

WORLD BOXING BODY

WBB

OFFICIALS CODE & OFFICIALS MANUAL

Professional Boxing - International Officials Handbook

2026 EDITION

AUTHORITY

This Manual supplements the WBB Professional Boxing Rules & Regulations and the WBB Code of Conduct & Ethics. It consolidates operational guidance for Referees, Judges, Supervisors and Inspectors appointed to WBB-sanctioned professional boxing contests.

Issued under the authority of World Boxing Body (WBB)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1** Purpose, Authority and Application
- 2** Core Standards for All WBB Officials
- 3** Officials Structure and Event Communication
- 4** Referee - Duties, Authority and Ring Procedures
- 5** Judges - Scoring Standards and Scorecard Procedure
- 6** Supervisor - Event Control and Official Results
- 7** Inspector - Equipment, Hand Wraps and Corner Control
- 8** Scorecards, Official Results and Documentation
- 9** Medical and Emergency Interaction
- 10** Championship Bouts and Co-Sanctioned Events
- 11** Integrity, Conflicts of Interest and Professional Conduct
- 12** Incident Reporting, Review and Discipline
- 13** Quick Reference - Referee
- 14** Quick Reference - Judge
- 15** Quick Reference - Supervisor
- 16** Quick Reference - Inspector
- Appendix A** Referee Commands and Signals
- Appendix B** Official Result Terminology
- Appendix C** WBB Hand-Wrapping Inspection Standard
- Appendix D** Officials Event-Day Sign-Off

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND APPLICATION

1.1 Purpose

This Manual establishes the operational and ethical standards expected of officials appointed, licensed, approved or recognized by WBB. It is designed to produce consistent professional-boxing officiating across different countries while preserving the authority of mandatory local regulation.

1.2 Relationship with the WBB Rules

This Manual supplements, and does not replace, the WBB Professional Boxing Rules & Regulations. Where this Manual is silent, the main WBB Rules apply. Where mandatory law or a competent local boxing regulator imposes a stricter or different requirement, that mandatory local requirement applies to the event, while WBB retains authority over the sporting recognition and status of WBB-sanctioned titles and contests.

1.3 Officials Covered

- Referee
- Judge
- Supervisor
- Inspector / Delegate
- Timekeeper and other event officials where specifically appointed by WBB

1.4 Acceptance

Appointment to a WBB-sanctioned contest constitutes acceptance of the applicable WBB Rules, this Manual, the WBB Code of Conduct & Ethics, event-specific instructions and lawful directions issued by the appointed Supervisor or competent local regulator.

PRIORITY RULE

Boxer safety, sporting integrity, independence of officials and accuracy of the official result take priority over commercial, promotional, entertainment or personal considerations.

SECTION 2 - CORE STANDARDS FOR ALL WBB OFFICIALS

STANDARD	WBB REQUIREMENT
Independence	Make decisions without influence from promoters, managers, corners, spectators, broadcasters, betting interests or other officials.
Impartiality	Apply the same standard to both boxers, regardless of nationality, popularity, record, promotional affiliation, home/away status or championship status.
Competence	Know the WBB rules relevant to the assigned role and attend the pre-event officials briefing.
Safety	Act immediately when a condition within the official's authority threatens boxer safety or event integrity.
Confidentiality	Do not disclose scorecards, internal reports, medical information, disciplinary matters or other restricted information without authorization.
Professional Conduct	Remain calm, respectful, sober, punctual, appropriately dressed and free from conduct that could undermine confidence in WBB officiating.
No Betting / No Manipulation	Officials must not bet on contests they officiate or misuse inside information. Any attempt to influence a result must be reported immediately.

Conflicts of Interest	Disclose any relationship or interest that could reasonably call impartiality into question before accepting or performing an assignment.
-----------------------	---

2.1 No Unauthorized Communication

During a contest, judges must not discuss scoring with one another. Referees and judges must not receive tactical, scoring or result-related guidance from corners, promoters, commentators or spectators. Necessary procedural communication must be limited to authorized officials.

2.2 Alcohol, Drugs and Fitness for Duty

An official must report fit for duty and must not perform an assignment while impaired by alcohol, recreational drugs, misuse of medication, illness, fatigue or any other condition that materially affects concentration, judgment, coordination or professional performance.

