

MANDELA AFRICAN BOXING CUP

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TEAM DELEGATION HANDBOOK

ELITE MEN AND WOMEN
BOXING COMPETITION

* IBA reserves the right to update this handbook as and when required.

* This Handbook must be read in conjunction with the IBA





Umar Kremlev
President of the International Boxing Association (IBA)

Dear Members of our Boxing Family,

It is a big pleasure to announce the first edition of the 2024 Mandela African Boxing Cup taking place in South Africa this April. Our decision to name the competition after one of the world's most inspirational personalities is with reason and great respect.

For Mandela, boxing was not only a sport, but a way to get through his hardest years, a science full of priceless life lessons and a path to equality.

"Boxing is egalitarian. In the ring, rank, age, color, and wealth is irrelevant. When you are circling your opponent, probing his strengths and weaknesses, you are not thinking about his color or social status", wrote Mandela in his autobiography.

Dear teams, let's take Mandela's dedication to boxing as a strong inspiration for young generations and glorify his name through Mandela Cup to make it yearly tradition.

Together with the African Boxing Confederation we invite all African National teams to participate and are delightful to give one more opportunity to gifted African athletes to compete and show their boxing prowess in the ring.

Sincerely yours,

Umar Kremlev,

President of the International Boxing Association (IBA)





Eyassu Wossen
President of the African Boxing Confederation (AFBC)

With immense pride and a sense of collective aspiration, I pen this foreword for the inaugural Mandela African Boxing Cup handbook. In the realm of sport, few names resonate with the spirit of resilience, unity, and the relentless pursuit of excellence as that of Nelson Mandela. His life's work extends far beyond the political landscape, serving as a beacon of hope and a testament to the indomitable human spirit.

The Mandela African Boxing Cup is not merely a competition; it is a celebration of our shared African heritage, a showcase of our young talents, and a tribute to Madiba's enduring legacy. This event, set against the vibrant backdrop of Durban, offers a stage for our athletes to not only compete but to also embody the values that Mandela championed throughout his life.

As fighters, the embodiment of strength and courage in the ring, our athletes carry forward the torch of Mandela's vision – a vision of a world where discipline, respect, and sportsmanship reign supreme. Let this competition be more than a contest of physical ability; let it be a dialogue of cultures, an exchange of ideas, and a display of the unity that sport can foster.

I encourage all participants to compete with the integrity that this Cup symbolizes. Let us honor Nelson Mandela's memory together, not just in our bouts, but in how we conduct ourselves outside the ring – with humility, grace, and the unwavering resolve to uplift and unite.

To the athletes, officials, and everyone who makes this event possible, your dedication to the sport of boxing is creating a legacy that will inspire future generations. I look forward to witnessing a tournament that not only crowns champions but also cements Mandela's values within the heart of each competitor.

Together, let's make the Mandela African Boxing Cup a symbol of hope and a cornerstone of sporting excellence on our beloved continent.

In unity and sport,

Eyassu Wossen
President, African Boxing Confederation





Siyabulela Mkwalo
President - South African National Boxing Organisation



The South African National Boxing Organisation (SANABO) is grateful to host the Mandela African Boxing Cup. The African competition under the name of our global icon Nelson Mandela is a ground-breaking and profound initiative that vividly displays quality and decisive leadership at International Boxing Association (IBA) and African Boxing Confederation (AFBC). SANABO views this award as an honor and a rare privilege that must be embraced for restoring the name of our global icon as well as promoting boxing in the continent.

SANABO regards this event as a practical expression of what President Umar Kremlev promised to Africans in developing and transforming boxing in our continent. The IBA ongoing financial and technical support to African boxing federations is beginning to bear fruits in so many ways. There is an increased number of African boxers that have access to varied international competitions and also an exponential growth of the number of trained and qualified technical officials and coaches. The Mandela African Boxing Cup is not different as it will present opportunities for the boxers to stand a chance of grabbing the lucrative prizes and receive unique medals that will define their career.

South Africa celebrates the staging of this event as it symbolizes our recognition of the role played by Nelson Mandela in fighting for liberation of our country from Apartheid whilst promoting world- wide peace and stability. The idea tallies well with Nelson Mandela youthful career wherein he played boxing as a sport of choice even during long term incarceration in Robben Island Prison to keep fit, healthy and focused. It is our considered view that this event will educate and inspire many young men and women from all walks of life to follow on his achievements.

Our country is more than ready to receive all the boxers, coaches, judges, and leadership from various countries in Africa and most importantly the IBA President and his executive members and as well as the support staff from head office.

