

SCHOOL GAMES FEDERATION OF INDIA

BOXING TECHNICAL & COMPETITION RULES

Technical & Competition Rules are the only Technical & Competition Rules worldwide which Technical members, clubs and family must follow and respect in any of their competitions in accordance to activities at all levels. It may develop its own Technical & Competition Rules that are contradictory to the Technical & Competition Rules.

RULE I: THE RING

A. Requirements

In all Competitions, the Boxing Ring shall conform to the following requirements:

1. Size.

The minimum size shall be 4.90 m square (16 feet) and the maximum size 6.10 m square (20 feet) inside the line of the Ropes. In International Championships, the size of the Ring shall be 6.10 m square. The Ring height shall not be less than 91 cm (3 feet) or more than 1.22 m (4 feet) above the ground or base.

2. Platform and Corner Pads.

The Platform shall be safely constructed, level and free from any obstructing Projections and shall extend for at least 85 cm (33.5 inches) outside the line of the Ropes. It shall be fitted with four Corner Posts which shall be well padded or otherwise so constructed so as to prevent injury to the Boxers. The Corner Pads should be arranged in the following way: In the near left side Ring corner facing the President of the Jury-Red in the far left- side corner-White; in the far right-side corner-Blue; and in the near right-side corner-White.

3. Floor Covering.

The Floor of the Ring shall be covered with felt, rubber or other suitably approved material having the same quality of elasticity, not less than 1.3 cm (half an inch) and not more than 1.9 cm (three-quarters of an inch) thick over which Canvas shall be stretched and secured in place. The felt, rubber or other approved material, and canvas, shall cover the entire Platform;

4. Ropes.

There shall be four Ropes of a thickness of 4 cm without considering the cover the ropes shall be 40.6 cm (16ins.), 71.1 cm (28ins.), 101.6 cm (40 ins.) and 132.1 cm (52 ins.) high respectively. The Ropes shall be covered with a soft or smooth material. The Ropes shall be joined on each side, at equal intervals, by two pieces of close textured canvas 3 to 4 cm. (1.2-1.6 ins.) wide. These pieces must not slide along the rope;

5. Steps

The ring shall be provided with three steps. Two Steps at the opposite corners for the use of Contestants and Seconds,- one Step in the Neutral Corner for use by the Referees and Doctors;

6. Plastic Bags

In the two Neutral Corners outside the Ring, a small plastic bag shall be fixed in which the Doctor or Referee shall drop the cotton or tissue pads used by him to nurse bleedings

7. Approved Label

All Rings should have Manufacturer's label and the Manufacturer should be approved by ISI trade mark.

B. Additional Rings

Two Rings may be used in important Championships.

RULE II: GLOVES

A. Authorized Gloves

Competitors shall wear red or blue gloves as per the respective Boxer's corner which the Organizers of the Competitions have placed at their disposal and which have been approved by the Technical Delegate. Boxers are not allowed to use their own gloves and must use the Gloves provided by the Organizers of the Competition.

B. Specifications

The Gloves shall weigh 10 pounds (284 grams) with a tolerance of 5% up or downwards, of which the leather portion shall not weigh more than half of the total weight and the padding not less than half the total weight. The margin of 5% would also apply downward and upwards, respectively. The padding of the Gloves shall not be displaced or broken. For all national School Competitions approved by SGFI, only the Velcro type gloves shall be worn by the boxers. Only clean and serviceable gloves shall be used.

1. The leather portion of the boxing gloves shall be made of high quality leather such as

1.1 Cowhide leather.

1.2 Grade A leather.

1.3. Others of equivalent quality subject to T.C. approval.

2. The thumb should be fixed to the main body of the boxing gloves by the top part and with a maximum gap of 10 millimeters.

3. The event identification may be printed and may be displayed at the following positioning and measurements

4. Maximum 50cm² (fifty square centimeters) on the front top part of each glove. The official supplier's logo may be printed and may be displayed at the following positioning and measurements

5. Maximum 50cm (fifty square centimeters) on the wrist of each glove.

6. Any other form shall be prohibited such as and non limited to figurative logo, design, mark, script and manufacturer name etc. Procedure for Control of approved Gloves. approved Competitions.

7. Equipment Commission and final approval will be provided by the Executive Committee. After such final approval, a manufacturer may apply to be licensed by ISI Trade mark.

D. ISI Trade mark Gloving Supervision

All Gloves and Bandages shall be worn/fitted under the supervision of two knowledgeable Officials appointed for the purpose who will see that all the Rules have been carefully observed. They will ensure that all Rules are observed until the Boxers enter the Ring.

RULE III: BANDAGES

Specifications A —Velveau bandaging not longer than 4.5 meters and not shorter than 2.5m (8.2feet). The bandage should be 5.7 cm (2 ¼ inches) wide on each hand must be used. No other kind of Bandage may be used. The use of any kind of tapes, rubber or adhesive plaster, as Bandages, is strictly forbidden.

National School Championships Bandages to be used to be provided by the Host State/ Unit. At each Bout, the Contestants shall use new bandages supplied to them by the official Equipment Manager in the dressing rooms immediately before the Contest.

RULE IV: DRESS

A. Authorized Dress. Competitors shall be dressed in accordance with the following:

Clothing

Competitors shall box in light Boots or Shoes without spikes and without any heels Socks or Shorts not to exceed knee length, and a Vest covering the chest and back. For all Competitions approved by T.C. the Boxers shall wear either a red or blue Singlet, depending on the color of their Corner, which shall be their own responsibility. Where Trunks and Vests are of the same color, the belt line must be clearly indicated by using an elastic Waistband 6-10 cm wide. (The belt line is an imaginary line from the navel to the top of the hips); Detailed Boxers' Uniform Guidelines can' be found in Appendix.

Gumshields

Gumshields shall be worn compulsorily during all Championships and should be 'form fitted'. It shall be forbidden for a Boxer to intentionally remove his mouth piece during the contest and if he does so, he shall be warned or disqualified. If a Boxer has his mouthpiece knocked out, the Referee shall take the boxer to his Corner, have the mouthpiece washed and returned to its proper position. While this is being done, the Second is not allowed to talk to his Boxer. If the Gumshield falls down for the first time for any reason whatsoever, the Boxer will get a Warning and if this happens again, he will receive a second Warning; and can be disqualified. No red or partially red colored gumshield may be worn.

