

# World Boxing Union since 1995/2010



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## Professional Boxing Fees

World Title: 2000€	Unification WBU/PBU: 2600€	World Champion
Intercontinental Title: 1400€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1900€	#3 or higher
Continental Title: 1400€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1900€ Unification WBU/EBO: 1900€ Unification WBU/PBU/EBO: 2200€	#5 or higher
International Title: 1400€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1900€	#7 or higher
World Youth Title: 1200€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1700€	#9 or higher
Intercontinental Youth Title: 1200€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1700€	#11 or higher
Continental Youth Title: 1200€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1700€ Unification WBU/EBO: 1600€ Unification WBU/PBU/EBO: 1900€	#13 or higher
International Youth Title: 1200€	Unification WBU/PBU: 1700€	#15 or higher

## **SemiPro Youth / Master Boxing Fees**

### **K1 - Muay Thai - Kickboxing - A- / B-Class Fees**

World Title: 600€
Intercontinental Title: 500€
European Title: 500€
North American Title: 500€
South American Title: 500€
African Title: 500€
Asian Title: 500€
Australian Title: 500€
National Title: 400€

Everything including a WBU-PBU-EBO-Belt

WBU Elimination bout: 200 EUR to determine mandatory contender

Officials Fees:

Supervisor: 150€ each day each title

Referee: 150€ each day each title

Judge: 100€ each day each title

Timekeeper: 100€ each day each title

Plus transport by train, aircraft or by car (0,36€ per km)

Plus food and hotel

Everything must be paid prior the titlefight by the promoter

All titles for man and female

Title criteria:

World Title: Both boxers must have a positive record

Intercontinental Title: One boxer must have a positive record

Continental Title: One boxer must have a positive record

International Title: No record required

National Title: No record required

## Licences and Fees

Categorie - License	Member	Supervisor Purse	Annual Fee to WBU
Sport Pass - Boxer		5 €	20 €
B Instructor incl. Pass	99 once - 1 Day	10 €	30 €
A Instructor incl. Pass	299 € once - 2 Days	10 €	30 €
Pro Instructor incl. Pass	299 € once - 2 Days	10 €	30 €
SemiPro Instructor incl. Pass	99 € once - 1 Day	10 €	30 €
Cutman incl. Pass		10 €	30 €
Cornerman incl. Pass		10 €	30 €
Supervisor incl. Pass		10 €	30 €
Referee incl. Pass		10 €	30 €
Judge incl. Pass		10 €	30 €
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5. A Contestant, who has been knocked out of the ring (body off the apron) as a result of a legal blow, may not be helped back in by their Corner people. The Referee shall allow the Contestant twenty (20) seconds to re-enter the ring and stand. Should the Contestant fail to re-enter the ring on his own by the allotted time, the Referee shall wave both arms to indicate that they have been knocked out and raise the hand of the opponent as the winner.
6. A Contestant may not be saved by the bell in any round. If a Contestant is down and the round has terminated, the Referee shall continue the count until the Contestant rises or is counted out. If a Contestant fails to rise before the count of ten (10), they shall be declared a loser by knockout in the round just concluded.

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1. It is expressly understood that a Championship contest is not to be terminated by the effects of a low blow. The protection that must be used by both Contestants is sufficient protection to withstand any so-call low blow which might incapacitate either one of the Contestants.
2. If one of the Contestants, after the Referee instructs them to continue, indicates an unwillingness to continue because of a claim of a low blow, the contest shall be terminated and the contest shall be awarded to their Opponent.
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##### 3. INTENTIONAL FOULS

If a Contestant intentionally fouls their Opponent and as a result an injury is produced and due to the injury, in the Referee's opinion the Contestant cannot continue, the offender shall be declared the loser by disqualification. If in the subsequent rounds the same injury should become so severe that the contest has to be suspended, the decision will be awarded as follows:

- a). Technical draw, if the injured Boxer is behind on points or even on the score cards of the Judges.
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If the Referee sees or determines that a Boxer has been accidentally injured by their Opponent so that they cannot continue, a technical decision shall be awarded to the Contestant who is ahead in points on the scorecards.

