a deliberate foul or for not trying or for retiring without sufficient cause or if the Referee gives a 'No contest' decision.
33. Any money due in such case to the boxer shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board for the Board. The Board may at its sole discretion apportion or allocate such money between:-
- (a) The Promoter  
 (b) Manager  
 (c) Trainer  
 (d) Sparring partner or partners  
 (e) The other boxer in the contest  
 (f) Or otherwise as the Board deem fit

34. Where any money is recovered by a Promoter under his contract with a boxer or his guarantor from the Boxer or guarantor in respect of any penalty or damages for any default the sum shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Board to be apportioned or allocated by the Board as they think fit as in the case of money received under Rule 33 hereof.
35. Promoters shall be responsible for the good order of the Promotion but if good order is not kept, the Inspector shall have power to stop the promotion.
36. Promoters shall be responsible for the seating accommodation and for satisfactory general public arrangements.

### **BOXERS**

37. A licence as per Appendix “C” entitling the holder to take part as a professional boxer in any Boxing Match, or Boxing Promotion may in the discretion of the board be issued for a fee of J\$500 per competitive bout and payable in advance, or such other fee as the Board may from time to time determine. Professional boxers shall supply two small photographs, one to be attached to the licence issued.<sup>13</sup>
38. (a) No person of forty years of age or over may be granted a Boxer’s licence without first obtaining a certificate of fitness from the Medical Officer appointed by the Board and any such licence, if granted, may be revoked by the Board at any time as the Board may deem fit.
  - (b) Any boxer whether professional or amateur who shall suffer a knockout or T.K.O. shall be prohibited from boxing either in a contest or in training or otherwise for a period of 30 days, unless the Board acting on medical advice rules otherwise; and at the end of such period he shall submit to examination by a medical officer appointed by the Board, and shall be further suspended if the medical officer so advises, for such further period as the medical officer shall certify.
  - (c) All Boxers shall be bound by the Rules of Boxing contained in these Rules and by all other Rules and Regulations of the Association.
39. Boxers shall be responsible to the Board if they make any default in their obligations, financial or otherwise to their Seconds or their sparring partners or under their contacts, and such default shall be deemed to be a breach of these Rules and shall render the boxer liable to disciplinary action by the Board in accordance therewith.

### **BOXERS’ SECONDS**

40. Licences as per Appendix “D” may in the discretion of the Board be issued free of charge to the Boxer’s Seconds.

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<sup>13</sup> Boxer’s fee changed to J\$500 per competitive bout from an annual fee

41. Boxers' Seconds shall be responsible for the provision of sponges, towels, buckets, water, ice, etc.
42. (a) Boxers' Seconds must not speak to, signal to or in any way coach their principals during the progress of a round.  
(b) During a round no boxer's second shall be in the ring or in any position whereby he obstructs the view of any official or spectator.
43. Boxers' Seconds must not claim fouls for them.

### **BOXERS' MANAGERS**

44. The Board if duly notified of the existence of a Manager will take cognizance of him and enforce any claim by him in keeping with terms of any contract as between himself and the boxer and he will be subject to all rulings of the Board.

### **JUDGES**

45. Licences as per Appendix "E" may in the discretion of the Board be issued free of charge to Judges.
46. It is the duty of each Judge to watch every phase of a contest, and to arrive at an independent decision in the contest. They shall be seated at different sides of the ring, and should be on the same level as the ring.
47. Judges may not speak to the contestants but if they notice any points which they consider should be brought to the notice of the Referee, they may draw his attention to it at the conclusion of the round.
48. The Judges may at the request of the Referee inform the Referee as to the fact whether any foul occurred where the referee did not see what might have happened.
49. Each Judge shall keep proper score cards in all bouts in which he officiates and shall at the conclusion of each round write what in his opinion is the result of the round and hand same to the Referee.
50. Judges shall be entitled to such fees as the Board may from time to time determine.
51. No Judge shall have any bet on any contest in which he is acting as such.
52. Judges must be loyal to each other and to the Referee, and never discuss or criticize the decision in public.