CUP PROTECTORS

For all Boys competitions, a cup protector shall be worn by the Boxers during all bouts and a jockstrap may be worn additionally. The cup protector should not cover any part of the target area.

For all Girls competitions, a breast protector and a pubic protector may be worn by the Boxers.

Girl breast protectors shall be constructed to protect the soft tissue of the breast up to the point that the breast protrusion merges with the chest wall. Breast protectors may not shield any other target area of the body except the protrusion of the breast. Right and left breast protectors, if connected, must be connected by thin material that does not protect the breastbone. Normal «bra straps» is permitted to hold the protectors in place. Breast protectors must have no metal parts except at the fastening site at the back of the Boxer.

Head Guard

The Head guard is an individual and form fitted item of the Boxer's equipment. He must have in his possession a red and blue Head guard which must be worn for National School Games. The use of

a Head guard shall be mandatory and it shall conform to T.C. Specifications. The same conditions and procedures expressed in Rule II, Par. C shall apply to Head guards also. Boxers shall put their head guard on only after entering the Ring. The Head guard shall be taken off immediately after the Bout is over and before the Decision is announced. Hosts of the Competition is required to have a sufficient quantity of each color in the event a boxer's Head guard becomes unserviceable during a bout Head guards with the approved ISI trade label will be manufactured only by those Companies licensed by ISI Trade Marks. The Manufacturer must place his approved label on the Head guard.

Prohibited Objects. No other Objects may be worn during the Competition. The use of pure Vaseline rubbed into the forehead and eyebrow to prevent an injury is permitted. A Boxer shall be clean shaven at the medical examination before the weigh in. Beards are not allowed.

Dress Infractions

Referee shall exclude from competition any boxer who does not wear a head guard, a cup-protector, and gumshield, or who is not clean and properly dressed. In the event of a boxer's glove or dress becoming undone during boxing, the Referee shall stop the contest to have it attended to special Provision for Female Boxers a Female Boxers must wear a red or blue form fitting vest and either shorts or the option of a skirt as per boxers respective corner allocation, which shall be their own responsibility.

b. Female Boxers may wear a well fitting breast protector not interfering with her ability to compete and should not be manufactured in any material that would be harmful to either Boxer.

c. Female Boxers are to ensure that they tuck their Hair either inside the head guard or may be properly tucked inside the Vest, Hairnets, barrettes, head cloths, rubber band or other binding devices may be used to secure their hair properly beneath the head guard. Hairpins or clips or any device made of metal, plastic or any other hard material are not permitted.

RULE V: RING SIDE EQUIPMENT

The following ring equipments shall be made available at all Championships/ Tournaments held under the auspices of SGFI:

Two shallow trays containing ground resin, Two seats or two swiveling seats for Boxers to use during intervals of a Bout, Two plastic Mugs to be used for drinking and mouth wash only, and Where water is not piped directly to the ringside, two plastic spray bottles and two small plastic bottles for drinking. No other type of water bottles are permitted at ringside for use by the boxers or seconds, Two basins with sawdust and two buckets of water; Tables and Chairs for Officials Gong (with striker) or bell for timekeeper & whistle for Jury, One (preferably two) Stop Watch/es, One First -aid Kit, One Microphone connected to the loud speaker system, Two (2) pairs of uniform Gloves of the same manufacture as described in Rule II, One Stretcher, Two (2) Head guards (one in red and one in blue color).Complete set of Computer Scoring System as approved by T.C. Sufficient quantities of Hand held Computer Scoring Machines to be used by Jury Members. The Judges will also use them in case of a breakdown of CSM.

RULE VI: MEDICAL EXAMINATION, WEIGH IN & ELIGIBILITY OF BOXERS

A. Medical Examination.

1. At the time fixed for the Weigh-in, a Competitor must be passed as fit to compete by a Member of the Medical Jury before being weighed-in. With a view to ensure a smooth running of the weigh - in, the Technical Delegate may decide to begin the Medical Examination at an earlier time.

2. At the Medical Examination and Weigh-in, the boxer shall produce his National Competition Record Book which must be signed by the Secretary of his State and stamped by organized where the requisite entries shall be made by the Officials in charge at the Competition. If a Boxer fails to produce his record Book at the Medical Examination and the Weigh-in, he shall not be allowed to box.

3. In order to be eligible to compete, a Woman Boxer must produce a National Competition Record Book, and in addition, the Female Boxer shall answer to the best of her knowledge, any questions posed by the Medical Officer and shall confirm in writing that to the best of her knowledge. The Organizers of mixed events where both males and females compete shall arrange for separate rooms where the Medicals and Weigh-ins may be carried out separately for Males and Females. The Medicals of female boxers shall be carried out according to the special sports-medical guidelines to be included in the Medical Handbook of MYAS

Weight Classifications.

Under 14 Boys		Under 17 Boys & Girls				Under 19 Boys & Girls			
Weight	Boys	Weight	Boys	Weight	Girls	Weight	Boys	Weight	Girls
28-30	1	-46	1	-42	1	-48	1	-46	1
30-32	1	46-48	1	42-44	1	48-51	1	46-48	1
32-34	1	48-50	1	44-46	1	51-54	1	48-50	1
34-36	1	50-52	1	46-48	1	54-57	1	50-52	1
36-38	1	52-54	1	48-50	1	57-60	1	52-54	1
38-40	1	54-57	1	50-53	1	60-64	1	54-57	1
40-42	1	57-60	1	53-56	1	64-69	1	57-60	1
42-44	1	60-63	1	56-59	1	69-75	1	60-63	1
44-46	1	63-66	1	59-62	1	75-81	1	63-66	1
46-48	1	66-70	1	62-66	1	81-91	1	66-70	1
48-50	1	70-75	1	66-71	1	+91	1	70-75	1
		75-81	1	71-77	1			75-81	1
		81-86	1	77-82	1			81-86	1

1. At all National School Games Championships the following shall be the regulations regarding the weigh-in:

a. The Contestants at all weights shall be required to be ready to weigh-in on the first morning of the Competition at an hour appointed between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. On the following Competition days only those who are drawn to box shall appear at the same time between 8 and 9 a.m. It shall be in the power of the Technical Delegate to relax this condition slightly if unavoidable delay occurs. Boxing shall not commence earlier than three clear hours after the time appointed for the close of the Weigh-in, or such lesser time as the T.D after consulting the Medical Commission shall decide is suitable and not liable to be detrimental to a boxer taking part in the early bouts of the forthcoming boxing session.

