

# WBA-VADA FAIR BOXING PROGRAM



The Fair Boxing program guarantees equal conditions for all fighters and the protection of the boxer

## Introduction:

The development of Boxing in the last decades has led to the problem of use and abuse of techniques and pharmacological substances that "enhance" the performance of the boxer.

We are convinced that the just and noble causes bring people together towards achieving goals with common interests, and this is why the World Boxing Association is creating the "Fair Boxing" program, an anti-doping campaign, joining forces with the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association (VADA) to help attack this problem.

The Fair Boxing program will also reinforce our notable global campaign "KO Drugs". Hence, both the Mission and the Vision of the Program are part of the general purpose and the perspective of the WBA: To achieve the integral development and welfare of the boxer, as fundamental premises for the growth of world boxing.

### Mission:

To guarantee a sport free of drugs and performance enhancing substances and protect boxers from the dangers of doping and supplements.

#### Vision:

To ensure the protection of all boxers in the WBA against the dangers of the use and abuse of performance enhancing techniques and substances.

# **Benefits of the Fair Boxing program:**

- Prevents drug use in society, as the boxer serves as a role model.
- Protects the health of boxers against risks and side effects of dangerous substances.



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- Guarantees fair and transparent fights with equal conditions and chances of victory.
- Prevents exposure to public scorn at the expense of morals and ethics.
- Avoids exposure to legal problems.

## General plan:

We established a partnership with VADA in order to have an effective control in the fights against the illegal use of pharmacological substances, doing pre-fight and post-fight tests to boxers fighting in continental or world title bouts, and random tests to the boxers in the WBA ranking.

To achieve this goal, requested boxers will be asked to register in the program voluntarily and progressively, until December 31st, 2017. From 2018, it will be mandatory for boxers who wish to be part of the ranking or fight for a world title.

## **Registration:**

For the registration process, the VADA forms will be used and adapted to the boxing context.

All boxers may be selected to randomly take the tests. The VADA offers effective antidoping programs in which all boxers are eligible to apply urine or blood tests without notice, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the year.

## Sanctions:

Boxers who do not agree to enroll, who do not want to participate in the tests, or whose results are positive in any of the exams, will have to face the sanctions established in the WBA Bylaws

A boxer who violates any of these parameters, will not be able to fight for a world title.