If under the same circumstances the fight can continue, the Referee shall notify the Judges, the Commission, and the World Boxing Union's Commissioner that the injury has been caused by an accidental foul, so that if in the subsequent rounds the injury becomes so severe that the bout has to be stopped, the decision shall be awarded to the Contestant ahead on the score cards. If a bout has to be stopped as a result of an accidental foul before four (4) rounds have been completed, the bout will result in a technical draw. The fourth round shall be deemed to have ended when the bell rings ending the fourth round.

#### VII Referee

1. The Referee shall be the Chief Official in every Championship contest and shall maintain supervision and control over the contest while it is in progress.
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3. The Referee is empowered to enforce the Rules and Regulations of the Local Boxing Commission and the Rules and Regulations of the WBU pertaining to the conduct and behavior of the Contestants.
4. The Referee shall be the only person authorized to determine if injuries were the result of legal blows, accidental fouls or intentional fouls and such determinations will be at the Referee's sole discretion.
5. The Referee shall have the power to stop a contest and render a decision at any stage if they consider it to be one-sided or if either Contestant is in such condition that to continue might subject them to serious injury.
6. If a Boxer sustains an injury from a fair blow or foul that the Referee believes may incapacitate the Boxer, the Referee is empowered to interrupt the contest and consult with the Ringside Physician on the advisability of allowing the bout to continue. The Referee is the only one permitted to signal the end of a bout.
7. The Referee and the Contestants acknowledge that the Referee is not to be an agent, servant or employee of the WBU.

#### VIII Ringside Physician

The Ringside Physician may enter the ring during the course of the round only at the request of the Referee. The Ringside Physician may enter the ring between rounds on their own, and advise the Referee about the condition of either Opponent.

In the event that the Ringside physician advises or recommends to the Referee to end the bout, the Referee shall immediately end the bout and in the event he/she does not do so the WBU will not be liable for any injury or death of the contestant.

#### IX Timekeeper

Subject to the requirements and discretion of the Local Boxing Commission, it is the WBU's recommendation that two timekeepers should be used, but one may suffice. One keeps the time of the rounds, the other is utilized for the knockdown call. Two stopwatches are to be used.

For Male bouts, the rounds are three (3) minutes in duration. The intervals between rounds shall be of one minute's duration. Ten (10) seconds before the minutes is up, the timekeeper will sound a warning buzzer or whistle and announce "seconds out" in a loud, clear voice.

For Women's bouts, the rounds are two (2) minutes in duration. The intervals between rounds shall be of one minute's duration. Ten (10) seconds before the minutes is up, the timekeeper will sound a warning buzzer or whistle and announce "seconds out" in a loud, clear voice.

Upon request from the referee, the timekeeper shall indicate that there are ten (10) seconds remaining in each round by knocking loudly on a table with a hammer or similar instrument.

When any part of a boxer's body other than his/her feet, is on the floor, a boxer is 'down' and the knockdown timekeeper shall immediately start counting the elapsed seconds in a loud, clear voice. He shall indicate each elapsed second with progressive upraised fingers until the referee has either taken up his count or told the contestants to 'box'.

It is entirely up to the referee to determine if a knockdown has occurred. If the referee ignores or waves away the timekeeper, then that is the official ruling.

With the exception of the last round, if the referee is in the course of applying a count and the round has been completed, the bell indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. If the boxer rises before ten (10) is counted and the referee gives the command 'box', the bell will be sounded to end the round.

When a referee orders and signals 'time', the timekeeper shall stop the watch and only restart it when the referee orders 'box'.

The timekeeper must always be alert to accept any signals from the referee.