The weight registered at the official Weigh-in on the first day decides the weight class of the Boxer for the whole of the Competition, but he will still be required to weigh-in each day on which he is due to box to ensure that his actual weight on that day does not exceed the maximum of the Boxer's weight class nor be below the minimum of the Boxer's weight class which will also apply to the Daily Weigh-in. A Contestant may only box in the weight for which he/she has qualified at the official weigh-in;

A Competitor will be allowed to present himself at the official Scales only once at the Weigh-in each day. The weight recorded on that presentation is 'final'. It is permissible, however, for the Delegate of the particular State/Unit of any competitor who has failed to make the weight at the

original weigh-in to enter him/her thereupon for the higher or lower weight for which he has qualified if the particular State/ Unit have a free place in that weight group, and the weigh-in is not yet closed. The weight is the one shown on the Scale, the body being naked except for a swimming suit or underwear. When it is necessary, the Boxer may take off the underwear on the Scale only. Electronic scales will be used. Trial scales used at the tournament and official Weigh-In scales have to be of the same manufacturer and of the same calibration. The Weigh-In must be conducted by officials of the same gender.

Special Provisions for Female Boxers:

a. A Special National Medical Record Book shall be devised and is to be used by female boxers. All the relevant findings of the special physical exam they are required to undergo are to be recorded in this Medical Book.

b. Prior to any Women Boxing Competition, Female Boxers shall furnish in writing, duly signed by them, all the information with regards to their physical condition. In the event of any incorrect statements furnished by the Boxer, the Boxer will then be held responsible for any consequences resulting there from.

c. The Organizers of mixed Events where both Males and Females compete shall arrange for separate rooms for Medicals and Weigh in for the Male and Female Boxers.

d. Female Weight Mistresses shall attend the Scales at the Weigh in for Female Boxers.

e. The Medical Examinations of the Female Boxers shall be carried out according to special Sports Medical Guidelines and is to be conducted by Female Medical Officers.

ELIGIBILITY OF BOXERS

1. Any Boxer participating in SGFI Approved Events must be a regular resident, student in the State/Board one intends representing in such competitions.

2. For all disputes regarding Registration of boxer taking place during T.C. approved events, the final decision on determining the participation of any boxer will lie with the SGFI T.C.

3. For the determination of validity of registration, SGFI shall develop a database of all Boxers to trace their competition records. Any State/Board or Organizing Committee shall send the final entries to SGFI in order to receive a confirmation on the registration and eligibility status of any Boxer prior to any competition. However, until the database is completed, the registration shall be checked through the Boxer's Competition Record online and/or any previous State/Board Competition results.

4. Prior to the competition, the SGFI HQs Office shall confirm the registration and eligibility of the Boxer. However, during the competition, any dispute will be resolved by the Technical Delegate and then will be ratified by the SGFI HQs Office.

5. For all SGFI approved boxing competitions only one Boxer per Weight Category per Unit /Team shall be allowed to compete.

RULE VII: DRAWS & BYES.

A. The Draw

The Draw shall take place after the conclusion of the Medical Examinations and Weigh-in. The draw must take place in the presence of official representatives of the teams concerned, and must ensure, where practicable, that no Competitor shall box twice in the Competition before all other Competitors have boxed at least once. In special situations, the Technical Delegate has the right to depart from this rule. The Draw shall proceed first for the Boxers to box in the first series and then for the Byes. However, no Boxer may be awarded a Medal without having boxed in the Competition. A computerized draw system is to be used in all Events. In case the computerized draw system is not working, a manual system can be used. In any case, until the last Weight Category draw is completed, if there is any mistake or unavoidable circumstance taking place, the T.D. has the right to order that Weight Category draw to be done again.

B. Byes

In Competitions where there are more than four Competitors, a sufficient number of Byes shall be drawn in the first series to reduce the number of Competitors in the second series to 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32. Competitors drawing a bye in the first series shall be the first to box in the second series. If there are an odd number of byes, the boxer who has drawn the last bye will compete in the second series against the winner of the first bout in the first series. Where the number of byes is even, the Boxers drawing byes shall box the first bouts in the second series in the order in which they are drawn. No Medal shall be awarded to a Boxer who has not boxed at least once.

C. Order of the Program

In National School Games Championships, the order of the Program should be arranged so far as practicable in the order of weights so that in each series the lightest weights will be run off first and thence in order of weights up to the heaviest weights in that series followed by the lightest weights in the next series, and so on. In arranging the daily programmer, the wishes of the Hosts may be accommodated, as long as this does not call into question the results of the Draw.

RULE VIII: Rounds

- Boys Senior (Elite) and Junior Boys competitions, the bouts shall consist of three (3) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- Girls Senior (Elite) and Junior Girls competitions, the bouts shall consist of four (4) rounds of two (2) minutes each.
- Sub-Junior Boys competitions, the bouts shall consist of three (3) rounds of (2) minutes.
- For all above listed events, the rest time between rounds is one (1) minute.

RULE IX: THE SECONDS

Each competitor is entitled to two seconds, who shall be governed by the following Rules:

1. Only the two seconds shall mount the apron of the Ring and only one may enter the Ring;
2. While the Bout is in progress, none of the Seconds shall remain on the platform of the Ring. Before a Round begins, the Seconds shall move from the Platform of the Ring, and shift the Seat, Towels, Buckets, and other items out from the Ring.
3. The seconds, while officiating in the respective Corner, shall be in possession of a towel and sponge for the Boxer. A second may 'give in' for a Competitor, and may, when he considers his Boxer to be in difficulty, throw the Sponge or Towel into the Ring, except when the Referee is in the course of 'counting';
4. The Technical Delegate at each Tournament shall arrange a joint meeting of the Referees and Judges and the Seconds who are going to work in each Tournament and emphasize that SGFI

Rules will be followed and that Boxers violating these Rules may lose not only points, but the Championship because of Rules infractions.