SECTION 3 - OFFICIALS STRUCTURE AND EVENT COMMUNICATION

ROLE	PRIMARY AUTHORITY
Supervisor	Senior WBB representative for sporting procedure, documentation, scorecard control and confirmation of the official result.
Referee	Exclusive in-ring authority over the conduct of the bout, knockdowns, fouls, counts, stoppages and disqualifications, subject to binding medical safety decisions.
Judges	Independent round-by-round scoring under the WBB 10 Point Must System.
Inspector	Pre-bout and ringside control of hand wraps, gloves, protective equipment, attire, corners and related compliance.
Ringside Doctor	Independent medical authority. A medical determination that continued participation is unsafe is binding.
Timekeeper	Official timing of rounds, rest periods, TIME and count-support procedures as directed by the referee and event rules.

3.1 Chain of Communication

- Procedural and administrative issues: report to the Supervisor.
- Immediate in-ring safety issue: communicate to the Referee without delay where the official's role requires it.
- Medical issue: defer to qualified ringside medical personnel.
- Scoring issue: a Judge communicates only through the approved scorecard procedure or directly with the Supervisor for formal/clerical clarification.
- Equipment irregularity: the Inspector stops the equipment procedure and reports serious or disputed matters to the Supervisor.

3.2 Officials Briefing

Before boxing begins, the Supervisor conducts an officials briefing to confirm assignments, round duration, championship status, knockdown procedures, scoring, scorecard collection, foul communication, medical response, equipment control and local-regulatory requirements. Officials must raise any uncertainty before the first bout.

SECTION 4 - REFEREE - DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND RING PROCEDURES

4.1 Primary Responsibility

The Referee is responsible for control of the contest and the immediate safety of the boxers. A Referee is not required to wait for a boxer to be rendered unconscious. If a boxer can no longer intelligently and effectively defend, or continued boxing presents an unreasonable risk, the bout must be stopped.

4.2 Key Professional-Boxing Rules

SITUATION	WBB RULE
Knockdown	Mandatory count. A boxer may not resume before a minimum count of eight.
Standing eight count	Not used. If a standing boxer cannot safely defend, the Referee stops the contest.
Three-knockdown rule	No automatic three-knockdown rule.
Bell during a count	The bell does not save a boxer from a count, including in the final round.
Ring-out after legal punch	Up to 20 seconds to return to the ring without assistance.
Medical danger	The Referee may interrupt a count and summon immediate medical assistance when required.

4.3 Definition and Procedure for Knockdown

- A boxer is considered down when, following a legal punch, any part of the body other than the feet touches the canvas; the boxer falls or is knocked out of the ring; or the boxer is supported by the ropes and, in the Referee's judgment, is unable to defend.
- The opponent must immediately proceed to the farthest neutral corner and remain there until directed otherwise.
- The Referee takes over the count, shows it clearly and continuously observes the downed boxer.
- If the boxer rises before eight, the Referee continues the assessment to at least eight.
- If the boxer is not ready to continue before the full count of ten, the result is KO.
- The count may be terminated immediately if urgent medical care is required.
- There is no automatic limit on knockdowns in a round, but boxer safety governs whether the contest continues.

4.4 Referee Commands

COMMAND	MEANING
BOX	Start or resume boxing.
STOP	Immediate stop to the action. No further punches are permitted.
BREAK	Break the clinch, take a full step back, then resume unless the Referee directs otherwise.
TIME	Official time-out. The Timekeeper stops the clock until instructed to resume.

4.5 When the Referee Must Stop the Contest

- The boxer fails to beat the count of ten.
- The boxer rises but is disoriented, unsteady, unresponsive to instructions or unable to defend effectively.
- The boxer is taking clean, forceful, unanswered punches without adequate defense.
- An injury prevents safe continuation.
- The authorized corner retires the boxer in accordance with procedure.
- A serious or repeated foul warrants disqualification.
- The ringside doctor determines that continued participation is medically unsafe. In that circumstance, the Referee stops the contest without delay.