### **REFEREES**

53. Licences as per Appendix "F" may in the discretion of the Board be granted to Referees upon application and examination in any manner approved by the Board. Professional Referees shall pay a fee of J\$500 per annum payable in

advance or such other fee as the Board may from time to time determine but no fee shall be payable by other Referees.<sup>14</sup>

54. The duty of a Referee is:-

- (i) To see that the rules of boxing are strictly observed.

His decision is final and must be given without hesitation.

55. No Referee shall have a bet on any contest in which he is acting as such.

56. The Referee shall have power to stop the contest if in his opinion a contestant is outclassed, accidentally disabled, or reaches a condition from any causes in which he is unable to defend himself.

57. The Referee shall during the progress of a contest decide any question not provided for in these rules, and any question concerning the interpretation of any of these rules.

58. The Referee may if he desires consult the Judges as to the question of fact whether a foul occurred in cases where he did not see what may have happened.

59. Referees shall be entitled to such fees as the Board may from time to time determine.

#### **MEDICAL OFFICER**

60. The Board shall be responsible for the appointment and attendance of a Medical Officer at all promotions. A Medical Officer shall grant certificates of fitness and weight. The Medical Officer attending by appointment at any promotion on behalf of the Board shall be admitted free of charge.

#### **TIMEKEEPER**

61. Licences as per Appendix "E" may in the discretion of the Board be granted to Judges and Timekeepers upon application and examination in any manner approved by the Board. The Promoter is obliged to provide Judges and Timekeepers with special seats and they shall not converse with anyone during the contest.

62. The Timekeeper will clear the ring five seconds before each round of the bout by calling "seconds out" and by blowing a whistle. He shall strike a gong at the commencement of each round.

63. (a) He will announce the number of each round before striking the gong. The round commences when the gong is struck.

(b) The round is terminated when the gong is struck.

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<sup>14</sup> Licence Fee changed to J\$500

64. In the event of a boxer being “down” towards the end of a round, the Timekeeper must be very careful in his timing, and even if time has elapsed must not strike the gong until the referee has reached the count of eight and has signalled the boxers to resume boxing.
65. If the Referee counts “ten” or “out” precisely as the gong is struck for the end of a round the boxer shall be deemed to have been counted out.
66. If the Referee orders the temporary stoppage of a fight for any reason, the Timekeeper must add the number of seconds lost on to the duration of the round.
67. The Timekeeper shall not have a bet on any contest in which he acts as such.

### **BOXING INSPECTOR**

68. The Board shall whenever they think fit appoint one of the members thereof to act as Inspector at any boxing match or promotion to be held in the Island.

The Boxing Inspector shall have power and it shall be his duty:-

- (a) To satisfy himself by inspection or otherwise
    - (i) That all persons taking part therein are duly licensed
    - (ii) That all requirements as to weighing-in and fitness certificates have been observed
    - (iii) That the Ring, Gong, Stage and other equipment are in proper order and in compliance with Rules and Regulations
    - (iv) That the seating accommodation and general public arrangements are satisfactory
  - (b) To see that the programme is properly carried out
  - (c) To give directions to all licensed parties in relation to any matter or thing arising in connection with the said Boxing Match or promotion
  - (d) To require that all the Rules and special directions of the Board are observed
  - (e) To make a full written report to the Board of all matters connected with the Meeting and the conduct of licensed persons taking part therein and to forward with such report all the score cards made in the promotion.
69. The Inspector shall have power to examine the persons of the Boxers and their equipment and appliances.

### **AMATEUR BOXING CONTESTS**

70. All Amateur Contents in Jamaica shall be under the control and management of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and shall be conducted in accordance with

the Rules and Regulations of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA).

71. The Jamaica Secondary Schools Boxing Championship shall be held in Kingston once in each year on such date as the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control may appoint. Each Secondary School may send up one representative in each weight to compete in the Championships. Schools will arrange for their own elimination contests.
72. No money prizes shall be given for any Amateur contests, championships or otherwise. Only cups, medals, belts or other prizes will be given. No boxer who has fought for a money prize shall be eligible to compete in an Amateur contest.
73. All Amateur Boxers competing in a Championship contest must weigh in on the day of the contest.