5. Any Coach/ official in professional boxing shall not be allowed to be a Coach and/or Second in SGFI competitions at any level unless the Coach resigns from any involvement in professional boxing for a period of at least six (6) months and are certified by SGFI as a registered Coach.

6. A Second should not be permitted to shout loud, to clap to the Boxer and/or the Referee to encourage or incite spectators by words or signs during the progress of a round.

7. The Second seating area should be 50cm to 1 meter away from the ring corner within 1.5-2m2 (see Appendix -Field of Play). A Second should not be permitted to walk off the Second's designated area with disagreed actions against the Referee.

8. A Second should not be permitted to throw any item into the ring to demonstrate a disagreement or to kick any chair or water bottle or to take any other action that may be deemed as unsportsmanlike behavior.

9. The use of any communication device shall not be permitted onto the Field of Play such as but not limited to mobile telephones, walkie-talkie, smart phones, headsets, shortwave radio, etc.

10. Under any circumstance should the Second administrate supplemental oxygen to a Boxer during a bout.

11. For a 1st violation on any of above prohibited activity, the Second shall receive a caution.

12. For a 2nd violation on any of above prohibited activity, the Second shall receive a warning and be place just outside of the FOP area and be allowed to remain the Competition Venue.

13. For a 3rd violation on any of the above prohibited activity, the Second shall be removed by the Chairman of the Competition Jury for the rest of the day.

14. If this Second is removed for a second time, this Second shall be completely suspended from the competition.

RULE X: REFEREES & JUDGES

A. Referees.

At every National School Games Championship and other SGFI approved tournaments, each Contest shall be controlled by a T.C. approved Referee who shall officiate in the Ring.

B. Judges.

Each Contest shall be marked by five SGFI approved Judges who shall be seated separated from the Public and immediately adjacent to the Ring. Two of the Judges shall be seated on the same side of the ring at a sufficient distance from one another, and each of the other three Judges shall be seated at the centre of one of the other three sides of the ring. When the number of Officials available is insufficient, 3 Judges instead of 5 may be used, but this shall not apply to National Championships where 5 Judges are a must. The Panel of Referees & Judges in Female Boxing Contest may consist of both, Male and Female Officials, a Male Referee or Judge may officiate in a Female Bout.

C. Scoring

During each round, a Judge shall assess the respective scores of each Boxer according to the number of scoring blows obtained. Each blow, to have a scoring value, must, without being blocked or guarded, land directly with the knuckle part of the closed glove of either hand on any part of the front or sides of the head or body above the belt. Swings landing as above described are scoring blows. The awarding of a point shall follow the principle of one point for every correct blow. Non-Valid Scoring Point No extra point shall be awarded for a Knock-Down.

D. Neutrality

To ensure Neutrality, the names of the Referee and the five Judges for each contest shall be selected by a Computerized Software Program and/or a Draw Jury in accordance with the following

Directives:

1. That each such official shall be an approved Referee/Judge;
2. That each such official shall be of a different State Association/Unit from each other and also from each of the Boxers taking part in the Contest;
3. That in the event of a change of State Association of any Official, such Official shall not officiate in any Contest in which a Boxer of his original state is taking part, or a Referee or Judge of that State Association is Officiating
4. In no case shall more than two Officials in one and the same Contest come from the same State Association/Unit
5. The Duty Rota of Referees and Judges in all Competitions shall be so prepared before each Contest by the Referee/Judges Commission; that neutrality is maintained.
6. In case of shortage of Officials, One Judge each will be selected from the same State of each Boxer and three (3) Judges selected from three other different States/Units.;
7. A Referee or Judge should not officiate in a Bout consisting of a Boxer whose Team has previously protested against the same Referee or Judge.
8. In the event of a change of residence/place/department of service, such Referee & Judge shall not officiate in any contest in which a Boxer of the Referee & Judge's former State/Place or Board is taking part
9. All Referees & Judges should respect and sign the SGFI Code of Conduct (Appendix).

E. Conflict of Interest

Technical Officials acting as Referees or Judges in any contest or series of Contests shall not at any time during the same Contest or series of Contests act as Team Manager, Trainer or Second to any Boxer or Team of Boxers taking part in such Contest or series of Contests or so act in a Contest in which a Competitor of their State/Unit is taking part.

F. Disciplinary Action

The Technical Delegate with the recommendation of the Jury, dispense with the services of any Referee who does not efficiently enforce the rules of the SGFI, or any Judge whose marking or scoring of Contests are not satisfactory. A decision on dispensation for a longer period than the ongoing Competition shall be made by the SGFI Executive Committee and before the Decision is made, the Defendant shall be given the opportunity to express his/her opinion and secure a 'fair' Trial.

G. Replacing the Referee during the Bout

If a Referee is incapacitated in the course of a Bout, the Timekeeper shall strike the Gong to stop the Bout and the next available neutral Referee on the List shall be instructed to take over and control the Bout and order that the Bout be resumed.

H. Mechanical Scoring Devices

At all National School Games Championships approved Tournaments, the use of an Electronic Scoring Machine shall be compulsory'.

I. Obligation of Attendance

The State/UT/Unit of which a National Referee/Judge selected by the Executive Committee is a Member, the State Competent authority shall be under the obligation to send him/her to the National Championships/ SGFI approved Tournaments the particular Referee/Judge has been nominated for, unless he/she has a valid reason for refusing such Invitation which must be notified 'in writing' much in advance to SGFI HQ.