4.6 Fouls

EXAMPLE	GUIDANCE
---------	----------

Low blow	Punch below the permitted belt line.
Back of head / neck	Punches to the back of the head or neck are prohibited.
Kidney / prohibited back area	Intentional punching to prohibited rear body areas is a foul.
Illegal part of glove / arm	Open glove, inside of glove, wrist, forearm or elbow strikes are illegal.
Holding and hitting	Holding an opponent while punching is a foul.
Head / shoulder / wrestling	Butting, dangerous use of head/shoulder, pushing and wrestling actions are prohibited.
BREAK violation	Punching while BREAK is being executed or before the required step back.
Downed opponent	Punching an opponent who is down or in the process of falling.
After bell / STOP	Punching after the round-ending signal or clear STOP command.
Unsporting conduct	Intentional, dangerous or grossly unsporting behavior may be penalized.

4.7 Warnings, Point Deductions and Disqualification

- Minor infringement: clear warning may be appropriate.
- Repeated or serious foul: one or more points may be deducted as justified by the circumstances and WBB rules.
- When deducting points, the Referee stops the action, identifies the boxer, clearly indicates the deduction and communicates it to all Judges and the Supervisor's table.
- A severe, intentional or grossly dangerous foul may result in immediate disqualification.
- Repeated minor fouls must not be allowed to develop into an uncontrolled or unsafe contest.

4.8 Accidental Low Blow

For an accidental low blow, the affected boxer may be given up to five (5) minutes to recover. The boxer should not be forced to resume before reasonably ready within that maximum period. Intentional or repeated low blows may result in point deductions or disqualification.

4.9 Mouthguard

- A round may not start without the mouthguard properly in place.
- If the mouthguard is displaced during action, the Referee should call TIME at the first safe opportunity without unnecessarily removing an immediate competitive advantage.
- Intentional spitting of the mouthguard may result in warning and point deduction.

4.10 Injuries and Medical Consultation

- The Referee may stop time at any moment to request medical assessment.
- For a cut or injury, the Referee determines whether it resulted from a legal punch, accidental foul or intentional foul because this may affect the official result.
- If an injury caused by a legal punch prevents continuation, the appropriate result is TKO.
- If an injury resulted from a foul, the WBB foul and stoppage rules determine the result.
- In an acute medical emergency, immediate medical response takes priority over completing a count.

4.11 Pre-Bout Referee Duties

- Confirm with the Supervisor the number and duration of rounds and whether the bout is a title contest.
- Know both boxers, corners and Chief Seconds.
- Check the ring, ropes, corners and access to the Doctor and Timekeeper.
- Give concise pre-bout instructions on commands, fouls, clinches and the duty to defend at all times.
- Confirm that gloves, protective equipment and hand wraps have been approved by the Inspector.

SECTION 5 - JUDGES - SCORING STANDARDS AND SCORECARD PROCEDURE

5.1 Independent Round-by-Round Scoring

Each Judge scores independently, round by round, and must not be influenced by crowd reaction, corners, commentators, reputation, nationality, promotional affiliation or the perceived expectations of others.

5.2 10 Point Must System

SCORE	NORMAL APPLICATION
10-9	A normally won round, from a narrow to a clear advantage without circumstances justifying a wider score.
10-8	Common where the round winner also scores one official knockdown; also possible without knockdown in an exceptionally dominant round.
10-7	Common where the round winner scores two official knockdowns.
10-6	Possible with three or more official knockdowns or extraordinary domination; WBB has no automatic three-knockdown stoppage rule.
10-10	Permitted only when the Judge genuinely cannot identify a winner; should be rare.

5.3 Scoring Criteria

- Clean, legal and effective punching - quality, accuracy, force and actual effect.
- Effective aggression - forward movement only matters when it produces effective offense.
- Ring generalship / control - who controls pace, distance, positioning and forces the opponent to react.
- Defense - effective slips, blocks, movement, footwork and making the opponent miss.
- Style alone does not win a round; effectiveness does.

5.4 Knockdowns Are Not Automatically 10-8

WBB requires the Judge to score the entire round. An official knockdown creates a significant scoring advantage but does not erase what occurred before or after it. A boxer who suffers a knockdown may still have performed strongly enough in the rest of the round to alter the usual score.

