

COMMON CAUSE ALLIANCE

September 30, 2022

To: IBA Board of Directors
By email

Re: Ban on participation of the Ukrainian National Team under the national flag of Ukraine & suspension of the Ukrainian Boxing Federation

Dear IBA Board of Directors,

We were shocked to see how quickly your decision to suspend the Ukrainian Boxing Federation due to alleged “government interference” led to horrific consequences for the junior Ukrainian National Team and damaged the integrity of a Continental Championships. Junior Ukrainian boxers traveled to represent their brave country at the Junior European Boxing Championships that is taking place in Montesilvano, Italy from September 27 to October 4, 2022. On arrival, they were notified that the IBA would not allow this and were ordered to compete under the banner of the IBA. This led to numerous bouts decided by walkover as Ukrainian boxers refused to enter the ring under such conditions. We note that the late decision to offer the Ukrainian Team to compete under its flag by “exception”, could not correct the damage that had already been done. Most of the team decided to return to Ukraine immediately, in solidarity with those athletes who had already lost by walkover.

This situation requires a further clarification from the IBA Board of Directors, specifically:

- What evidence was your decision, dated September 23, 2022, to suspend the Ukrainian Boxing Federation for “government interference” based on?
- Were all parties, including the legal representatives of the Ukrainian Boxing Federation, given a proper opportunity to be heard prior to your decision, pursuant to article 13.2 of the IBA Constitution?

Finally, we note that the suspension of the Ukrainian Boxing Federation was not referred for consideration of the IBA Congress in Yerevan, which is a violation of article 13.3 of the IBA Constitution.

We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian Boxing Family and demand justice for the Ukrainian boxers and the Ukrainian Boxing Federation.



*Our **Common Cause** is to keep Olympic style boxing in the Olympic program of Paris 2024 and ensure its re-inclusion for Los Angeles 2028.*

Respectfully,

Tyson Lee, Chair of Board Directors
On behalf of USA Boxing

Markku Kauhanen, President
On behalf of Finnish Boxing Federation

Eva Sæland, President
On behalf of Icelandic Boxing Federation

Andreas Anderegg, President
On behalf of Swiss Boxing

Dominique Nato, President
On behalf of French Boxing Federation

Svatopluk Zacek, President
On behalf of Czech Boxing Association

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On behalf of Boxing New Zealand

Ryan Savage, President
On behalf of Boxing Canada

Edgar Picson, President
*On behalf of Association of Boxing Alliances in
The Philippines*

Lars Brovil, President
On behalf of Danish Boxing Association

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On behalf of Swedish Boxing Federation

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On behalf of England Boxing

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On behalf of Mexican Boxing Federation

Daniel Fleissner, President
On behalf of Austrian Boxing

Boris van der Vorst, President
On behalf of Dutch Boxing Federation

Colin Metson, CEO
On behalf of Welsh Boxing

Mike McAtee, CEO/Executive Director
On behalf of USA Boxing

CC: All IBA National Federations, Professor Richard McLaren, Professor Ulrich Haas

