

Date: 17/07/2021
For Minutes of Meeting.
Proposal: 038

DIRECTIVE 001/2021
RE: WEIGH IN PROTOCOL

THIS WEIGH-IN PROTOCOL APPLIES TO CLUB BOUTS, AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL &, CLUB LEAGUES, INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB EVENTS AND ALL PROFESSIONAL BOXING CONTESTS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SANCTIONING BODIES.

STEP 1. ARRIVAL OF THE TEAM TO THE WEIGH IN VENUE

REGISTRATION
(20 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCALES OPEN)

1.1. Local Coaches and Seconds (MBA Licensed)

REGISTRATION			
LOCAL COACHES + SECONDS			
On arrival at the Weigh In venue, it is required that the Chief Second/ Head Coach register with an MBA table which is normally located to the side of the top table and scales. Coaches/Seconds must provide to the MBA Representative the below.			
ID Card	MBA Valid License (Those with expired license shall be fine Eur. 25.00 in addition to the membership fee which is payable prior to the boxer/fighter weighing in)	Boxer's Record Book/s	Collect Accreditation Pass (Excluding Boxers)
Boxer/s Team Kit Pro - Shorts	Competition Gloves	Head Guard (In the case of club bouts & amateur)	Abdo Guard
PCR COVID-19 'Not Detected' Certificate (Is to be printed and signed by GP as a true copy. Date of test shall not exceed 48 hours prior to the weigh in. NB: The MBA no longer accept mobile screenshot or email copies)	COVID-19 Vaccination (Boxers/fighters, Coaches & Seconds are to be fully vaccinated and must present the certificate. This applies to both local and foreign participants)	Declaration of Boxer Experience (Should the boxer not have an official record book, the Coach is required to affidave the true record of the his/her boxer)	

1.2. Foreign Coaches and Seconds (Non MBA)

REGISTRATION			
FOREIGN COACH/SECONDS & ASSISTANT/S			
<p>On arrival at the Weigh In venue, it is required that the Chief Second/ Head Coach register with an MBA table which is normally located to the side of the top table and scales. Coaches/Seconds must provide to the MBA Representative the below.</p>			
ID Card/Passport & GDPR Declaration Form	Recognised Valid License/ One Day Pass (Those who are not Members of the MBA or those that are not Members of an EBU member shall require a one (1) Day License)	Boxer's Record Book/s	Collect Accreditation Pass (Excluding Boxers)
Boxer/s Team Kit Pro Fighter - Shorts	Competition Gloves	Head Guard (In the case of club bouts & amateur)	Abdo Guard
PCR COVID-19 'Not Detected' Certificate (Is to be printed and signed by GP as a true copy. Date of test shall not exceed 48 hours prior to the weigh in. NB: The MBA no longer accept mobile screenshot or email copies)	Declaration of Boxer Experience (Should the foreign boxer not have an official record book, the Coach is required to affidave the true record of the his/her boxer)	Copies of VISA Approval Letter and return flights (Non-EU Nationals)	COVID-19 Vaccination (Boxers/fighters, Coaches & Seconds are to be fully vaccinated and must present the certificate. This applies to both local and foreign participants)

1.3. Local Boxers/Fighters (MBA Licensed)

REGISTRATION			
LOCAL BOXERS/FIGHTERS			
<p>Once the coach has completed his/her own registration he should then start to call up his/her fighter up to the MBA table one by one. Boxers/fighters must comply with the Rules & Regulations of the Malta Boxing Association (Classification, Membership and Eligibility). The boxer or fighter must have in his/her possession the below:</p>			
ID Card/Passport	MBA Valid License (Those with expired license shall be fine Eur. 15.00 in addition to the membership fee which is payable prior to the boxer/fighter weighing in)	Boxer's Record Book/s & Complete Pre Bout/Fight Medical Form	Collect Accreditation Pass (Excluding Boxers)

<p>PCR COVID-19 'Not Detected' Certificate (Is to be printed and signed by GP as a true copy. Date of test shall not exceed 48 hours prior to the weigh in. NB: The MBA no longer accept mobile screenshot or email copies)</p>	<p>Female Boxers (to present non pregnancy declaration)</p> <p>Female Fighter (to present negative pregnancy test).</p>	<p>COVID-19 Vaccination (Boxers/fighters, Coaches & Seconds are to be fully vaccinated and must present the certificate. This applies to both local and foreign participants)</p>	
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1.4. Foreign Boxers & Fighters (Non MBA)