ROUND EXAMPLE	POSSIBLE / TYPICAL WBB SCORE
A scores 1 KD and wins the round	10-8 A
A scores 1 KD; otherwise even	10-9 A
A scores 1 KD; B clearly wins the rest of the round	10-10 may be possible
A scores 2 KDs and wins the round	10-7 A
A and B each score 1 KD; A otherwise wins	10-9 A
A scores 2 KDs, B scores 1 KD; A otherwise wins	10-8 A

5.5 Official Knockdown and Point Deductions

- A Judge recognizes a knockdown only when the Referee officially rules it.
- A Judge may not independently convert a slip into a knockdown or disregard a knockdown called by the Referee.
- Only the Referee may order an official point deduction for a foul.
- The Judge first scores the round on sporting merit and then applies the Referee's official deduction exactly as announced.

5.6 What Judges Must Not Score

- Punches blocked by the guard or landed on prohibited target areas as full-value scoring blows.
- Forward movement without effective offense.
- Crowd noise, corner reactions, gestures or post-bell behavior.
- Popularity, record, reputation, nationality, home/away status or promoter preference.
- An independent penalty for a foul that the Referee has not officially deducted.

5.7 Close Rounds

A 10-10 round is allowed but should be exceptional. If one boxer has even a small but real advantage after applying the scoring criteria, that boxer should receive the round 10-9. The final seconds must not automatically outweigh the rest of the round.

5.8 Scorecard Procedure

- Before the bout, verify boxer names and corner colors.
- Immediately after the bell, record the round score. Do not alter the sporting assessment later because of subsequent rounds.
- Record official knockdowns and point deductions as required by the WBB card procedure.
- Check legibility and arithmetic before surrendering the card.
- If a clerical or arithmetic error is discovered, correct it clearly, initial the correction and inform the Supervisor in accordance with event procedure.
- Submit the card to the designated collector. Once submitted, the card is an official document.
- Remain at the assigned position until the official result is announced unless released by the Supervisor.

SCORING PRINCIPLE

Score what actually happened in the ring. Do not score the name, the promoter, the crowd, the expected result or the other Judges.

SECTION 6 - SUPERVISOR - EVENT CONTROL AND OFFICIAL RESULTS

6.1 Role

The Supervisor is WBB's senior event representative for sporting procedure and administration. The Supervisor coordinates officials outside the ring, controls official documentation, receives and verifies scorecards, confirms the official result and completes the event report. The Supervisor is not a fourth Judge, does not replace the Referee and does not make medical decisions.

6.2 Pre-Event Duties

- Arrive sufficiently early and remain available to the promoter, officials and medical team until the event is complete.
- Obtain the final bout sheet including names, corners, weight classes, number/duration of rounds and WBB title status.
- Confirm that required licensing, medical and pre-bout formalities have been completed under WBB and applicable local regulation.
- Confirm ringside medical personnel and required emergency cover are present before the first bout.
- Check Judges' positions, Supervisor table, Timekeeper position, scorecards, pens, calculator and spare forms.
- Confirm the Inspector will control gloves, hand wraps, attire and equipment.
- Conduct an officials briefing covering knockdowns, fouls, 10 Point Must, scorecard flow, Referee-Supervisor-Timekeeper communication and result procedure.
- For title bouts, confirm exact title, weight limit, scheduled rounds, boxer eligibility and physical availability of the belt where applicable.

6.3 Supervisor Table

- Official bout sheet and running order.
- Officials list and assignments.
- Judge scorecards / approved WBB scorecard system.

- Master scoring sheet.
- Official result forms.
- Supervisor / incident report forms.
- Spare pens, calculator, envelopes or secure folders for completed cards.

6.4 During Each Bout

- Before the first bell, confirm three Judges, Referee, Timekeeper, Doctor and Inspector are ready.
- Observe document flow without attempting to referee the contest from the table.
- Collect or receive scorecards after each round as established at the briefing. Cards must not circulate between Judges or unauthorized persons.
- Immediately check that each card is complete, legible and includes any official deductions.
- Do not suggest a score or request a Judge to change a sporting judgment. Only an obvious clerical or mathematical correction may be addressed in accordance with WBB procedure.
- Keep submitted cards secured in round order.
- When the Referee deducts a point, ensure all Judges understood the signal and the table records it.
- For a stoppage, immediately record round, time and official method communicated by the Referee.