## PART III

### RULES OF BOXING

**1. Amateur Boxing**

In any matter relating to amateur boxing all the Rules as set out by the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) shall apply.

- (a) Minimum Age. A boxer who is under the age of 17 years shall not take part in the Olympic Games, World or Continental Championships or International Matches.
- (b) Maximum Age. The upper age limit for boxers to compete in the Olympic Games, World or Continental Championships or International Matches is 34 years.
- (c) A boxer’s age is determined on the first day of competition. This age will be effective throughout the tournament if a boxer has a birthday during the competition.
- (d) Age Specifications.
  - 1. In Cadet Championships the minimum age is 15 and the boxer must also be under 17 years of age.
  - 2. In Junior Championships (under 19) the minimum age is 17 and the boxer must also be under 19 years of age.

(e) Weight Classifications:

For Senior and Junior (Under 19) boxers there shall be 11 weight classes:  
 48 kg, 51 kg, 54 kg, 60 kg, 64 kg, 69 kg, 75 kg, 81 kg, 91 kg, 91+ kg.

Weight Category	METRIC SYSTEM		AVOIRDUPOIS SYSTEM					
	Over Kg.	To Kg.	Over lb.	oz.	dr.	To lb.	oz.	dr.
Light Flyweight	----	48	-----			105	13	2
Flyweight	48	51	105	13	2	112	6	15
Bantamweight	51	54	112	6	15	119	0	12
Featherweight	54	57	119	0	12	125	10	9
Lightweight	57	60	125	10	9	132	4	7
Light Welterweight	60	64	132	4	7	141	1	8
Welterweight	64	69	141	1	8	152	1	14
Middleweight	69	75	152	1	14	165	5	8
Light Heavyweight	75	81	165	5	8	178	9	2

Weight Category	METRIC SYSTEM		AVOIRDUPOIS SYSTEM					
	Over Kg.	To Kg.	Over lb.	oz.	dr.	To lb.	oz.	dr.
Heavyweight	81	91	178	9	2	200	9	14
Super Heavyweight	91	-----	200	9	14	-----		

For Female and Cadet boxers there shall be 13 weight classes: 46 kg, 48 kg, 50 kg, 52 kg, 54 kg, 57 kg, 60 kg, 63 kg, 66 kg, 70 kg, 75 kg, 80 kg, 86 kg.

Weight Category	METRIC SYSTEM		AVOIRDUPOIS SYSTEM					
	Over Kg.	To Kg.	Over lb.	oz.	dr.	To lb.	oz.	dr.
Pinweight	----	46	-----			101	6	9
Light Flyweight	46	48	101	6	9	105	13	2
Flyweight	48	50	105	13	2	110	3	11
Light Bantamweight	50	52	110	3	11	114	10	3
Bantamweight	52	54	114	10	3	119	0	12
Featherweight	54	57	119	0	12	125	10	9
Lightweight	57	60	125	10	9	132	4	7
Light Welterweight	60	63	132	4	7	138	14	4
Welterweight	63	66	138	14	4	145	8	1
Light Middleweight	66	70	145	8	1	154	5	2
Middleweight	70	75	154	5	2	165	5	8
Light Heavyweight	75	80	165	5	8	176	5	14
Heavyweight	80	86	176	5	14	189	9	8

**2. Professional Boxing**

In any matter relating to professional boxing the rules as set out by the WBA, WBC, IBF and the Commonwealth Boxing Council shall apply.<sup>15</sup> If there is any dispute with regard to the interpretation of any rule, the decision of the JBBC is final and binding.