## X Illegal Substances

### DRUGS AND STIMULANTS

1. The administration or use of drugs, injections or stimulants, either before or during a match, to any Boxer or by any Boxer is prohibited. This includes smelling salts, ammonia capsules or similar irritants. Any contestant who violates this Rule shall be subject to disqualification.

2. The Local Boxing Commission shall order anti-doping examinations immediately before or after the contest. The urine sample shall be supplied in the presence of a member of the Local Boxing Commission, the Commission Physician or their appointee, and a representative of the Boxer. Such specimen must be collected either at least twelve (12) hours before a bout or twenty four (24) hours after a bout.

The specimen shall be collected in a sterile container and shall be divided in two (2) equal parts also in sterile containers. The specimen shall be labeled with the Boxer's name, date, time and place.

The specimen shall be sealed in the presence of the above-witnesses and signed by them. A second specimen shall be used in case of doubt, spilling or argument.

If it becomes necessary to examine the second specimen, the Boxer in question, or their representative, may observe, in detail, the opening and analysis of the specimen. The Boxer, or their representative, may be accompanied by a qualified adviser selected by them.

The Boxer shall indicate at the time they give the specimen if they are under medication. If the Boxer is under medication, they shall provide evidence that they are using it for therapeutic purposes by means of medical certification and such medication may not be prohibited by the Local Boxing Commission or the WBU. Any drugs prohibited by the International Olympic Committee shall be considered illegal drugs by the WBU, whether considered performance enhancing or not and shall subject the violator to disqualification.

3. Any substance, other than plain water, given to a Contestant during the course of the bout is absolutely prohibited. A discretionary amount of lubricant may be used around the eyes; however, the use of lubricants, grease or any other foreign substance on the arms, legs or body is prohibited.

4. A discretionary use of coagulants approved by the Ringside Physician, such as adrenalin (1/1000), may be allowed between rounds to stop bleeding of minor cuts or lacerations sustained by a Contestant during the course of the fight.

5. The use of "iron type" coagulants, such as Monsel's solutions, are absolutely prohibited. The administration of any "iron type" coagulants by or to any Contestant is considered a violation and shall be grounds for disqualification.

## XI Boxing Gloves

1. The weight of gloves to be used in Championship contests shall be as follows:

a) Superwelterweights, up to and including Heavyweights, shall use ten (10) ounce gloves.

b) Mini Flyweights, up to and including Welterweights, shall use eight (8) ounce gloves.

2. The Local Boxing Commission's Inspector shall inspect the gloves of each Contestant prior to the beginning of the contest to insure that the gloves are free of any foreign substance that could be detrimental to an Opponent and are properly laced and taped.

## XII Bandages

1. The amount and type of bandages to be used in Championship contests shall be as follows:

- a) In all weight classes, up to and including Middleweights, hand bandages shall be restricted to ten (10) yards of soft gauze bandage not more than two (2) inches in width, held in place by not more than six (6) feet of surgeon's tape, one (1) inch in width, for each hand.
- b) Super Middleweights, up to and including Heavyweights, shall not use bandages of more than twelve (12) yards in length and not more than eight (8) feet of surgeon's tape, one (1) inch in width, for each hand.
- c) The binding of surgeon's tape shall not be applied within one (1) inch of the knuckles of the Contestant's hands.

The Local Boxing Commission shall inspect the bandages to insure they comply with these and all Local Regulations.

## XIII Protection Equipment

All Professional Boxers are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the Referee will call time and replace the mouthpiece at the first opportune moment without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be deducted by the Referee if they feel the mouthpiece is being purposely spit out.

All male boxers must wear cups.

All women's boxers must wear Breast protectors.

It is the responsibility of the Boxer and their Trainer to take sufficient mouthguards to the ring and ensure that the boxers are fitted with the appropriate protection devices before a bout.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### XIV Various

The Champion will wear the Championship Belt when coming into the ring, which will be given to the Referee by the Champion and passed to the WBU Supervisor at ringside. At the end of the contest, before the result is announced, the WBU Supervisor and the Chairman of the Local Boxing Commission or their representative, and the Promoter of their representative shall be invited into the ring to immediately proceed with the Championship Belt Ceremony.