Our country and City of Durban recently hosted a successful World Table Tennis Championships in the same venue Mandela African Boxing Cup will be staged from 14 - 21 April 2024. SANABO appreciates and value the overwhelming support and guidance from our government and the Olympic committee for allowing the Mandela African Boxing Cup to take place in South Africa.

The LOC will ensure that your stay in Durban will be a memorable one for years to come. You will be welcomed by the Durban warm and sunshine weather.
Wozae Durban! Come to Durban!

Kingdom Call! Thank you!





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1. ORGANISER

The South African National Boxing Organisation (SANABO) is affiliated to the International Boxing Association (IBA) and African Boxing Confederation (AFBC). SANABO has been entrusted with the organization of the Mandela African Boxing Cup competition. This competition is open to all African national federations.

2. CONTACTS

Subject	E-mail
Registrations for Team Delegations	via IBA database
Registrations for Extra Officials	via IBA Database
Visa & Entry Requirements	visa@sanabo.org
Competition related	visa@sanabo.org
Competition related	loc@sanabo.org
Press & Media related	via IBA Database
Accommodation	accommodation@sanabo.org
Transport	transport@sanabo.org

3. REGISTRATION TO THE COMPETITION

All registrations for Team Delegations will have to be made through IBA DATABASE
The registrations are open from 2 February 2024 to 1 March 2024.

4. COVID-19 PROTOCOL

The event is approved as a sporting event. The Covid-19 situation is very dynamic, therefore, an update regarding all requirements and protocols will be provided if the situation changes.



5. COMPETITION

a. Format

- i. The new IBA Bout Review Rule will be applied.
- ii. The Official Draw will be conducted by Sportdata through an electronic draw.
- iii. Two rings will be used until the semi-finals phase.
- iv. Medals will be distributed to the first 4 boxers of each weigh category (1 Gold, 1 silver, 2 Bronze).
- v. The Technical Delegate of the event is yet to be decided.
- vi. The Event will be officiated by IBA International Technical Officials and IBA certified Referees and Judges, all appointed by IBA in partnership with AFBC.
- vii. World and Olympic Champions shall have their name written in Gold on their back, and all boxers must have their country code written in white on their back along with their surname.
We encourage everyone to do this in advance, however, as printing services might not be provided on-site.

IBA Elite Weight Categories:

The competition will be organised based on the IBA Technical and Competition Rules.

Women boxers between the age of 19 and 40 according to their year of birth (born between January 1, 1984 – December 31, 2005) will be eligible to compete in the following weight categories:

The twelve (12) IBA Elite Women's weight categories will be contested:

IBA ELITE WOMEN BOXERS			
#	Weight Category	over Kg	to Kg
1	Minimumweight	45	48
2	Light Flyweight	48	50
3	Flyweight	50	52
4	Bantamweight	52	54
5	Featherweight	54	57
6	Lightweight	57	60
7	Light Welterweight	60	63
8	Welterweight	63	66
9	Light Middleweight	66	70
10	Middleweight	70	75
11	Light Heavyweight	75	81
12	Heavyweight	81	-



Men boxers between the age of 19 and 40 according to their year of birth (born between January 1, 1984 – December 31, 2005) will be eligible to compete in the following 13 weight categories:

IBA ELITE MEN BOXERS			
#	Weight Category	over Kg	to Kg
1	Minimumweight	46	48
2	Flyweight	48	51
3	Bantamweight	51	54
4	Featherweight	54	57
5	Lightweight	57	60
6	Light Welterweight	60	63.5
7	Welterweight	63.5	67
8	Light Middleweight	67	71
9	Middleweight	71	75
10	Light Heavyweight	75	80
11	Cruiserweight	80	86
12	Heavyweight	86	92
13	Super Heavyweight	92	-

b. Prize Money

Medals	Prize Money
Gold	TBC
Silver	TBC
Bronze	TBC
Bronze	TBC

AFBC is in discussion with IBA and the conclusion will be published very soon. Meanwhile, an athlete must win at least one bout in order to be eligible to earn the designated prize money. In the case that only one athlete is present in the category, or he will not be eligible to benefit from the prize money. To avoid doubt:

- a. If the athlete has a win by Walkover (WO), and is a medalist, this athlete is entitled to receive prize money.
- b. If the athlete has a loss and no wins, and is a medalist, this athlete is not entitled to receive prize money.
- c. **Medals**

AFBC and the Local organizing committee will distribute for each of the different weight categories:

- 1st Place: gold medal (1)
- 2nd Place: silver medal (1)
- 3rd Place: bronze medal (2)





d. Sport Entries Check

The Sport Entries Check will take place on 15 April 2024. Teams will be informed of the exact date and time of their appointment during accreditation after arrival. Please make sure to arrive in Durban, South Africa by 14 April 2024 at the latest.