(f) The weights for the Jamaican Championships will be as follows:

Flyweight.....	112 lbs. & under
Bantamweight.....	118 “ “ “
Featherweight.....	126 “ “ “

<sup>15</sup> The source of the rules have been separated for amateur and professional boxing



Lightweight.....	135	“	“	“
Junior Welterweight.....	136 - 140	lbs.		
Welterweight.....	141 - 147	“		
Junior Middleweight.....	148 - 154	“		
Middleweight.....	155 - 160	“		
Super Middleweight.....	161 - 168	“		
Light Heavyweight.....	169 - 175	“		
Cruiserweight.....	176 - 190	“		
Heavyweight .....	Over 190	“		

- (g) The holder of a Jamaica Championship title shall be bound to defend his title whenever 3 months have elapsed and he is challenged for a bout for a purse approved by the Board and under a promotion acceptable to the Board. Failure to defend a title will result in the loss thereof.
- (h) Where Belts are awarded for Championships they shall be governed by the Rules to be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

**3. The Ring**

- (a) All contests are to be decided in a roped-ring of not less than 18 ft. or more than 20 ft. square.<sup>16</sup>
- (b) The posts of the ring shall be padded and it must be enclosed by at least three rope rails.
- (c) The top rail should be 4 ft. 6 ins. from the boxing stage and the bottom rail not more than 1 ft. 6 ins. from the boxing stage. If the boxing stage is raised, it should not be more than four feet off the ground floor and there must be a margin of at least two feet between the ropes and the edge of the stage.
- (d) While a bout is in progress the ring area must be cleared of all chairs, buckets, basins, bottles, etc.
- (e) The floor of the ring must be suitably padded and be covered with canvas, which must extend one foot outside the ropes.
- (f) The ring posts shall not be less than 18 inches from the corners of the rope. The ropes must be tightened to the satisfaction of the Referee.

**4.**

- (a) Contestants must box in light boots or shoes (without nails or spikes).
- (b) The gloves are to be a minimum weight of 8 oz. each.
- (c) Contestants shall be medically examined on the day of the contest and shall obtain certificates of fitness. No contestant shall be allowed to box unless he has obtained such certificate. Contestants may be medically examined on the order of an Inspector before entering the ring.
- (d) Contestants shall weigh in at a location that the Board shall prescribe between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on the day of the contest or at such other time as the Medical Officer of the Board may direct unless otherwise agreed in

<sup>16</sup> The minimum size of the ring increased to 18 ft. sq.

their contract, provided that all weights must be taken on the actual day of the contest.

- (e) The length of bandages and the material used must be approved by the Inspector. The length of bandage for either hand not to exceed 12 feet, and width not to exceed two inches. In addition to bandages, adhesive tape may be used and such adhesive tape not to exceed 18 inches long by one inch wide in all.
  - (f) Bandages and tapes shall be adjusted before entering the ring and shall be examined by the Referee and/or Inspector and may be examined by the Seconds of the opponent.
5. In all contests the number of rounds shall be specified. No contest shall exceed 12 rounds. No round shall exceed 3 minutes in duration. The interval between the rounds shall be one minute. All championship contests (i.e. bouts where a title is at stake) shall be 12 rounds.<sup>17</sup>
  6. (a) A contestant shall be entitled to the assistance of two Seconds, who shall be Seconds licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control.
    - (b) The Seconds shall leave the ring when time is called, and shall give no advice or assistance to the contestants during the progress of any round.
  7. (a) All amateur contests are to be judged by a team of 3 or 5 judges.
    - (b) All professional contests are to be judged by 3 judges.<sup>18</sup>
  8. The Time-keeper, the Referee and the Judges shall be approved and appointed by the Board.
  9. (a) Each Judge shall keep a proper score card and shall deliver his/her decision on the score card independently. After each round the score cards shall be handed to the Referee who shall deliver the cards to the Master Scorer. At the end of the contest the Master Scorer shall inform the referee of the results.
    - (b) In all bouts, the decision of the majority of the Judges shall prevail. Where of the three Judges one decides for one contestant, another for the other contestant and the third for a draw the decision shall be a draw.
  10. (a) Each Judge shall award a maximum number of 10 points at the end of each round to the better man. The points shall represent the 'lead' in points that one contestant has over the other subject to the maximum above set out.
    - (b) Points shall be awarded for direct clean hits with the knuckle part of the glove of either hand on any part of the front or sides of the head, or body above the belt, and for an outstanding display of defensive qualities.