J. Standard criteria to meet SGFI Fundamental Qualifications. The following persons cannot be active

1. All elected members of Federation and President & Secretary of the SGFI.
2. Any paid employee of Federation.
3. Active Team Managers, Coaches, Trainers, etc.
4. ROC and All Commission/Committee members.
5. A person cannot be a Referee only but can be a Judge only.
6. Persons from a non-boxing background or former Boxers may become
7. All color-blind persons cannot be
8. A deaf person cannot be a Referee
9. Any T.C suspended by SGFI & Organizer for ethical reasons will no longer be accepted for any activity within boxing.
10. All T.C. at any level should be trained and judge the competitions only by following the SGFI T.C. Manual.
11. T.C. Ring Official Commission to provide the educational seminars and training courses at national and regional levels.
12. Only SGFI certified T.C. are allowed to officiate in any competition and should be registered in the SGFI Records

RULE XI: QUALIFYING FOR ADMISSION TO AND MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL LIST OF REFEREES AND JUDGES

A. National Referee/Judge and National Judge. The title of —National Referee/Judge or —National Judge shall be the highest title for a Referee/Judge of Amateur Boxing in India. A person admitted to the National List shall be awarded a Diploma of —National Boxing Referee and/or Judge.

B. Candidates for admission to the National List of SGFI Referees and Judges:

1. Eligibility

1.1) 1 Star National R/J and Time - keeper/ Announcer – A State level Referee with contests Referee/ Judge 50 in District/State/Board Boxing Championships must be updated in Referee record book.

1.2) 2 Star National R/J - A 1 Star National R/J who has officiated minimum of Referee/ Judge 100 bout in State/ Board, Zonal level championship.

1.3) 3 Star National R/J – A 2 Star National R/J who has officiated minimum of Referee/ Judge 150 bout in All India, Federation Cup, Inter Zonal National, Sub - Junior/Junior National School Boxing Championships.

1.4) 1 Star National R/J are eligible to officiate at State/ Board, Zonal level, Sub- Junior National School Games Championships.

1.5) 2 Star National R/J is eligible to officiate at Federation Cup, Inter Zonal National, Sub - Junior and Junior National Boxing Championships.

1.6) 3 Star National R/J is eligible to officiate at Senior National, National Games, International Boxing Championships in India and will be given an opportunity to attend Clinics etc so that he gains sufficient knowledge and experience to appear for International R/J 1 Star Exams.

1.7) R&J examination criteria:-

- Written examination (30 Marks)
- Practical live examination (30 Judge and 20 Referee)
- Physical test 10 Marks)
- Announcing & Time Keeping examination (05 Marks)
- Viva (05 Marks)
- QUALIFYING MARKS: 1 STAR = 60/100, 2 STAR 75/100 & 3 STAR 85/100

1.8) State/ Boards desirous of conducting examination for admission to the lists of SGFI 1- Star R/Js should adopt the following norms would be applicable (1) Send the application to SGFI office not later than 30 days of the proposed date of examination etc.

(1) Minimum days = 3

(2) Minimum No of Bouts = 40

(3) Computer Scoring compulsory

(4) TA/DA and Boarding Lodging of two Examiners deputed by the SGFI shall be borne by the organizers.

1.The organizer will provide Boarding /Lodging and officiating announce facilities to all the candidates.

1.1 Must have in his possession the completed SGFI Medical Commission's Certificate of Examination signed by his State Association's Medical Officer certifying his physical Fitness to officiate as a Referee and/or Judge. (Prohibited conditions are referred to in the Medical Hand book)

1.2). SGFI R&J certification is valid for a period of four years from its commencement and after that period, the SGFI Ring Official Commission must arrange for a control test. Should an R&J officiate

successfully at any major SGFI Star 3 Event with distinction, then the validity period of the license may be extended to four years from the date of that examination.

1.3) Shall speak fluently either in Hindi or English, one of the official languages of SGFI.

C. Physical Fitness of Referees and Judges A Candidate for inclusion in the National list of SGFI Referees and Judges must confirm to the Articles of Association and Rules for National School Games Competitions and Tournaments, and it is very important that upon reaching the age of 50 all SGFI R/J's must undergo and pass an annual physical and neurological examination. The Medical Commission does not consider age to be an absolute factor in one's health and physical fitness. Therefore, the examination is designed for, and recommended to be administered to referees and judges of all ages – not just to those over 60 years of age. The Examination shall consist of two Parts. The initial Part shall be that of an Annual Exam done at the local level by the State. This shall be documented and presented to the National Medical Jury at a National championship. The Referee/Judge will then be subjected to the second brief, but thorough Exam done prior to the Competition/ National Championship at the time of the official weigh - in. These Exams shall consist of the following: The Annual Examination. This shall include a history of past and recent illnesses, surgical procedures, allergies, medications, disabilities and family history.

The following conditions render the R/J unfit:

01. Coronary artery insufficiency, with angina
02. Congestive heart failure
03. Aortic stenosis
04. Left ventricular outflow tract obstructive disease
05. Aneurysm
06. Myocarditis
07. Thrombophlebitis (during the last year)
08. Uncontrolled arrhythmias
09. Untreated hypertension
10. Uncontrolled metabolic disease (diabetes mellitus, thyrotoxicosis, myxoedema)
11. Excessive medication (digitalis, diuretics, psychotropic agents)
12. Renal, hepatic or other metabolic insufficiency
13. Overt psychoneurotic disturbances requiring therapy
14. Intermittent claudication
15. Moderate to severe pulmonary disease
16. Physical disability from neuromuscular, orthopedic or arthritic disorders
17. Myopia (long distance vision with or without corrective lenses of less than 20/80 (British/American), 2.5/10 (European) in both eyes. The wearing of spectacles in the Ring is prohibited, though the wearing of contact lenses is permitted.

The Clinical Exam must include the following:

1. Age, height, weight, and neurological review to include cranial nerve survey, deep tendon reflexes, Romberg and Babinski response.
2. Blood pressure supine, not to exceed 140/90.
3. Body Mass Index (BMI) not greater than 30. $BMI = wt (kg) : ht (Meters) squared.$
4. Resting heart rate not to exceed 100 min.
5. Peak pulmonary flow rate not less than 300 ml.
6. Laboratory tests: CBC, BUN/Cr, Glucose, cholesterol and urinalysis.
7. Ophthalmologic exam: Visual acuity (Snellen chart) Ishihara Color test, and Fundoscopic exam.
8. Internationally standardized - graded exercise Electrocardiogram (ECG). For those above age 40 – every year; for those under age 40 — every three years. The Referee / Judge must produce this Certificate, signed additionally by the President/General Secretary or Chief Medical Officer of his/her State Association, at the National Championship where he will be re-examined through Pre competition exam conducted by the National Medical commission.