6.5 Verification and Result Calculation

CHECK	SUPERVISOR STANDARD
Legibility	Each card clearly identifies the Judge and score.
Mathematics	Totals are checked before any announcement.
Deductions	Official Referee deductions are reflected correctly.
Sporting judgment	The Supervisor never changes 10-9 to 10-8 or vice versa because of disagreement with a Judge.
Final result	Cards are totaled and the correct decision type is established: UD, SD, MD, Draw, or the appropriate stoppage result.

RESULT CONTROL

Never announce a result “quickly.” All three cards must first be checked, totaled and unambiguous. Only then does the Supervisor release the result to the announcer.

6.6 Problem Situations

- Illegible card: pause the result procedure and ask the Judge to clarify the Judge’s own writing without suggesting a score.
- Arithmetic error: the Judge corrects the Judge’s own error in the Supervisor’s presence; the correction should be clear and initialed.
- Missing official deduction: clarify with the Judge before announcement, referring only to the Referee’s official ruling.
- Disagreement about knockdown: the Referee’s official ruling controls.
- Corner protest before announcement: the Supervisor may hear a procedural allegation but does not negotiate scoring with the corner.
- Technical failure or ringside confusion: secure documents, record the incident and coordinate with the competent event regulator.
- Medical emergency: provide immediate space and cooperation to medical personnel. Sporting administration becomes secondary.

6.7 Post-Bout and Post-Event

- Confirm result, method, round and time.
- Approve/sign the result record.
- Provide the announcer with the exact wording of the result.

- Secure original scorecards.
- For WBB title contests, record the champion/title status.
- Create an incident report where required.
- After the event, reconcile every result against cards or the Referee's official decision and submit the complete WBB event report.

SECTION 7 - INSPECTOR - EQUIPMENT, HAND WRAPS AND CORNER CONTROL

7.1 Role

The Inspector controls boxer preparation from the beginning of hand wrapping until entry to the ring, monitors approved equipment and corners, and acts as WBB's representative in the dressing-room / corner control process. The Inspector applies the same standard to both boxers.

WBB HAND-WRAPPING RULE

SOFT WRAP / GAUZE FIRST, THEN APPROVED TAPE. WBB prohibits the sequence TAPE -> WRAP / GAUZE -> TAPE. Tape must not create a hard striking surface directly over the knuckles.

7.2 Before Wrapping

- Inspect both bare hands. There must be no hidden tape, plaster, hardening substance or concealed material on the skin or knuckles.
- Only clean, soft wrap/gauze and approved tape may be used.
- Wrapping must occur in the presence of the Inspector or an authorized designee.
- Where event procedure permits, a representative of the opposing corner may observe without interfering.

7.3 Official WBB Wrapping Procedure

STEP	PROCEDURE
1	Apply soft wrap or gauze to the clean bare hand.
2	Protect wrist, hand, fingers and knuckles with soft material in a safe manner.
3	Only after the wrap/gauze layer is in place may approved securing tape be applied.
4	Tape may stabilize the wrist, hand and sections of wrapping but must not create a hard plate over the knuckles.
5	Inspector checks flexibility, normal fist closure and the striking surface.
6	Once approved, the wrap may not be altered, opened or supplemented outside official control.

7.4 Knuckles and Striking Surface

- Knuckles must be protected by soft material.
- Adhesive tape may not form a hard striking plate over the knuckles.
- Hard inserts, rolled tape strips, plastic, cord or other hardening materials are prohibited.
- The Inspector may palpate/compress the wrap to detect hard or unusual elements.
- If the construction cannot be confidently verified, the wrap must be removed and completed again. A partial correction is insufficient where hidden layers remain uncertain.

7.5 Approval and Control

- Inspect both hands when wrapping is complete.
- Approved wraps may be marked by signature, initials, seal or another WBB control method.
- From approval until gloves are fitted, the hands remain under official control.
- Any cut, removal or alteration of an approved wrap requires reinspection.

