



# **AIBA R&J MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

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## Definitions

“**1-Star R&J**” means an R&J certified to work events classified as 1-Star or lower level events;

“**2-Star R&J**” means an R&J certified to work events classified as a 2-Star or lower level events;

“**3-Star R&J**” means an R&J certified to work events classified as a 3-Star or lower level events;

“**AIBA**” means the International Boxing Association & AIBA R&J Commission

“**AIBA Major Events**” means any event that AIBA appoints the R&Js, Supervisor and ITOs;

“**AOB**” means AIBA open Boxing;

“**APB**” means AIBA Pro Boxing;

“**APB R&J**” means an R&J certified to work AIBA Pro Boxing events

“**Boxing Organization**” means any entity that organizes Boxing events;

“**Fast Track**” is the process of upgrading an R&J to a higher certification level based on performance;

“**ITO**” means International Technical Official. All officials appointed to a competition by AIBA, excluding the Referees and Judges;

“**Judge only**” means a person certified to only Judge competitions;

“**License**” means a license that allows a person to work as a professional Referee or Judge;

“**R&J**” means Referee and Judge;

“**Star Course**” is one of the courses within the 3 levels (1-Star, 2-Star, or 3-Star);

“**Star Level**” means the level of certification;

“**Supervisor**” means the person who is appointed to be responsible for all technical and competition related issues in AIBA Competitions;

“**World Organizations**” means any International or World level Boxing Organization, Association and/or Federation;

“**WSB R&J**” means an R&J certified to work World Series of Boxing events;

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## Introduction

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Only AIBA certified R&Js are allowed to officiate in AIBA competition, and must be registered in the AIBA database. All R&Js at any Star level must be trained and officiate competitions only by following the AIBA Technical rules, and Competition rules respective to the different programs (AOB, APB, WSB). The R&J manual should also be used as a guide.

The objective of AIBA's R&J management system is to increase the number of R&Js at different levels of the sport. Also, to create a fair and transparent pathway for the development of R&Js.

The system is managed by AIBA and the AIBA R&J Commission (hereinafter referred to as AIBA). All questions and comments can be forwarded to [refereejudge@aiba.org](mailto:refereejudge@aiba.org)

The following guidelines outline:

- ✓ A clear pathway and course structure to help aspiring and current AIBA Referees and Judges to understand the full requirements needed to obtain different levels of officiating.
- ✓ The process of maintaining certifications and other possible career paths.

AIBA reserves the right to change the rules and conditions stipulated in these Guidelines at any time without prior notice. In the event that any changes are made, the revised Guidelines shall be communicated via AIBA website.

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## AIBA R&J Eligibility Criteria

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The following are the standard criteria's to meet AIBA R&J Fundamental Qualification;

- ✓ Anyone from a non-boxing background or former Boxers may become R&Js.
- ✓ A person must be a registered member of their National Federation, and in good standing to obtain and keep their R&J status.
- ✓ A person can qualify as a Judge only or a Referee/Judge (R&J) at any level (meeting the minimum criteria's described in the pathway section).
- ✓ Any active R&J in other boxing organizations are allowed to keep their license, and apply to AIBA courses. (Provided they meet the requirements detailed in the pathway section). Likewise, AIBA R&Js are allowed to participate in non AIBA Professional competitions.

The following are criteria that disqualify a person from being an active AIBA R&J:

### Social Status

- ✓ All elected and/or appointed members who are executives of National Federation such as Presidents, Executive Committee members, Secretaries General, etc.
- ✓ Any paid employee of National Federations and/or government employee (related to the sport of boxing).
- ✓ Active Team Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Boxers, etc.
- ✓ All AIBA and Continental Commission members, including Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- ✓ National Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman only.

### Physical Status

- ✓ Colour-blind persons are not qualified to be R&Js.
- ✓ A deaf person is not qualified to be a Referee.

### Ethical Status

- ✓ Any R&J suspended by AIBA for ethical reasons will no longer be accepted for any activity within boxing.
- ✓ Any applicant subject to disciplinary investigation, charges or sanction is subject to review.