REGISTRATION FOREIGN BOXERS & FIGHTERS			
<p>On arrival at the Weigh In venue, it is required that the Chief Second/ Head Coach register with an MBA table which is normally located to the side of the top table and scales. Coaches/Seconds must provide to the MBA Representative the below.</p>			
<p>ID Card/Passport & Sign GDPR Declaration Form</p>	<p>Recognised Valid License/One Day Pass (Those who are not Members of the MBA or those that are not Members of an EBU member shall require a one (1) Day License)</p>	<p>Boxer's Record Book/s & Complete Pre Bout/Fight Medical Form</p>	<p>Collect Accreditation Pass (Excluding Boxers)</p>
<p>PCR COVID-19 'Not Detected' Certificate (Is to be printed and signed by GP as a true copy. Date of test shall not exceed 48 hours prior to the weigh in. NB: The MBA no longer accept mobile screenshot or email copies)</p>	<p>Female Boxers (to present non pregnancy declaration)</p> <p>Female Fighter (to present negative pregnancy test).</p>	<p>Copies of VISA Approval Letter and return flights (Non-EU Nationals)</p>	<p>COVID-19 Vaccination (Boxers/fighters, Coaches & Seconds are to be fully vaccinated and must present the certificate. This applies to both local and foreign participants)</p>

STEP 2. WEIGHING SCALES OPEN FOR 'TEST WEIGHT'

TEST WEIGHT
ALL BOXERS & FIGHTERS
<p>On arrival at the Weigh In venue, concurrently as the Coach/Second is registering the Team, a Boxer or Fighter may test weigh. (Scales will be available thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. Boxer & Fighter's weight must not exceed the maximum of agreed Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the Weight Category.</p>

STEP 3. THE OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN

ONLY THE BOXER/FIGHTER TO APPROACH SCALES	
<p>There are a number of phases to be completed prior to the boxer/fighter stepping onto the Weight Scales. Please ensure that you familiarize yourself with this procedure.</p>	
<p>Phase 1 - Presentation of Fighter</p>	<p>Boxer/Fighter is to present his/her ID Card/ Passport for the second time together with the Event Accreditation Pass. Once the MBA has confirmed the identity of the Boxer/Fighter to the Official Bout/Fight card, the coach may instruct his/her boxer/fighter to prepare to step onto the weighing scales.</p>
<p>Phase 2 - Preparation to step onto the scales.</p>	<p>Boxers under the age of seventeen (17) must weigh in wearing a vest and shorts while those over the age of seventeen (17+) may remove the vest.</p> <p>Under no circumstances are FIGHTERS permitted to strip naked. They must wear a minimum of swimming speedos.</p>
<p>Phase 3 - Scales Edicate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxer/Fighter must step on only when instructed to do so by the MBA officials, • Boxer/Fighter must remain on the scales until instructed to step off, • The Official Weight must be recorded by MBA Officials and announced twice (First by the MBA Officials, then announced to the public by the MC) • If first onto the scales, once off the scales, step back and to the side and allow your opponent to step onto the scales. Wait to be called forward for the face-off.

STEP 4. The Face-Off

Rules for Facing Off

- Respect your opponent at all times,
- Maintain the space as per Covid-19 Public Health Guidelines,
- Ego has no room in boxing,
- Wear sponsored/Display Sponsor's logos on clothing,

Unsportsmanlike manners shall be penalized under Article 4 of the Malta Boxing Association 'Mizuri Dixxiplinarji'. Quote: '*Ksur ta' Regola 31.4: Imgieba mhux-xierqa waqt wirja*' (Unbecoming behavior). Unquote.

Penalty: A Suspension of between three (3) and seven (7) years and/or a fine of between Eur. 300 - Eur. 600. This penalty includes all licenses held by the offender. In the case of a suspension and a fine, the suspension start date will take effect on the day of the full settlement of the fine. The offender will until then serve a temporary suspension until the fine is settled.

NB: Clubs will be held liable for the Boxer's/Fighter' Actions and Scales Behavior - The Club will be warned twice (2) and on the third (3) incident (irrelevant of whom the offender is), the club coach/chief second shall be held accountable.

Signed for the distribution and approval of the Malta Boxing Association Executive Committee.

July 20, 2021.

Marc E. L. James
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