7.6 Glove Inspection

CHECK	REQUIREMENT
Model / weight	Both boxers use gloves approved for that contest.
Condition	No tears, exposed seams, displaced or suspiciously compressed padding.
Padding	Must not be removed, compressed, shifted or modified.
Thumb	Safe attached-thumb construction consistent with the approved model.
Fitting	Gloves fitted over approved wraps under Inspector supervision.
Securing	Laces/tape secured safely without a sharp or hard edge.
Championship gloves	Remain under WBB control as directed by the Supervisor.

7.7 Protective Equipment, Attire and Body

- Properly fitted mouthguard; a spare is recommended in the corner.
- Approved groin protector.
- Clean trunks without dangerous elements; the Inspector may require a change if colors are confusing or equipment is unsafe.
- Appropriate boxing footwear without dangerous features.
- No jewelry, watches, earrings, chains or other hard items.
- No substances that create excessive slipperiness, irritation or unfair advantage. A small amount of petroleum jelly on the face is permitted; excess must be removed when instructed.

7.8 Corner Control

- Confirm the Chief Second and approved corner personnel.
- Only authorized persons may work the corner.
- Only one person may enter the ring between rounds unless the Supervisor directs otherwise for the event.
- Towels, water, ice and corner equipment must be clean and safe.
- Prohibited stimulants or irritating substances are not permitted.

7.9 Immediately Before Ring Entry

ITEM	STATUS REQUIRED
Hand wraps	Approved and unchanged.
Gloves	Correct, intact, fitted and secured.
Mouthguard	Available and ready for use.
Groin protector	Fitted and approved.
Attire	Clean, compliant and free of dangerous elements.
Body / face	No prohibited substances; excess petroleum jelly removed.
Corner	Chief Second and Seconds identified/approved.

NO APPROVAL - NO RING ENTRY

A boxer whose equipment does not comply may not enter the ring until the irregularity is corrected. A disputed administrative issue is referred to the Supervisor.

7.10 During and After the Bout

- Remain positioned to observe the assigned corner and respond to the Referee or Supervisor.
- Control the permitted number of persons in the ring between rounds.
- Monitor for prohibited substances or manipulation of gloves/wraps.
- Assist with glove replacement or safe securing if ordered by the Referee.
- Immediately report serious irregularities to the Supervisor and, where there is an immediate safety effect, to the Referee.
- After the bout, inspect gloves/wraps when directed. In a title bout, post-bout inspection may be ordered especially where concerns were raised.
- Secure disputed equipment and do not release it until authorized by the Supervisor.

SECTION 8 - SCORECARDS, OFFICIAL RESULTS AND DOCUMENTATION

8.1 Scorecards as Official Records

A submitted scorecard is an official WBB record. The sporting assessment of a round may not be changed after submission. Only an obvious clerical or arithmetic correction may be made by the Judge in the Supervisor's presence and in accordance with the event procedure.

8.2 Card Security

- Cards are collected after each round under the approved procedure.
- Cards must not circulate among Judges or unauthorized persons.
- Submitted cards are stored in round order and protected against alteration, loss or unauthorized viewing.
- Originals are retained with the event documentation.

8.3 Decision Terminology

TERM	MEANING
UD - Unanimous Decision	All three Judges identify the same winner.
SD - Split Decision	Two Judges identify one winner; the third Judge identifies the other boxer.
MD - Majority Decision	Two Judges identify the same winner; the third scores a draw.
Draw	No boxer receives a majority of winning cards.
KO / TKO / DQ	Record official method, round and time based on the Referee's decision / authorized result process.

SECTION 9 - MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INTERACTION

9.1 Medical Independence

Medical decisions are independent. Officials must not pressure a doctor to allow a boxer to continue. Where the ringside doctor determines that continued boxing is medically unsafe, the bout is stopped without delay.

9.2 Emergency Priority

- The Referee may stop a count and summon medical assistance immediately.
- The Supervisor clears space and facilitates access for medical and emergency personnel.
- The Inspector and other officials comply immediately with medical directions affecting equipment, boxer movement or access.