Each Team delegation can appoint a maximum of 2 persons to attend the Sport Entries Check. IBA recommends to each team to send the Team Manager and/or the Team Doctor and/or the Head Coach.

Each Team Delegation's representatives will have a 10-minute appointment with IBA Technical Officials to confirm the entry list of their delegation, the spelling of boxers' names, the uniforms, national flag and anthem and to present the official documents listed below to IBA.

Your representative(s) must present the following:

1. *Entry list of the delegation*
2. *Passport of each boxer.*
3. *Record Book of each boxer.*
4. *Boxer's uniform examples.*
5. *Results of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV tests, not older than 6 months*
6. *IBA Medical certificates issued within the last 30 days for each boxer.*
7. *IBA Fit to Box form (all boxers).*
8. *COVID-19 Declaration of No symptoms Form signed by all team members.*
9. *COVID-19 Liability Waiver Form signed by all team members.*
10. *Anti-doping consent forms signed by each boxer.*
11. *Video consent form signed by team manager/head coach.*
12. *IBA General Participation Form*
13. *Declaration of non-pregnancy (For Women)*
14. *IBA Code of Conduct*

Each Team Delegation must also bring the following:

- National flag 1 x 1.5m
- National anthem on MP3

Important: Please note that the presence of your representative is mandatory. In the event where Team Delegation Representatives do not show-up to the scheduled appointment, the entire Team will be disqualified. **ALL MEDICAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE PRESENTED**





e. *Event Schedule*

Event	Time	Place
April 14		
Arrivals	All day	Team Hotels
April 15		
Accreditation Centre	09:00 - 18:00	Durban International Convention Centre
April 15		
Sport Entries Check	09:00 - 14:00	Garden Court Hotel
Technical Meeting	16:00 - 17:00	Garden Court Hotel
Official Draw	17:00 - 18:30	Garden Court Hotel
April 16 - April 21		
Daily Weigh-in	07:00 - 08:00	Garden Court Hotel
April 16 - April 19		
Preliminaries/Quarterfinals	TBD	Durban International Convention Centre
April 20		
Semi - finals	14:00 - 18:00	Durban International Convention Centre
April 21		
Ceremonial Weigh Ins	09:00 - 10:00	Garden Court Hotel
Finals and Medal Ceremonies	14:00 - 18:00	Durban International Convention Centre
April 22		
Departures	All day	

The competition schedule may be changed or adjusted after the Sport Entries Check.



6. REGISTRATIONS

c. *Participating Boxers*

Each National Federation is invited to register up to one (1) boxer in each weight category, as per IBA Technical and Competition Rules. All registrations need to be done through the IBA database (<https://iba-database.sport/nf>)

d. *Team Officials*

Each Team Delegation can have the following number of Team Officials:

- i. 1 Team Manager
- ii. 1 Team Doctor
- iii. 1 Physiotherapist
- iv. 1 IBA Certified Team Cutman
- v. Number of coaches according to the table below:
 - 1 – 3 Boxers: Up to 3 Coaches
 - 4 – 8 Boxers: Up to 6 Coaches
 - 9 – 12 Boxers: Up to 8 Coaches
 - 13 – 25 Boxers: Up to 10 Coaches

e. *Coaches*

Each Boxer will be entitled to be accompanied to the ring by up to three (3) coaches. However, only two (2) Coaches may mount the apron of the ring and only one (1) may enter the ring.

- Only IBA-certified Coaches (1-star to 3-star) are allowed to work in the Field of Play (FOP)
- One of the 3 coaches can be replaced by an IBA Certified Team Cutman.

If your team does not have any IBA certified coach (1,2 or 3-star), please raise this at the Technical Meeting, so arrangements can be made with another team.





f. Extra Team Officials & National Federation Representatives

- Any individual who will be at the event in addition to the ones outlined in point 4.b., whom the National Federation (NF) would like to send to work with the team, would be registered as an Extra Team Official.
- Extra Team Officials who do not have a direct link with the preparation of the team for the competition will not receive an accreditation.
- Extra Team Officials means:
 - National Coach of a registered boxer
 - Additional Physiotherapist
 - Additional Doctor
 - Nutritionist

NF Representatives

Any individual attending the event as a representative of the NF, such as:

- NF President
- NF Secretary General
- NF Executive Board Member
- NF President Accompanying Guest
- NF Administrative Staff

Each National Federation can register up to a total of 6 additional persons within the 2 categories named above.

