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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform you that the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) is the only recognised governing body for the sport of boxing in India. The BFI holds official recognition from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, as the National Sports Federation (NSF) for boxing. Additionally, BFI is affiliated with the international governing body for the sport of boxing – World Boxing.



By virtue of these recognitions and affiliations, BFI is the sole authority entrusted with the promotion, development, and regulation of boxing activities in India, including the selection and dispatch of the national team for participation in international competitions conducted under the aegis of World Boxing.

The Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF) continues to falsely portray itself as the NSF for boxing in India. It is pertinent to note that IABF is a defunct body, which was de-recognised by both the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the erstwhile international federation due to serious issues related to mismanagement and lack of professional conduct. Despite this, IABF continues to misrepresent its status, thereby misleading the public and aspiring athletes for personal and monetary gain.

Furthermore, IABF claims to have recognition from international and continental bodies, namely the International Boxing Association (IBA) and the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC). In this regard, it is crucial to clarify that neither the IBA nor ASBC is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the governing bodies for the sport of boxing. These entities operate within a private capacity and are not considered legitimate by the global Olympic movement.

Currently, World Boxing is the only international federation for boxing recognised by the IOC, and the Asian Boxing body affiliated with it is the sole recognised continental authority. The Boxing Federation of India is duly affiliated with both these legitimate bodies, reinforcing its exclusive role as the officially sanctioned governing body for boxing in India.

The above information is being shared for your awareness and necessary consideration to avoid any confusion or misrepresentation regarding the governance and official status of boxing in India.



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