- Scorecards, announcements and sporting administration are secondary during an active medical emergency.

SECTION 10 - CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS AND CO-SANCTIONED EVENTS

10.1 WBB Title Bout

For a WBB championship contest, the Supervisor confirms the exact title, boxer eligibility, weight limit, scheduled rounds, officials, equipment control and status of the championship belt before the contest begins.

10.2 Local Commission / Partner Federation

WBB may sanction a championship bout within an event regulated or sanctioned by a recognized local commission or partner federation. In such cases, duties may be shared by agreement. The Supervisor must establish before the event which body controls licensing, medical clearance, event administration, scorecards, officials, disciplinary procedure and official reporting.

10.3 Mixed Officials Panels

Where agreed, a championship panel may include WBB-appointed officials and officials appointed by the local regulator. All officials must be briefed on the rules governing the specific title bout and must understand the chain of authority before the bout.

10.4 Mandatory Local Rules

Where mandatory local rules differ from WBB operational procedures, the legally applicable local requirement must be followed for the event. WBB retains authority to decide whether the bout satisfies WBB championship recognition requirements.

SECTION 11 - INTEGRITY, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- Officials must disclose actual or apparent conflicts before assignment.
- No official may accept a payment, gift, benefit, hospitality or favor intended to influence an official decision.
- Officials must not bet on a contest they officiate and must not disclose non-public information for betting or other improper purposes.
- Officials must not publicly reveal confidential scorecards or internal WBB documents before authorized publication.
- Officials should not engage in public arguments with boxers, corners or promoters. Concerns should be reported through WBB procedures.
- An official's social-media activity must not reasonably undermine confidence in impartiality in an assigned contest.
- Officials must cooperate honestly with WBB inquiries and preserve relevant records.

These requirements should be read together with the WBB Code of Conduct & Ethics.

SECTION 12 - INCIDENT REPORTING, REVIEW AND DISCIPLINE

12.1 Immediate Reporting

Serious safety, integrity, equipment, scoring, conduct or procedural irregularities must be reported to the Supervisor promptly. The Supervisor records the facts, time, persons involved, action taken and any supporting material.

12.2 Examples Requiring Report

- Attempted interference with a Judge, Referee or official result.
- Suspected manipulation of gloves or hand wraps.
- Refusal to submit equipment to inspection.
- Unauthorized person in a corner or restricted area.
- Serious dispute over official documentation.
- Threats, intimidation, bribery attempts or betting-related approach.
- Significant medical or emergency event.
- Any event that may affect the integrity, recognition or safety of a WBB-sanctioned contest.

12.3 Review

WBB may review scorecards, official reports, video, equipment, medical documentation and statements. Subjective scoring judgments are not altered merely because WBB disagrees with a Judge. Proven procedural, integrity or regulatory violations may result in disciplinary action under the WBB Rules and Code of Conduct & Ethics.

SECTION 13 - QUICK REFERENCE: REFEREE

SITUATION	WBB QUICK RULE
Before bout	Rounds, boxers, corners, Doctor, Timekeeper and Supervisor confirmed.
Knockdown	Neutral corner -> count -> minimum 8 -> assess ability to defend.
KO	Not ready to continue by count of 10.
Standing 8	Not used.
Three-knockdown rule	Not used.
Bell	Does not terminate a count.
Ring-out	Up to 20 seconds to return unassisted after a legal punch.
Foul	Warning / point deduction / disqualification according to seriousness.
Medical concern	STOP + TIME + Doctor. Binding medical safety decision.
Safety	If boxer cannot intelligently and safely defend, stop the bout.

SECTION 14 - QUICK REFERENCE: JUDGE

ITEM	WBB QUICK RULE
System	10 Point Must.
Normal round	10-9.
10-10	Only when a winner genuinely cannot be identified; rare.
1 official KD	Usually 10-8 if the boxer scoring the KD also wins the round.
2 official KDs	Usually 10-7 if the same boxer wins the round.
Knockdown	Counts only when officially ruled by the Referee.
Foul deduction	Apply only when officially ordered by the Referee.
10-8 without KD	Possible in an exceptionally dominant round.
Criteria	Clean effective punching + effective aggression + ring control + defense.
After round	Write score immediately, check card, submit under procedure.