A paid sanction fee can be refunded within 14 days after payment. The sanctioned title has to take place within six month after payment. After this time period the promoter has no rights on the sanctioned title. The WBU has the right to keep the sanction fee without any title fight after that six month.

The WBU does not arrange, promote, organize or produce Championship Contests. It merely promulgates rules governing the contests, licenses the use of its name and awards the Championship belt to the winner.

The scheduling of bouts, safety standards, supplying of safety equipment, ambulances, evacuation and emergency procedures, the provision of doctors or any of the attendant and peripheral matters necessary to supervise and administer any fight for which it has licensed the use of the WBU name are always arranged by the Promoters under the supervision and control and in accordance with the Rules of the Local Boxing Commission. It is the obligation of the Promoters and/or the Local Boxing Commission to meet all governmental safety standards and to pay for the entire boxing promotion.

That the successful Contestant of the championship hereby agrees to adhere to the WBU Rule that they must defend the said title within the said weight class within a six month period of winning the title or the WBU reserves the right to declare the title vacant. Twelve months after first winning a WBU title the Champion must also face a mandatory designated challenger from the WBU executive who reserve the right to accept a purse bid.

Any WBU titleholder that participates in an unsanctioned title bout will be automatically stripped of their title. Only equivalent titles can be sanctioned with any other federation except WBA, WBC, WBO, IBF, PBU and IBO.



The parties undersigned hereby agree to participate in the bout and hereby release, discharge and indemnify and keep indemnified the WBU, its officers, agents and employees, from all claims, actions, demands, judgments and executions which the undersigned, its heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have, or claim to have, against the WBU, its officers, agents, and employees from all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by either directly or indirectly, or arising out of the above sporting activities.

#### Betting Rules and Conditions

##### Outright Betting

1. In the event of a delayed fight, bets placed previous to the weigh in will be valid for 30 days. Wagers placed after the weigh-in will be voided unless the fight is reorganized for the following day.
2. A value will be offered in the event of a 'draw' and in the incidence of this taking place, all wagers on either boxer to win, will be voided. In the event of a "Technical Draw" the outcome will be classed as a draw.
3. A knockout will include a technical knockout and a disqualification.

##### Round betting

1. In the event of a point's decision being awarded earlier to the full number of rounds being completed, wagers will be settled on the round in which the fight was stopped. Bets based on the event of 'winning on points', will only be paid if the complete number of rounds are completed.
2. If a boxer fails to answer the bell, the fight will be considered to have ended in the prior round, regardless of what the official decision may be.
3. If, for any purpose the chosen amount of rounds on which bets are offered is altered, all round by round betting will be void, but match wagers will be valid.

## **SemiPro/Master Rules and Regulations of the World Boxing Union**

Male & Female:

World Title 6 Rounds x 2 Minutes  
Intercontinental Title 5 Rounds x 2 Minutes  
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National Title 4 Rounds x 2 Minutes  
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Youth Male & Female -18:

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Master Male & Female +30, +35, +40, +45, +50, +55, +60 Years:

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4. The Referee shall be the only person authorized to determine if injuries were the result of legal blows, accidental fouls or intentional fouls and such determinations will be at the Referee's sole discretion.

5. The Referee shall have the power to stop a contest and render a decision at any stage if they consider it to be one-sided or if either Contestant is in such condition that to continue might subject them to serious injury.

6. If a Boxer sustains an injury from a fair blow or foul that the Referee believes may incapacitate the Boxer, the Referee is empowered to interrupt the contest and consult with the Ringside Physician on the advisability of allowing the bout to continue. The Referee is the only one permitted to signal the end of a bout.