<sup>17</sup> The number of rounds decreased to 12 from 15

<sup>18</sup> The judging format changed – see also Rules 8 & 9

- (c) Where the contestants are otherwise equal the majority of points shall be given to the one who does most of the leading off, or who displays the better style. Points may be deducted by the Referee for fouls.
  - (d) All contests which are continued to the end of the agreed number of rounds shall be decided in favour of the contestant who obtains the greatest number of points. The number of rounds won shall be irrelevant. In the event of the number of points being equal, the decision shall be a draw.
  - (e) Where any contestant retires or is disqualified by the Referee the other contestant shall be declared the winner.
  - (f) Where the Referee stops the contest as he may if in his opinion a contestant is out-classed or accidentally disabled or reaches a condition from any causes in which he is unable to defend himself the other contestant shall be declared the winner.
  - (g) The Referee may declare 'no contest' if both boxers are not trying or fighting satisfactorily and no winner shall then be declared.
  - (h) The Referee shall where he stops a contest inform the Judges of his reason for so doing.
- 11.**
- (a) If a contestant is down, i.e. when any part of his body other than his feet is touching the floor or when he is entirely outside the ring, he must get up or enter the ring un-assisted within 10 seconds.
  - (b) When a contestant is down his opponent shall retire to the furthest neutral corner and shall stay there till that contestant ceases to be down, and the count shall not be commenced or continued until he does so.
  - (c) As soon as a contestant is down and his opponent has complied with Rule 10 (b) the Referee shall commence to count him out aloud, judging the duration of each to the best of his ability without the use of a mechanical recorder. The Timekeeper shall, however, indicate the elapse of seconds to the Referee, who may guide himself thereby.
  - (d) Should a contestant who is down fail to continue the contest at the expiration of ten seconds, the contest shall terminate and shall be awarded by the Referee to his opponent.
- 12.** The Referee shall have power to stop the contest if in his opinion a contestant is outclassed, accidentally disabled or reaches a condition from any cause in which he is unable to defend himself.
- 13.** The breaking of any of these rules by any contestant or his Seconds shall render such contestant liable to disqualification. A contestant shall also be disqualified if his Seconds enter the ring during the progress of a round, and he may be disqualified if any known supporter of his enters the ring at any time during the progress of the contest whether it is during a round or between rounds.
- 14.** A contestant disqualified for any cause whatever shall not be entitled to any prize. The prize or balance of prize money owing to the boxer shall be handed over to the

Jamaica Boxing Board of Control for disposal at its discretion. Where there is a “no contest” decision, neither contestant shall be entitled to any money.

- 15.** (a) Boxers shall break to the order of the Referee
- (b) Breaks shall be clean breaks, that is to say, each boxer shall discontinue fighting and separate himself from his opponent and step back at least one pace. Boxers shall not push each other on breaking.
- 16.** Referees shall insist that Boxers break clean on a verbal order and shall so far as possible refrain from pushing, pulling or walking between boxers.
- 17.** The following acts shall be deemed fouls by the Referee:
- (a) Hitting below the belt  
Using the pivot blow  
Using the kidney punch
- Hitting with the open glove; the inside or butt of the hand; or with the wrist or elbow; holding; butting; shouldering; intentionally falling without receiving a blow; wrestling or roughing; remaining in a clinch unnecessarily; not trying; holding the ropes with one hand and hitting with the other; raising the knee in a clinch; making foul or insulting remarks to an opponent; pretending to be hit low; using elbows or head in clinches, biting and gouging etc.
- (b) All holding constitutes a foul including holding with one hand in the clinches and hitting with the other.
- (c) Using substances on a boxer’s person or equipment likely to affect an opponent.
- 18.** The Referee shall have power to disqualify the contestant for any foul subject to the following rules, which must be observed by the Referees.
- A. *Wilful and Intentional Fouls*
- (a) Where the foul is wilful and intentional and where it is of such a nature as to be calculated or likely to incapacitate or injure a boxer or seriously to affect his chances in the contest the fight must at once be stopped and the offender disqualified.
- (b) In all other cases of wilful and intentional fouls the Referee may use his discretion and disqualify when he thinks fit but must stop the contest to warn immediately and during the round itself for all offences and shall disqualify for neglect or refusal to pay regard to warnings.
- B. *Unintentional Fouls*
- (a) The Referee in all cases of unintentional fouls may and shall use his discretion.