Pre - competition Exam

The second Exam done at each Competition, prior to, or at the time of the initial Weigh - in, shall include the following:

1. Blood pressure not to exceed 140/90.
2. Resting pulse rate between 50 to 100.
3. Screening Smelled chart visual acuity test.
4. A normal auscultation of the chest.
5. A temperature of less than 99.2F (37oC).
6. A negative Alcohol screening test, (breath analyzer, Alco Stick Test, or other)
7. Conditioning test (Step test or Knee Bend) i.e.: Step or knee - bend exercise consists of 30 step - up/step - down or deep knee bends in 45 seconds. Measure the resting pulse (p1), the after exercise pulse (p2), and one minute after exercise pulse (p3) (p1 + p2 + p3) minus 200 Result = 10 Score: 0 - 2 athletic, 3 - 5 well, 6 - 10 average > 10 = unfit to Officiate The Physician Members of the SGFI Medical Commission/Jury shall use their best clinical judgment, taking into account all of the above in evaluating the total fitness of each individual referee and judge. The Object being to diminish the risk of coronary heart disease and to promote the semblance of good health and conditioning of those Officials in and about the Boxing Ring during SGFI Tournaments/Championships..

RULE XII: RULES FOR COMPETITION OFFICIALS

A. TECHNICAL DELEGATE (TD)

1. The Technical Delegate must exhibit superior leadership and management skills by having passed the SGFI Technical Delegate examination & obtained the certificate.
2. Active Coaches, Referees, Judges, Team Managers and any person with an over six (6) month suspension record cannot be appointed as Technical Delegate.
3. For all SGFI Approved Events, the Executive Committee nominates the candidates appoints and dismisses the Technical Delegate who must be from a different unit than the one where the event takes place.

B. DEPUTY TECHNICAL DELEGATE (DTD)

- For all SGFI events where the number of entered Boxers exceeds 500, after the final entry deadline is closed, and for the Championships, IABF may appoint a Deputy
- The Deputy Technical Delegate must exhibit superior leadership and management skills by having passed the SGFI Technical Delegate examination and obtained the certificate. The Deputy Technical Delegate can replace the Technical Delegate if he/she is absent.
- The detailed duties of the Technical Delegate/ Deputy T.D are listed in Appendix.

C. COMPETITION MANAGER (CM)

- The Competition Manager must be nominated by the Host Unit and approved by the SGFI depending if it is a Unit Approved Event or an SGFI Approved Event.
- The Competition Manager is responsible for following the instructions and guidance of the Technical Delegate to perform the duties that are attached in Appendix.
- The Competition Manager shall have an excellent level of spoken Hindi and English. D. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL (NTO) Each NTO must obtain the SGFI NTO certification.
- Active Coaches, Referees, Judges, Team Managers and any person with an over six (6) month suspension record cannot be appointed as NTO.

- All Officials working within the Field of Play (FOP) excluding the Technical Delegate(s), the Referees & Judges and the Organizing Committee staff are called NTOs. NTOs consist of the following persons:

- Competition Jury Members and Judges Evaluator(s).
- Draw Jury.
- Medical Jury Members.
- Equipment Manager.
- Recorder
- R&J Coordinator.
- Other assigned positions by the Technical Delegate to work inside the FOP.
- SGFI Executive Committee members, Member of SGFI Commissions / Committee, Technical & Rules Commission members, Refereeing & Judging Commission members and Medical Commission members are the main candidates for an NTO appointment.
- For all SGFI Approved Events, the Executive Committee nominates the candidates appoints and dismisses the NTOs.
- NTOs shall not be more than two members from the same unit in the same event as long as these NTOs from the same unit are not assigned in the same bout.
- The Host unit shall not send any NTO for its hosting event, except eventually the person(s) who is(are) appointed as Judges' Evaluator(s).

RULE XIII: THE JURY & JUDGES' EVALUATOR

A. Appointment. During the Championships, the Jury will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the SGFI. At each boxing Session (other than the Finals), the Jury shall consist of 3 persons including an Chairman Jury, two of whom shall be Members of the Commission of Refereeing and Judging. No other member of the Jury shall sit at the Jury table during that session. The Rota of the Jury for each Session shall be arranged prior to the commencement of the Competition by the Technical Delegate at the Event. A Jury member wishing to change places on the Rota must first obtain the consent of the Technical Delegate. All members of the Jury who are qualified Referees/ Judges of SGFI will officiate as the Jury at the Finals of the Competition.

Duties:

1. Each Jury Member in a Competition shall be seated behind each of the five Judges and judge the Bout with the help of a second set of Scoring System or by using a hand held Scoring Machine. In case a hand held Machine is used, the result should be recorded on a scoring sheet and handed over before the announcement of the final result.

2. The Chairman of the Jury shall make known to the announcer the name of the Boxer shown as winner on the monitor of the Computer.

3. The Jury Members acting at each Session will meet on the following morning to

4. Consider the officiating of Referees and Judges on the previous day, and will make recommendations to the Technical Delegate with regard to any Referee or Judge who they consider did not display the necessary standard on the preceding day. They shall require the attendance of any Referee or Judge whom they wish to interview with regard to his officiating on the previous day;

5. The Jury Members shall inform the Technical Delegate, in writing, about any Referee or Judge who, in their opinion, does not efficiently enforce the SGFI Rules and any Judge whose scoring of Contests they consider unsatisfactory

6.The Jury Members shall submit to the Technical Delegate, amendment to the Panel of Referees and Judges that they consider necessary;

7.The Jury Members shall bring to the notice of the Technical Delegate any Referee or Judge of the National Panel who, having been nominated to act as such by his Association and who, being present at the Event, fails to be available for such Duties without previously notifying the General Secretary of his absence and giving adequate reasons therefore.

8.If an Official appointed for a Contest is absent, the Jury may appoint from the Roll of approved Officials, a suitable member to replace the absent member, reporting this change to the Technical Delegate, as soon as it may be possible.

9.If circumstances should arise which would militate against the holding of a Contest under improper conditions and if a Referee should take no efficient action concerning the situation, the Jury may order Boxing to 'cease' until it may be satisfactorily resumed.