All Extra Team Officials and National Federation Representatives registrations must be done through IBA database in the dedicated section of the event.

In the event where one of your representatives has special security needs (personal security), please make sure to contact the LOC at loc@sanabo.org to arrange access, accreditation and entry into South Africa in accordance with local authorities.

Important: If you plan to bring more than 6 additional persons, please note that accreditations will not be provided.





g. Process and deadlines

All registrations for Team Delegations will have to be made through the IBA database (<https://iba-database.sport/nf>)

Please find the summary below:

Registration for:	Done by:	Registration period
Boxers	Each national federation through web registration on the database	2 February - 1 March 2024
Team officials	Each national federation through web registration on the database	2 February - 1 March 2024
Extra team officials	Each national federation through web registration on the database ("extra-officials" section)	2 February - 1 March 2024
Arrival/Departure time of the delegation	Each national federation through web registration on the database ("travel details" section)	2 February - 1 March 2024
Rooming list	Each national federation through web registration on the database ("room request" section)	2 February - 1 March 2024





7. VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The LOC will provide assistance regarding visa, if required.

a. Contacts

LOC will provide assistance regarding Visa. For any information please contact:
Mrs Nomkhosi Ndlovu - Tel : +27 78 456 4409
Email: visa@sanabo.org

b. Process

The process for obtaining visa for South Africa will be as follows:

- Team delegations who need Visas must immediately request it to South African Embassy / Consulate in their country. LOC will provide invitation letters for all Teams Delegations.
- LOC will provide landing visa letters for all Team Delegation who doesn't have South African Embassy / Consulate in their own country.
- Visa cost: 26 USD

In this case please contact immediately Mrs Nomkhosi Ndlovu and provide her with valid passport copies of the applicant(s) before 10 March 2024.
Please note that after this deadline the LOC cannot grant any Visa.

8. TRANSPORTATION

a. International Transportation

All travel information related to the Team Delegation must be entered in the IBA Database during the registration and additionally sent to the LOC at loc@sanabo.org

The airport of arrival and departure will be King Shaka International Airport.

Deadline to submit arrival and departure information: 10 March 2024

b. Local Transportation

Local transportation will be provided by LOC:

- To and from King Shaka International Airport.
- To and from the hotel to the competition venue and training venue.

In case of questions or emergencies upon arrival at the airport, please contact LOC at loc@sanabo.org



9. ACCOMMODATION

Team Delegations' Hotels

Members of Team Delegations and Team Delegations' Staff who have "Extra Team Official" accreditation, such as national coaches, additional doctors/physiotherapists, and nutritionists can stay at the Team Delegations' Hotels. Accommodation account will be settled by IBA for all accredited participants.

NF representatives cannot stay at Team Delegations' Hotels.

For all information, please contact: accommodation@sanabo.org

a. TEAM DELEGATION HOTEL

HOTEL #1

Name: Garden Court South Beach Hotel

Address: 473 Marine Parade, South Beach - Durban Central, Durban, 4001

Distance: 1 km from the competition venue

Website: <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-south-beach>



HOTEL #2

Name: Elangeni Hotel

Address: 63 Snell Parade - North Beach - Durban - 4000

Distance: 1.9km

Website: <https://www.southernsun.com/southern-sun-elangeni-maharani>



b. EXTRA-OFFICIALS AND MEDIA

Extra Officials – NF Representatives and Media are not allowed to stay in any hotel dedicated to Team Delegations.

HOTEL #3

Name: The Edward Hotel

Address: 149 Marine Parade, South Beach - Durban

Distance: 1 km

Website: <https://www.southernsun.com/the-edward>





c. VIP Hotel

HOTEL #4

Name: Hilton Hotel

Address: 329 Umhlanga Rocks Drive, Umhlanga

Distance: 18km

Website: <https://hiltongardenumhlanga.guestreservations.com/>





d. VVIP Hotel

HOTEL #5

Name: Beverly Hills Hotel

Address: 301 Lighthouse Road – Umhlanga Rocks, Umhlanga

Distance: 18km

Website: <https://www.southernsun.com/beverly-hills>





a. Meals

Three Meals per day will be served. The daily menus will be done according to the IBA Dietary requirements. The Meal hours will be:

Breakfast	:	6:30 – 9:30
Lunch	:	11:30 – 14:00
Dinner	:	18:00 – 22:00



10. COMPETITION & TRAINING VENUE

a. Competition Venue

Name: Durban International Convention Centre Address: 45 Bram Fischer Road, Durban, 4000

Seating Capacity: 2000

Photos of the venue



b. Training Venue





11. ACCREDITATIONS

a. For Team Delegation Members

All Team Delegation members registered for the event through the IBA Database within the deadline will receive their accreditations on-site.