SECTION 15 - QUICK REFERENCE: SUPERVISOR

STAGE	WBB QUICK RULE
Before event	Bout sheet, officials, medical cover, ring, cards, briefing, WBB titles.
Before bout	Referee + 3 Judges + Timekeeper + Doctor + Inspector ready.

Each round	Cards collected, legible, complete and secured.
Deductions / KDs	Recorded according to official Referee decisions.
After bout	Cards totaled and checked before announcement.
Announcement	Announcer receives result only from the Supervisor.
Incident	Record facts, time, persons and actions taken.
After event	Complete documents + final WBB report.

SECTION 16 - QUICK REFERENCE: INSPECTOR

CHECK	WBB QUICK RULE
Bare hands	Inspect before wrapping begins.
Sequence	WRAP / GAUZE -> TAPE. Never TAPE -> WRAP -> TAPE.
Knuckles	No hard tape layer on the striking surface.
Wrap	No inserts, rolled tape or hardening materials.
Approval	Both hands inspected and marked/controlled.
Gloves	Correct, intact, unmodified and fitted under supervision.
Protection	Mouthguard and groin protector checked.
Attire	No jewelry or dangerous elements.
Corner	Chief Second and Seconds approved.
Irregularity	STOP procedure -> correct -> reinspect -> refer dispute to Supervisor.

APPENDIX A - REFEREE COMMANDS AND SIGNALS

COMMAND	ACTION
BOX	Start or resume the contest.
STOP	Immediate cessation of punching and action.
BREAK	Separate, full step back, then resume unless otherwise directed.
TIME	Official time-out; Timekeeper stops clock.
Point deduction	Stop action, identify boxer, show deduction clearly to Judges and Supervisor.
Knockdown count	Opponent to farthest neutral corner; count clearly while assessing boxer.

APPENDIX B - OFFICIAL RESULT TERMINOLOGY

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
UD	Unanimous Decision
SD	Split Decision

MD	Majority Decision
D	Draw
KO	Knockout
TKO	Technical Knockout
DQ	Disqualification
RTD	Retirement / corner retirement where applicable under WBB result classification
NC	No Contest, where applicable under WBB rules and local regulation

APPENDIX C - WBB HAND-WRAPPING INSPECTION STANDARD

1. Inspect clean bare hands.
2. Confirm approved soft wrap/gauze and tape.
3. Apply soft wrap/gauze before any securing tape.
4. Reject TAPE -> WRAP/GAUZE -> TAPE construction.
5. Ensure no hard tape plate or hard material over the knuckles.
6. Check fist closure, flexibility and striking surface.
7. Mark/record approved wraps and maintain control until gloves are fitted.
8. Reinspect any wrap that is opened, cut, altered or placed outside official control.
9. If hidden layers cannot be verified, require full removal and rewrapping.
10. Apply exactly the same inspection standard to both boxers.

APPENDIX D - OFFICIALS EVENT-DAY SIGN-OFF

This page may be used by the WBB Supervisor to record attendance at the officials briefing and acknowledgment of the applicable rules for the event.

ROLE	OFFICIAL NAME	LICENCE / ID	SIGNATURE
Supervisor			
Referee			
Judge 1			
Judge 2			
Judge 3			
Inspector			
Timekeeper			
Other			

Event: _____ Date: _____

Venue / Country: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing, each official confirms attendance at the WBB officials briefing and agrees to apply the WBB Rules, this Officials Manual, the WBB Code of Conduct & Ethics, event-specific instructions and mandatory local regulation applicable to the assignment.

WBB ADOPTION AND APPROVAL

DOCUMENT	DETAIL
Document	WBB Officials Code & Officials Manual
Edition	2026
Status	International Professional Boxing Officials Handbook
Applies to	WBB-appointed, licensed, approved or recognized officials
Adopted by	World Boxing Body (WBB)
Effective date	_____

WBB may issue event-specific briefing notes, checklists or procedural directions consistent with this Manual. Such event-day briefings may summarize operational duties but do not override the WBB Professional Boxing Rules & Regulations, mandatory local law or a binding medical safety decision.