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IBA boxers, technical officials, and coaches' participation in all IOC Olympic Qualification System (OQS) events and the Algerian boxer Imane Khelif's participation in the Olympic qualification tournaments and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Dear Mr McConnell, Dear Kit,

I trust this email finds you well and it was a pleasure to see you last week at the ASOIF 40th Anniversary event that took place in Lausanne.

In the spirit of our very positive discussion, the IBA is pleased to support Paris 2024 and the IOC Olympic Qualification System (OQS) events which will allow our boxers, technical officials, and coaches to participate in the European Games 2023 using the IBA 'Bout Review System'.

I would like to share that last month, I had the opportunity to speak with European Olympic Committee (EOC) President, Mr Spyros Capralos. It was clear in our discussion that all members of Olympic Movement, the IBA included, were committed, and share the common goal of ensuring the best athletes, technical officials, and coaches are part of the journey to Paris 2024 and are free to pursue their Olympic aspirations in a safe and fair manner. Please find attached for your reference in the email communicating this letter, the letter from myself to President Capralos on this matter.

As discussed, we were informed of the statement from the Algerian Olympic Committee confirming the possibility for Algerian boxer Imane Khelif to participate in the women's event in the upcoming Olympic qualification tournaments and the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

We are kindly writing to offer our support and cooperation on the matter as it directly impacts the safety of our boxers and the integrity of the competitions results. In confidence, the IBA can share that Imane Khelif was disqualified from the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2023 in New Delhi for breaching the IBA Technical and Competition Rules and was not medically eligible to participate in the event as a female boxer.

For your information, please find the [IBA's definition of a "Women/Female/Girl"](#): An individual with chromosome XX. For this purpose, the Boxers can be submitted to a random and/or targeted gender test to confirm the above, which will serve for the gender eligibility criteria for the IBA Competitions.





The disqualification took place after the IBA had conducted two gender tests which concluded the boxer's DNA was that of [REDACTED] chromosomes. The first test took place in Turkey in May 2022 with a second one taking place in India in March 2023 to reconfirm the findings of the initial test, in which it did. We have attached the confidential laboratory results of both independent tests for your kind attention with the email communicating this letter. This situation epitomizes the importance of protecting both safe sport, and the integrity of sport in which the Olympic Movement is jointly committed to.

Regarding these essential principles of sport, we must share that the IBA and Prof. Richard McLaren are concerned as some of the invited technical officials have been previously found to be high risk and their participation will subsequently put athletes' safety in jeopardy.

With the European Games 2023 less than a month away, I would kindly request a technical meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss the necessary steps and operational support needed to ensure that the European Games is a success for all.

We trust that you will give this matter the utmost attention it deserves, and you have our absolute support on doing what is necessary to ensure the safety of competing athletes.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary General and CEO
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