Accreditations will be given out only upon presentation of a passport and completion of Sport Entry Check.

The Accreditation Center will be located at International Convention Centre (ICC).

b. For Extra Team Officials and National Federation Representatives

Each National Federation can request up to six (6) additional accreditations for its internal needs by filling out the dedicated section in the IBA Database no later than 1st March 2024.

c. For Media and Press International media

For accreditation, please contact : loc@sanabo.org

Local Media

(radio, TV and website with audio/video coverage): Bongile Ganyile at loc@sanabo.org

For accreditation, please contact : loc@sanabo.org

For International Media : communication@iba.sport

12. TECHNICAL VIDEO RECORDING

Each National Federation will be allowed to record the bout of their boxers with up to one camera per ring. Two specific locations in the stands will be reserved for these technical areas. Recordings are for technical purposes only and not for public broadcasting, social media included. The access to the two technical video recording areas will be conditioned to the signature of a disclaimer in this regard. The team manager of each National federation must bring the signed copy to the Sport Entries Check.

13. IMAGE RIGHTS

IBA has appointed an IBA photographer to promote the image of boxers during the Championships. By participating in the Championships, each Boxer agrees to release their image rights to IBA for promotional purposes.





14. DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping controls will be conducted in accordance with the IBA Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code. We want to remind you that according to WADA regulations, from 2016, blood testing may be conducted during IBA Competitions.

TUE must be submitted through the ADAMS system no later than the 10 March 2024.

15. MEDICAL CARE

The LOC will provide medical care and first-aid during the entire Championships Period to any participant who suffers from a sports injury contracted during the Championships.

16. INSURANCE

All participants are requested to get their own travel and medical insurance. The LOC will only provide liability insurance for all participants which will be valid for incidents that happen during the of the fights and competition venue.

17. AWARDS

Medals and special awards will be distributed after the last finals ceremony.





18. HOST CITY – Durban

Durban was founded in 1835 on the site of Port Natal and was named for [Sir Benjamin D'Urban](#), the governor of the Cape Colony. Durban is the largest city of [KwaZulu-Natal](#) province and chief seaport of [South Africa](#), located on Natal Bay of the [Indian Ocean](#).

Durban is a modern and world-class African city. The strategic focus of Durban Tourism is to drive tourism in the City and to ensure it is a key contributor to the local economy, thereby promoting economic upliftment for all communities. Furthermore, Durban Tourism is committed to positioning this eastern coastal city as one of the world's most sought-after tourist destinations. It has a role to encourage key stakeholders and the community to promote Durban as a winning city.

What's to do in Durban:

1. Visitors can explore Durban quintessential beachfront promenade.
2. Durban offers fresh air, wide-open spaces, great weather, and stunning natural surroundings, allowing you to embrace the beauty of Mother Nature.
3. Do Segways from the Moses Mabhida Stadium.
4. Why not surfing at the backwaters of the uShaka Marine World?
5. Take a horse ride on the beautiful golden sands leaving the sunset behind.
6. Go shark diving at Aliwal Shoal and for beginners, try shark cage diving at uShaka Marine World or swim with the dolphins.
7. Need to party the night away? Why not try Views at Twenty5, or Dantes in Umhlanga
8. If fine dining is in your menu, try our renowned restaurants. Durban has it all!
9. Go on a safari at Tala Game Reserve or a game drive and a Segway in the forest at the Phezulu Safari Park.
10. Experience an authentic Zulu village at the Isithumba Adventure Park in the Valley of a 1000 Hills.
11. If it's sunrise or sunset hikes that tickle your fancy, go on guided tours.
12. For township experience, visit Max's Lifestyle in Umlazi. Go wind down in the breath-taking Octavia Boutique Hotel that is overlooking the Inanda Dam.
13. If you're looking to nurture your spiritual side, visit the Shembe Church in Inanda, the famous architectural Hare Krishna Temple in Chatsworth or the Grey Street Mosque, the oldest Mosque in the Southern hemisphere.
14. Durban has become quite the shopaholics' heaven with the newly opened Platinum Walk at Oceans Mall in Umhlanga featuring premium international fashion brands.
15. Spending some quality time with the family? Durban has you covered. Enjoy a 30-minute harbour boat cruises.
16. If you are interested in enriching your knowledge about the City's rich history and heritage, hop on a Ricksha bus and explore the Inanda Heritage Route.
17. Our beaches and swimming pools are open to the public and safe. Enjoy our popular golden mile and beaches.



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