10.The Jury may also take any immediate action they may consider necessary to deal with circumstances which would militate against the proper conduct of Boxing at any session;

11.The Chairman Jury will consult the Technical Delegate with regard to any decisions or recommendations they may be required to take;

12.Should the Boxer be guilty of a serious and deliberate offence that is contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, the Jury has the right to recommend and the Technical Delegate to declare him 'ineligible' for competitions for a specific period of time. The Technical Delegate may deprive him of a medal or prize already won by him in that competition; and the members of the Jury may not act as such in bouts involving boxers from their own States/Units

13. The Chairman of the Competition Jury shall be responsible for cautioning, warning or removing Seconds with the support of the other two Competition Jury Members.

B. Overruling the Referee. A Decision of a Referee may be 'overruled' by the Jury when the Referee has given a decision which is clearly against the Articles and IABF Rules. When considering such an incident, the Jury may use a video tape recorder or spy recorder through the Computer system.

C. Protests.

1. A protest shall be submitted by the Team Manager or in his/her absence by the person having the highest position in the Team Delegation no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the bout. Any protest shall be against the decision(s) of the Referee and/or Judges of the bout.

2.The protest shall be made in writing and handed to the Chairperson of the Competition Jury specifying definitive and clear reasons for the protest.

3.The protest fee is Rs.1000/-. If the protest is rejected, the entire fee will not be returned to the protester.

4.The Chair person of the Competition Jury has the right to refuse the protest(s). In the case where the protest is accepted by the Chairperson of the Competition Jury, the evaluation shall be conducted only by members of the Competition Jury involved in the bout and immediately after the session is completed. The Chairperson of the Competition Jury shall inform the result of the evaluation and report to the Technical Delegate immediately. The Technical Delegate will immediately inform both Team Leaders verbally and thereafter in writing but no later than the Weigh - In and Medical Examination of the next day.

5. A video recording of the protested bout(s) may be used to analyze the bout(s) in all SGFI Approved Events.

6. A protest during the Finals of a competition should be notified within 5 minutes of completion of the bout.

7. In the case of a protest during the Finals of a competition, the Award Ceremony will be postponed until the results of the evaluation are announced.

8. In case a boxer is found overage during the course of a Competition, if he/she is caught in his/her first bout, his/her opponent will be declared Winner. But in case he/she has boxed and won more than one bout then the decision of the bout will not change but the boxer in question will take no further part in the Competition. His/her opponent will be awarded Walk over and the name of over aged boxer will be expunged from the competition records and he/she will be debarred from taking part in further Boxing activities including Competitions for a period of :- D. Conflict of Interest. Members of the Jury officiating at a Championship as Jury shall not officiate as Referees and Judges at those Games or Championships.

E. Neutrality. The members of the Jury at national boxing tournaments shall come from different States and will not officiate when a boxer from their State is boxing in a particular bout.

F. Judges Evaluator

1. For all NSG Approved Events, one (1) Judges' Evaluator shall be appointed per number of Ring. The Evaluator shall be appointed as an NTO from any State regardless of the location of event.

2. The Judges' Evaluator shall compare the individual scores and performances of the Judges while watching the bouts in order to evaluate the judging abilities of each appointed judge. Evaluators shall not evaluate Judges from their own State.

RULE XIIV: THE REFEREE

A. Primary Concern. The care of the Boxer is the primary concern of the Referee.

B. Duties. The Referee shall officiate in the Ring. He shall be dressed in Black trousers, white shirt and Black shoes or boots without raised heels, Black socks, Black Belt, bow tie (black) shall be worn, but in tropical climates may be dispensed with if the chairman of the Jury or Chairperson of the Refereeing and Judging Commission agrees. He may use surgical gloves when officiating.

The Referee shall:

1. See that the Rules and fair play are strictly observed;
2. Maintain control of the Contest throughout the Bout;
3. Prevent a weak boxer from receiving undue and unnecessary punishment;
4. Equipment and Uniform - Once a Boxer enters the ring, a Referee shall disqualify any Boxer who refuse to wear a head guard, a cup protector (only men) and gumshield; however this situation can be immediately rectified at Referee's discretion within one minute failing which the Boxer will be disqualified. No other objects may be worn during the competition. In the event of a Boxer's gloves, head guard or uniform becoming undone during boxing, the Referee shall stop the contest to have it attended to.

5. He shall use three words of command:

- a. —Stop when ordering the boxers to stop Boxing;
- b. —Box when ordering them to continue; and

c. —Break when breaking a clinch, upon which command each Boxer shall step back before continuing Boxing; 5.He shall indicate to a Boxer by suitable explanatory signs or gestures any infringement of the Rules;

6.The Referee shall not indicate the Winner, by raising a Boxer's hand, until the Announcement has been made. When the Winner of a Bout is announced, the Referee shall raise the hand of the Boxer who has won the Bout;

7.When the Referee has disqualified a Boxer or stopped the Bout, he shall first inform the Chairman of the Jury which Boxer he has disqualified or the reason for which he has stopped the Bout, to enable the Chairman to instruct the Announcer to make the 'decision' correctly known to the Public.

8.In case of one or both Boxers are deaf, the Referee can use a touch by hand on the shoulder or on the arm to —stop and to —break the bout. C. Powers of the Referee.

1. The Referee is empowered:

2. To terminate a Contest at any stage if he considers it too be 'one-sided';

3. To terminate a Contest at any stage if one of the Boxers has received an Injury, on account of which the Referee decides he should not continue;

4. To terminate a Contest at any stage if he considers the Contestants are not in earnest. In such cases he may 'disqualify' one or both contestants;

5. To caution a Boxer or to stop the boxing during a contest and administer a Warning to a Boxer against Fouls or for any other reason in the interests of fair play, or to ensure compliance with the rules;

6. To disqualify a Boxer who fails to comply immediately with his Orders, or behaves towards him in an offensive or aggressive manner at any time;

7. The Referee must check the right positions of the Judges before the bout.

8. With or without previous warning, to disqualify a Contestant for committing a Foul;

9.In the event of a 'knock-down', to suspend a count, if a Boxer deliberately fails to retire to a neutral corner or delays to do so; and to interpret the Rules insofar as they are applicable or relevant to the actual Contest or to decide and take action on any circumstance of the Contest which is not covered by a rule.