7. The Referee and the Contestants acknowledge that the Referee is not to be an agent, servant or employee of the WBU.

## VIII Ringside Physician

The Ringside Physician may enter the ring during the course of the round only at the request of the Referee. The Ringside Physician may enter the ring between rounds on their own, and advise the Referee about the condition of either Opponent.

In the event that the Ringside physician advises or recommends to the Referee to end the bout, the

Referee shall immediately end the bout and in the event he/she does not do so the WBU will not be liable for any injury or death of the contestant.

#### IX Timekeeper

Subject to the requirements and discretion of the Local Boxing Commission, it is the WBU's recommendation that two timekeepers should be used, but one may suffice. One keeps the time of the rounds, the other is utilized for the knockdown call. Two stopwatches are to be used.

For all bouts, the rounds are two (2) minutes in duration. The intervals between rounds shall be of one minute's duration. Ten (10) seconds before the minutes is up, the timekeeper will sound a warning buzzer or whistle and announce "seconds out" in a loud, clear voice.

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Upon request from the referee, the timekeeper shall indicate that there are ten (10) seconds remaining in each round by knocking loudly on a table with a hammer or similar instrument.

When any part of a boxer's body other than his/her feet, is on the floor, a boxer is 'down' and the knockdown timekeeper shall immediately start counting the elapsed seconds in a loud, clear voice. He shall indicate each elapsed second with progressive upraised fingers until the referee has either taken up his count or told the contestants to 'box'.

It is entirely up to the referee to determine if a knockdown has occurred. If the referee ignores or waves away the timekeeper, then that is the official ruling.

With the exception of the last round, if the referee is in the course of applying a count and the round has been completed, the bell indicating the end of the round will not be sounded. If the boxer rises before ten (10) is counted and the referee gives the command 'box', the bell will be sounded to end the round.

When a referee orders and signals 'time', the timekeeper shall stop the watch and only restart it when the referee orders 'box'.

The timekeeper must always be alert to accept any signals from the referee.

#### X Illegal Substances

##### DRUGS AND STIMULANTS

1. The administration or use of drugs, injections or stimulants, either before or during a match, to any Boxer or by any Boxer is prohibited. This includes smelling salts, ammonia capsules or similar irritants. Any contestant who violates this Rule shall be subject to disqualification.

2. The Local Boxing Commission shall order anti-doping examinations immediately before or after the contest. The urine sample shall be supplied in the presence of a member of the Local Boxing Commission, the Commission Physician or their appointee, and a representative of the Boxer. Such specimen must be collected either at least twelve (12) hours before a bout or twenty four (24) hours after a bout.

The specimen shall be collected in a sterile container and shall be divided in two (2) equal parts also in sterile containers. The specimen shall be labeled with the Boxer's name, date, time and place.

The specimen shall be sealed in the presence of the above-witnesses and signed by them. A second specimen shall be used in case of doubt, spilling or argument.

If it becomes necessary to examine the second specimen, the Boxer in question, or their representative, may observe, in detail, the opening and analysis of the specimen. The Boxer, or their representative, may be accompanied by a qualified adviser selected by them.

The Boxer shall indicate at the time they give the specimen if they are under medication. If the Boxer is under medication, they shall provide evidence that they are using it for therapeutic purposes by means of medical certification and such medication may not be prohibited by the Local Boxing Commission or the WBU. Any drugs prohibited by the International Olympic Committee shall be considered illegal drugs by the WBU, whether considered performance enhancing or not and shall subject the violator to disqualification.

3. Any substance, other than plain water, given to a Contestant during the course of the bout is absolutely prohibited. A discretionary amount of lubricant may be used around the eyes; however, the

use of lubricants, grease or any other foreign substance on the arms, legs or body is prohibited.

4. A discretionary use of coagulants approved by the Ringside Physician, such as adrenalin (1/1000), may be allowed between rounds to stop bleeding of minor cuts or lacerations sustained by a Contestant during the course of the fight.

