



FAQ: England Boxing's Departure from IBA

Q1: Why has England Boxing left the IBA and EUBC?

- The IBA due to serious governance concerns has lost Olympic recognition. England Boxing is aligning fully with World Boxing, which is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). IBA has also announced plans to govern Bare Knuckle Boxing — something we believe is unsafe and inconsistent with the values of England Boxing.

Q2: What about World Boxing?

- World Boxing is the new international governing body for Olympic boxing, created to protect the sport's future and to provide fair, safe and robust framework. It has been provisionally recognised by the IOC and now includes over 100 countries.

Q3: Will this affect the clubs or the boxers?

- No. England Boxing remains your (only) National Governing Body. Competitions, membership, coaching, and development pathways continue as normal — but now aligned with World Boxing.
- **Boxing Rules and Regulations will, going forward, refer to World Boxing instead of IBA. This process should be completed with the issue of the New Rulebook in January 2026.**

Q4: Could another group claim to be the governing body in England?

- The IBA may attempt to recognise a different organisation in England. But we want to be clear: **England Boxing is the only organisation recognised by Sport England, the British Boxing Board of Control, and the IOC pathway via World Boxing.**

Q5: Can our boxers still aim for the Olympics?

- Yes — and only through England Boxing and World Boxing. This is now the **sole legitimate route** to Olympic participation.

Q6: What should clubs do now?

- You don't need to take any action. But if you are contacted by any new organisation claiming to be a national body, please check with us first. We will keep you fully informed.