



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATIONS

The World Governing Body for Muaythai

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IFMA Member National Federations

Via: Email Only

Dear President,

As per Article 1.3 of the IFMA constitution, our affiliated members are not permitted to work with unrecognised federations.

As we strive to maintain and foster the highest standards of athlete safety, welfare, and clean sport, it's imperative for the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) to enforce strict rules and regulations. Our federation has the endorsement of the International Olympic Committee and is compliant with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Our mandate is to work exclusively with organizations that adhere to the same stringent standards.

We'd like to emphasize that the World Boxing Council (WBC), although a reputable body in the sport of boxing, does not fall under IFMA's jurisdiction and does not align with our specific standards for Muaythai. Hence, it's crucial that our member federations refrain from engaging with them.

Any form of collaboration with organizations that operate outside the IFMA's constitution and rules jeopardizes the integrity of our sports policies, and most importantly, the safety of our athletes. Such actions are deemed non-compliant with our regulations.

As a result, we want to stress that IFMA will enforce strict measures including, but not limited to, expulsion and suspension against any athlete or official involved in events or activities organized by unapproved organizations claiming to represent Muaythai. We urge all IFMA Member National Federations, the official representative bodies for Muaythai in their respective countries, to diligently manage their athletes and officials in alignment with our directive. Consequences will be accordingly imposed on any individuals failing to comply.

Sincerely,

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