

IN THE MATTER OF

ENGLAND BOXING

-and-

MR JOHN WILSON

DISCIPLINARY REVIEW PANEL

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This is the written decision of the Disciplinary Review Panel ("the Panel"), consisting of [REDACTED] (Chair), [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] in the matter of Mr John Wilson ("JW"), pursuant to the England Boxing Disciplinary Code ("the Code"). This is the Panel's decision.
2. The hearing was held remotely by Zoom on 18 February 2026.
3. England Boxing was represented by Liam Egan. JW did not attend.
4. The Committee made its decision in private and communicated this decision in principle at the end of the remote hearing.
5. England Boxing ("EB") is the National Governing Body ("NGB") for boxing in England.

B. THE REFERRAL

6. On 20 January 2026, EB was made aware that on the 18 January 2026 at the Tyne, Tees and Wear Youth Finals, JW attempted to corner his son without a current coaching licence and was correctly advised he would not be allowed in the field of play due to not having the valid credentials.
7. It is understood that JW was watching from the stands when his son who was boxing, was disqualified by the referee. Video footage then shows JW enter the field of play,

at which point EB state that JW abused officials and picked up a chair to use as a weapon by attempting to throw this into the ring. The footage shows a fellow club coach stopping the chair from being thrown. In addition, JW proceeded to push a member of the security staff.

8. A referral was made to the Disciplinary Review Panel in respect of the following breaches of the Code of Conduct: -
 - *Protect themselves and others involved in the sport from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.*
 - *Never use inappropriate language or gestures.*
 - *Respect officials, coaches, athletes and spectators.*
 - *Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.*
 - *Realise their responsibilities as role models and set positive examples for others, particularly young persons and spectators.*

C. FACTS & SUBMISSIONS

9. The Panel read evidence, watched video footage and heard submissions provided by EB. JW did not engage in providing any submission or evidence to the Panel.
10. The Panel identified from the video footage that JW did enter the field of play following his son's boxing bout being stopped early and he did pick up a chair from the side of the ring, attempting to use this as a weapon. In addition, the Panel also recognise that JW assaulted a member of the security team by pushing them whilst at the side of the ring. The Panel were not provided with statements as to the verbal abuse received at the side of the ring by the officials, however, it can be heard that both JW and [REDACTED], did use derogatory language of a violent nature towards both the officials and opponent club during the incident, in combination with pointing and gesticulating.
11. The Panel noted that witness evidence had not been obtained by EB, but that in any event, the video footage was sufficient to identify the actions of JW and the reasoning for the referral to the Panel.

D. DETERMINATION

12. The Panel:
 - a. Took account of all the written evidence presented by EB.
 - b. Took account of all submissions made by EB.
 - c. Took account of the video footage of the incident.
 - d. The Panel considered the following:
 - i. Did JW fail to protect those present from physical or verbal abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour?
 - ii. Did JW use inappropriate language or gestures?

- iii. Did JW disrespect officials, coaches, athletes and spectators?
- iv. Did JW accept success and failure, victory and defeat with dignity?
- v. Did JW realise his responsibilities as a role model and set a positive example for others, particularly young people and spectators?

E. OUTCOME

13. The Panel concluded that JW did breach EB's Code of Conduct in relation to points i. to v. above. As a result of such breaches, and mindful of the violent and threatening nature of the misconduct as well as the fact the misconduct was committed at a youth event and by a participant who (at least by willingness to become a coach and/or corner his son) demonstrates a desire to be in a role model position, the Panel impose the following sanctions:

- i. JW is excluded from coaching, boxing, officiating or volunteering at a Member Organisation or an Associate or at any event organised by a Member Organisation or an Associate for a period of **2 years** from the date of the Panel's decision.
- ii. Upon the expiry of the 2-year expulsion, JW must – if he wishes to commence any coaching or similar activity in the sport - comply with the following requirements: -
 - a. JW must undertake an updated DBS check which must be approved by EB;
 - b. JW must undertake an EB approved Safeguarding Course;
 - c. JW must attend an Anger Management Course recommended and approved by EB; and
 - d. Upon completion and satisfaction of EB of the above points a to c, JW must undertake his Level 1 Coaching course.

14. The Committee makes no order for costs as none was sought.

F. RIGHT OF APPEAL

15. A right of appeal is available to both England Boxing and JW in accordance with the EB Disciplinary Code.

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On behalf of and agreed by the Disciplinary Panel

18 February 2026