5. The use of "iron type" coagulants, such as Monsel's solutions, are absolutely prohibited. The administration of any "iron type" coagulants by or to any Contestant is considered a violation and shall be grounds for disqualification.

#### XI Boxing Gloves

1. The weight of gloves to be used in Championship contests shall be as follows:

- a) Superwelterweights, up to and including Heavyweights, shall use ten (10) ounce gloves.
- b) Mini Flyweights, up to and including Welterweights, shall use ten (10) ounce gloves.
- c) Masters to be used in all weightclasses fourteen (14) ounce gloves.

2. The Local Boxing Commission's Inspector shall inspect the gloves of each Contestant prior to the beginning of the contest to insure that the gloves are free of any foreign substance that could be detrimental to an Opponent and are properly laced and taped.

#### XII Bandages

1. The amount and type of bandages to be used in Championship contests shall be as follows:

- a) In all weight classes, up to and including Middleweights, hand bandages shall be restricted to ten (10) yards of soft gauze bandage not more than two (2) inches in width, held in place by not more than six (6) feet of surgeon's tape, one (1) inch in width, for each hand.
- b) Super Middleweights, up to and including Heavyweights, shall not use bandages of more than twelve (12) yards in length and not more than eight (8) feet of surgeon's tape, one (1) inch in width, for each hand.
- c) The binding of surgeon's tape shall not be applied within one (1) inch of the knuckles of the Contestant's hands.

The Local Boxing Commission shall inspect the bandages to insure they comply with these and all Local Regulations.

#### XIII Protection Equipment

All Professional Boxers are required to wear a mouthpiece during competition. The round cannot begin without the mouthpiece. If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the Referee will call time and replace the mouthpiece at the first opportune moment without interfering with the immediate action. Points may be deducted by the Referee if they feel the mouthpiece is being purposely spit out.

All male boxers must wear cups.

All women's boxers must wear Breast protectors.

Under 18 years old a Headguard is required.

It is the responsibility of the Boxer and their Trainer to take sufficient mouthguards to the ring and ensure that the boxers are fitted with the appropriate protection devices before a bout.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### XIV Various

The Champion will wear the Championship Belt when coming into the ring, which will be given to the Referee by the Champion and passed to the WBU Supervisor at ringside. At the end of the contest, before the result is announced, the WBU Supervisor and the Chairman of the Local Boxing Commission or their representative, and the Promoter of their representative shall be invited into the ring to immediately proceed with the Championship Belt Ceremony.

A paid sanction fee can be refunded within 14 days after payment. The sanctioned title has to take place within six month after payment. After this time period the promoter has no rights on the sanctioned title. The WBU has the right to keep the sanction fee without any title fight after that six month.

The WBU does not arrange, promote, organize or produce Championship Contests. It merely promulgates rules governing the contests, licenses the use of its name and awards the Championship belt to the winner.

The scheduling of bouts, safety standards, supplying of safety equipment, ambulances, evacuation and emergency procedures, the provision of doctors or any of the attendant and peripheral matters necessary to supervise and administer any fight for which it has licensed the use of the WBU name are always arranged by the Promoters under the supervision and control and in accordance with the Rules of the Local Boxing Commission. It is the obligation of the Promoters and/or the Local Boxing Commission to meet all governmental safety standards and to pay for the entire boxing promotion.

After winning a WBU title the title will be automatically declared vacant.

Any WBU titleholder that participates in an unsanctioned title bout will be automatically stripped of their title. Only equivalent titles can be sanctioned with any other federation except WBA, WBC, WBO, IBF, PBU and IBO.

The parties undersigned hereby agree to participate in the bout and hereby release, discharge and indemnify and keep indemnified the WBU, its officers, agents and employees, from all claims, actions, demands, judgments and executions which the undersigned, its heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have, or claim to have, against the WBU, its officers, agents, and employees from all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by either directly or indirectly, or arising out of the above sporting activities.