



IBA R&J Committee Meeting Minutes – 5th May 2023, via Zoom

Attendees to the meeting

Committee Members

Wayne Rose – Chair
Sadie Duffy – Vice-Chair
Rafael Vega
Mohamed Braham
Godavarisingh Rajcoomar
Waldemar Mencil
Mohamed Kamel Shbib
Lenny D’Gama

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Chris Roberts OBE – IBA Development Director
M. Burak ŞAHİN – IBA Sport Department Consultant

Subject: Addressing McLaren High-Risk Identified R&Js, R&J - Observer/Evaluator Selections, R&J Training and Upgrade Assessments, to include bout review – referee actions

Opening remarks were made by Wayne Rose. After introduction to meeting’s agenda, Rose started with high risk R&Js and the current situation. Chris Roberts opened up the dialogue with this subject.

Roberts explained how McLaren AI works on detecting high risk R&Js, how manipulation works, and those challenges faced by IBA decisions on high risk individuals. Past tournament experiences have been presented. After discussion between committee members, it was decided that BIIU should be informed of the high risk individuals again, and suggestions will be made by the committee for the further steps to be taken regarding these individuals.- Vetting of R&Js should be fully understood, along with growing the pool of R&Js, which is extremely important to enhance our continuous professional development programme.

Rose started discussion with the selection of R&Js for key events. Rose pointed out the importance of giving the R&J enough time to understand which events they are selected prior to the competitions; this is important so that they can arrange their own personal itineraries. Possibilities regarding the point was supported by all members of the committee. Rose put forward the R&J’s subcommittee motion for mainstreaming the selection process of officials and proposed at least 3 volunteers from different confederations for the positions. Waldemar Mencil, Godavarisingh Rajcoomar, and Lenny D’Gama accepted the positions for the subcommittee. Lenny D’Gama has been selected as the head of the subcommittee.

Rose mentioned the problems with selection of ITOs in the past. ITO selection relevance to committees has been discussed for future events by Roberts. Bringing ITO selection process on par with R&Js has been underlined. Evaluator/Observer training has been discussed. The need for a fast-educational meeting with Evaluators/Observers one day before the events to provide unity in decision making and healthier bout reviews has been unanimously agreed.

Rose pointed out the effects of the bout review on R&Js’ decision making and self-confidence. Issues with recent events were presented. Mohamed Shbib spoke on the importance of improving the R&J quality at the confederation level. Duffy suggested on more efforts to improve the quality of refereeing





and judging without undermining the confidence of the individuals and to create the grounds for positive change. Creating an action plan for error situations and creating a unified methodology for consistency, fairness in decisions. Mencil pointed out the need for more training, not only for ITOs, but also for Evaluator/Observers.

Roberts gave an overview of the upcoming updates on the IBA database and digitalisation of the officiating processes by Sportsdata. A new systems approach to online training features for officials' personal improvement was explained in detail. Upgrade aspects of the new system were briefed. Upcoming World Combat Games was discussed and the selection process for those officials.

Committee members shared personal suggestions on the points discussed in the meeting and finalised the meeting.

There being no further comments for the good and benefit of the committee, the meeting closed at 11:15hrs.



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