D. Warnings.

1.The Boxer who does not obey the instructions of the Referee, acts against the Rules of boxing, boxes in any unsportsmanlike manner, or commits fouls, can, at the discretion of the Referee, be cautioned, warned or disqualified. If a Referee intends to warn a Boxer, he shall stop the contest, and demonstrate the infringement. The Referee will then point to the Boxer and to each of the five Judges. A Referee having once administered a warning for a particular foul, i.e. holding, cannot issue a caution for the same type of offence. A third caution for the same type of foul will mandatorily require a warning to be issued. Only three warnings may be given to the same Boxer in one contest. The third warning brings automatic disqualification.

2.When a Boxer receives a warning by the Referee which the majority number of Judges concurs was warranted, then the warned Boxer's opponent will have two (2) points added to the score by the Judges pressing the appropriate button on the pad of the ALBA Scoring System.

3.Warnings are not linked to the Individual Scores and considered with 2 points awarded to the opponent in the Total Score.

4.However, in case of a tie, these points shall not apply in the draw calculation.

5.If the Referee has any reason to believe that a foul has been committed which the Referee has not seen, the Referee may consult the Judges.

6.Boxers shall shake hands before the beginning and after a bout. Any further shaking of hands during the bout is prohibited

7.If a Boxer's gumshield falls down for the first time, a caution will be given by the Referee. Thereafter, every time the gumshield falls down, a warning will be issued. In the case where the gumshield is out of the Boxer's mouth, the Referee shall take the Boxer to the Boxer's corner, have the gumshield washed and returned to its proper position. While this is being done, the Second is not allowed to talk to the Boxer.

8.If the Boxer intentionally spits out his/her gumshield, an immediate warning shall be issued

E. Cautions. A Referee may caution a Boxer. A caution is in the nature of advice or admonition given by the Referee to a Boxer to check or prevent undesirable practices of less serious infringements of the Rules. To do so, he will not necessarily stop the Contest but may avail himself of a suitable safe opportunity during a Round to admonish a Boxer for an infringement of the Rules.

F. Medical Considerations. A Referee, before officiating in any State or National Championship or Tournament conducted under the aegis of SGFI shall undergo a Medical Examination as to his physical fitness for carrying out his Duties in the Ring. His Vision shall be at least 6 dioptries in each eye. The wearing of Spectacles by a Referee during the progress of a Bout is not permitted, but Contact Lenses are allowed. It will be compulsory for the Referee to take part in a Clinic/Meeting before each Championship, addressed by the Medical Jury.

RULE XV: JUDGES

A. Attire. The Judges shall officiate in Black trousers, white shirt and Black shoes or boots without raised heels, Black shocks, Black Belt, bow tie (black) shall be worn, but in tropical climates may be dispensed with if the Chairperson of the Jury or Chairperson of the Refereeing and Judging Commission agrees. Appropriate jackets may be worn when authorized.

B. Duties.

1.Each Judge shall independently Judge the merits of the two Contestants and shall decide the Winner of a Bout , according to the Rules;

2.He shall use the Scoring System for judging the merits of the Boxers;

3.He shall not speak to a Contestant, nor to another Judge, nor to anyone else except the Referee during the Contest, but may, if necessary, at the end of a Round, bring to the notice of the Referee any incident which he (the Referee) may appear not to have noticed, such as the misconduct of a Second, loose ropes, etc.

4.He shall not leave his Seat until the verdict has been announced to the public.

RULE XVI : The TIMEKEEPER

The Organizing unit is responsible to arrange timekeeper, Minimum SGFI 1 Star R/J with two year experience in the field of competition.

A. Duties.

1. The main duty of the Timekeeper is to regulate the number and duration of the Rounds and the intervals between Rounds. The intervals between Rounds shall be of a full minute duration;

2.Five seconds before the commencement of each Round, he shall clear the ring by ordering —Clear the Ring or —Seconds Out.

3. He shall commence and end each Round by striking the Gong or Bell;
4. He shall announce the number of each Round immediately prior to commencing it;
5. He shall take off time for temporary stoppages, or when instructed to do so by the Referee;
6. He shall regulate all periods of time and counts by a Watch or Clock;
7. At a knock-down the Timekeeper shall give sound signal to the Referee indicating the elapsing seconds while the latter is counting.
8. If, at the end of a round, a Boxer is down and the Referee is in the course of counting, the gong indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. The gong will be sounded only when the Referee gives the command box indicating the continuation of the bout. When the Referee is in the course of counting, the time of the round cannot finish, because of the command stop given by the Referee.
9. The Timekeeper shall arrive in the FOP thirty (30) minutes before the start of the session. B. Position. He shall be seated directly at the Ringside at the nearer right side (i.e. below the Neutral Corner) of the ring.

C. THE ANNOUNCER

1. The Organizing unit is responsible to arrange announcer, Minimum SGFI 1 Star R/J with two year experience in the field of competition announcement in sports events.
2. The Announcer shall arrive in the FOP thirty (30) minutes before the start of the session
3. Fluent in multi - languages (Hindi & English is mandatory)
4. An excellent understanding of the IABF Technical & Competition Rules
5. He shall be seated along with the computer operator.

RULE XVII

DECISIONS

A. Types . Decisions shall be as follows:

1. Win on Points

At the end of a Contest, the winner on points will be the Boxer who has the highest Total Score at the end of the bout shall be declared the Winner. If both Boxers are injured, or are knocked out simultaneously, and cannot continue the Contest, the Judges shall record the points gained by each boxer up to its termination, and the Boxer who was leading on points up to termination, or the actual end of the contest, shall be declared the Winner by Win on Points' decision;

2. Win by Retirement

If a Boxer retires voluntarily owing to injury or other cause, or if he fails to resume boxing immediately after the rest between Rounds, his Opponent shall be declared the Winner by Win by Retirement' decision;

3. Win By Referee Stopping Contest

a. Outclassed. 'RSC –OC is a term used to stop a Bout when a Boxer is outclassed or is unfit to continue, If a Boxer, in the opinion of the Referee is being outclassed' or is receiving excessive punishment, the Bout shall be stopped and his Opponent declared the Winner, the Decision being RSC –Outclassed.