**Note:** If any of the above criteria are violated, the R&J will be immediately placed on temporary suspension until the AIBA R&J Commission and disciplinary Commission has made a final decision on the R&J's specific case.

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## AIBA R&J Certification Pathway

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AIBA certifies R&Js under the following levels:

- ✓ 1-Star
- ✓ 2-Star
- ✓ 3-Star
- ✓ WSB
- ✓ APB

### Criteria to become a 1-Star R&J:

- ✓ Must have officiated 50 bouts as a Judge and 30 bouts as a Referee in National events, and have worked at least one (1) National Elite Championship as an R&J.

### Criteria to become a 2-Star or 3-Star R&J:

- ✓ Must be certified and active as a 1-Star for at least twelve (12) months to be eligible to enrol in the next Star course

### Criteria to become a WSB R&J

- ✓ Must be certified and active as a 3-Star R&J for at least twelve (12) months and have officiated as an R&J in at least two (2) AIBA major events to be eligible

### Criteria to become an APB R&J

- ✓ WSB certified R&Js must have officiated in at least 5 matches in one (1) season successfully or ten (10) matches in combined seasons to be eligible for APB certification.

### Criteria for R&Js holding a license from another boxing organization

- ✓ To be eligible to attend a 3-Star course, one must meet the criteria to become a WSB or APB R&J (The criteria's are listed in the next points below).
- ✓ To become an AOB/WSB R&J, one must have at least 2 years of experience in professional boxing, and must have officiated at least thirty (30) professional bouts as a Referee and fifty (50) bouts as a Judge.
- ✓ To become an APB R&J, one must have at least 3 years of experience in professional boxing, and must have officiated at least fifty (50) professional bouts as a Referee and seventy-five (75) bouts as a Judge.

### Criteria to become a Judge only

- ✓ Same requirements mentioned on all points above, with the exception of the Refereeing requirements
- ✓ A person cannot be a Referee only, but can be a Judge only

### Upgrading to the next level

- ✓ Once AIBA certified, R&Js can apply for courses to upgrade their level by meeting the minimum requirement detailed in the pathway.
- ✓ R&Js can only advance levels in sequential order (1-Star to 2-Star, then 2-Star to 3-Star, etc.).
- ✓ In certain cases, based on performance in a competition or course, an R&J may be allowed to fast track to a higher level. A recommendation from a certified AIBA Instructor, and approval from the AIBA R&J Commission Chairperson is needed to allow the R&J to advance. Recommendation and approval must be decided in separate events.
- ✓ After the final approval, the R&J must pass successfully a written exam to become officially certified.

## Downgrading levels

- ✓ Based on performance, ethics or safety of the boxer, an R&J can be downgraded to any level or disciplinary sanction.
- ✓ Prior to any actions taken, the R&J will be immediately placed on temporary suspension until the AIBA R&J Commission and Disciplinary Commission have made a final decision on the R&J's specific case.

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## AIBA R&J Certification Courses

All Courses must be approved and advertised by AIBA. Requested forms and course applications should be sent to your respective National Federation, unless other instructions are specified by the AIBA HQ office. All courses will consist of theoretical sessions, practical examinations and a written examination.

### AIBA 1-Star to 3-Star R&J Course and Examination

Star level course:

- ✓ The R&J must meet the criteria's outlined in the R&J Pathway
- ✓ AIBA will approve the course, approve the candidates and appoint 2 instructors.
- ✓ Course structure
  - Theory – 1 full day
  - Written examination – 1 hour
  - Practical examination during live competition – 3 to 5 days
    - Evaluation of 5 bouts as a Referee and 10 bouts as a Judge
- ✓ Individuals must achieve the following minimum as an overall score to successfully pass:
  - **1-Star – 75% minimum**
  - **2-Star – 80% minimum**
  - **3-Star – 85% minimum**

### APB/WSB R&J Course and Examination

APB/WSB course:

- ✓ The R&J must meet the criteria's outlined in the R&J Pathway
- ✓ AIBA will approve the course, approve the candidates and appoint 2 instructors.
- ✓ Course Structure
  - Theory – 1 full day
  - Written examination – 1 ½ hours
  - Practical sessions and examination– 3 - 4 days
- ✓ Individuals must achieve the following minimum in this section: 85%
- ✓ Upon successful completion of the APB/WSB course, there will be a trial period during which the R&J will be evaluated during live WSB competitions, and must officiate successfully in the following:
  - 5 bouts as a Referee
  - 20 bouts as a Judge
- ✓ APB status will be attained after a further trial period consisting of the following in APB competitions:
  - 5 bouts as a Referee
  - 20 bouts as a Judge
- ✓ Individuals must achieve an overall score of:
  - WSB – 88% minimum
  - APB – 90% minimum

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## Certification Validity Period

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The AIBA R&J certification is valid based upon the R&J's activity within their respective level.

- ✓ R&Js not active in competition for more than 4 years at their respective International level will need to attend a course to renew their certification.
- ✓ To renew a certification, an R&J must attend the same course level as his/her current star level.
- ✓ Inactive R&Js will not be appointed or allowed to attend a higher course level or competition.

**Note:** Any R&J certified in 2012 or earlier is considered inactive and must attend the same course level as his/her current star level.

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## Financial Terms and Conditions

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The following figures are course fees for each certification level:

- ✓ 1-Star R&J Course: \$100
- ✓ 2-Star R&J Course: \$200
- ✓ 3-Star R&J Course: \$300
- ✓ APB/WSB Workshop: \$500

Upon successfully passing the course, each participant will receive one (1) certificate, two (2) badges and one (1) International Record Book. Record books will be given to those that successfully pass a 1-Star R&J course or R&Js licensed in other organizations that successfully pass a course.

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## Annual Medical Certificate

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All AIBA certified R&Js are required to arrange their own yearly medical check with their Physician. Once completed, the R&J and their Physician are required to sign the Medical Certificate.

- ✓ Upon certifying with AIBA for the first time, R&Js will be required to submit these forms to their National Federation shortly after their certification has been confirmed, and continue to maintain their annual medical requirements.
- ✓ The Annual Medical certificate must be completed and sent to the R&J's respective National Federation.
- ✓ The National Federation office will stamp the Medical certificate and upload it to the R&J's profile in AIBA's database.
- ✓ The form expires one (1) year after the examination date.

The Annual Medical Certificate can be found in Appendix 1.



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## Life after Refereeing and Judging

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AIBA offers several opportunities for AIBA certified R&Js after retiring from their Refereeing and Judging duties, to continue their path within the AIBA family and use their experience to help evolve the sport of boxing. The following are pathways offered to former AIBA R&Js.

**ITO** – For those that miss being involved in competition events, being a former R&J is an advantage to becoming an ITO. All it takes is meeting the current eligibility requirements, attending a workshop and passing a practical, oral and written exam.

**Supervisor** – Successful work and proven leadership as an ITO is a step in the right direction towards becoming a Supervisor. For more detailed information on becoming an ITO or Supervisor, please review the ITO/Supervisor Guidelines.

**R&J Instructor** – Every 2 years AIBA organizes an R&J Instructor workshop to create a large group of competent Instructors. This elite group plays a key role in educating future generations and is considered a very important element within AIBA.

**R&J Commission** – Be a part of paving the future for R&Js. Express your interest to your National Federation on becoming a member of your National R&J Commission. This path can lead to a Confederation position, which can lead to a position within an AIBA Commission.

These are possibilities to consider during and after your Referee/Judge career within AIBA. Having a goal and future plans to better yourself helps improve AIBA as whole and will always be encouraged.

## Appendix 1: Medical Certificate



### AIBA R&J Annual Medical Certificate

#### R&J

Name:	_____
Date of Birth:	_____
Star Level:	_____
Signature:	_____ Date: _____
Date of Exam:	_____

#### PHYSICIAN

Name:	_____
Title/Position:	_____
Address:	_____
Signature:	_____ Date: _____
Comments:	_____ _____

Fit to Officiate as a Referee/Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Not</u></b> Fit to Officiate as a Referee/Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>

NATIONAL FEDERATION NAME	NATIONAL FEDERATION STAMP