- (b) He shall not in such cases disqualify for a first offence unless the foul has in his opinion actually incapacitated or injured or seriously affected the chances of the unoffending boxer.
  - (c) In all cases Referees must see that the rules are observed and that their instructions are properly obeyed and must give proper warnings for all fouls.
  - (d) The Referee must decide on a foul without reference to medical opinion.
- 19.** The Referee shall during the progress of the contest decide any question not provided in these rules and any question concerning the interpretation of these rules.

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**PROMOTERS' LICENCES - APPENDIX "A"**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

A.B. is hereby licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control to promote professional Boxing Matches and Meetings in the Island of Jamaica.

Sgd.: ..... President

..... Secretary

A.B. hereby acknowledges that he has received a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and agrees in consideration of the grant of this license to accept and in all respects abide by the same.

Sgd.: .....A.B.....

**PROMOTERS' BOND - APPENDIX "B"**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

JAMAICA S.S.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that

We  
of \_\_\_\_\_ in the parish of \_\_\_\_\_  
AND

of \_\_\_\_\_ in the parish of \_\_\_\_\_

ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY bound unto the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control in the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (J\$100,000) lawful money of this Island to be paid to the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control or their successors in office for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of us for the whole our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

SEALED without seals and dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20.....

WHEREAS the above bounden \_\_\_\_\_ has been granted by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control a licence to promote boxing contests under the auspices of the said Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Association NOW THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that if the above bounden \_\_\_\_\_ shall in the promotion of such Boxing Contests in the Island of Jamaica duly and punctually observe and perform all the rules and regulations of the said Jamaica Boxing Association and shall submit to the jurisdiction and abide by the rulings, decisions and awards of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and shall duly perform all the obligations undertaken by him in respect of any such boxing promotion, then this obligation shall be void and none effect.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by  
the said \_\_\_\_\_ and in  
the presence of:

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**BOXERS' LICENCE - APPENDIX "C"**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

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A.B. whose photograph is hereunto attached is hereby licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control to take part in Boxing Matches or Boxing promotions in Jamaica as a professional boxer.

Sgd.: ..... President

..... Secretary

A.B. hereby acknowledges that he has received a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and agrees in consideration of the grant of this license to accept and in all respects abide by the same.

Sgd.: .....A.B.....



**SECONDS' LICENCES - APPENDIX "D"**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

20.....

A.B. is hereby licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control to take part in Boxing Matches or Boxing promotions in Jamaica as a professional boxer's Second.

Sgd.: ..... President

..... Secretary

A.B. hereby acknowledges that he has received a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and agrees in consideration of the grant of this license to accept and in all respects abide by the same.

Sgd.: .....A.B.....

**JUDGE’S LICENCE - APPENDIX “E”**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

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A.B. is hereby licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control to act as Judge in Boxing Matches or Boxing promotions in Jamaica.

Sgd.: ..... President

..... Secretary

A.B. hereby acknowledges that he has received a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and agrees in consideration of the grant of this license to accept and in all respects abide by the same.

Sgd.: .....A.B.....

**REFEREE'S LICENCES - APPENDIX "F"**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

20.....

A.B. is hereby licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control to act as Referee in Boxing Matches or Boxing promotions in Jamaica.

Sgd.: ..... President

..... Secretary

A.B. hereby acknowledges that he has received a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and agrees in consideration of the grant of this license to accept and in all respects abide by the same.

Sgd.: .....A.B.....

**TIMEKEEPER'S LICENCES - APPENDIX "G"**

JAMAICA BOXING BOARD OF CONTROL

20.....

A.B. is hereby licensed by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control to act as Timekeeper in Boxing Matches or Boxing promotions in Jamaica.

Sgd.: ..... President

..... Secretary

A.B. hereby acknowledges that he has received a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and agrees in consideration of the grant of this license to accept and in all respects abide by the same.

Sgd.: .....A.B.....