

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL MUAY THAI (“WBCMT”)**

## **ARTICLE “A”**

### **WBCMT CODE OF ETHICS**

Any person involved in professional boxing should:

- I. Place loyalty, fairness, and integrity as the highest moral principles, and the sport of Muay Thai above the interests of any person or group.
- II. Protect the health and well-being of boxers at any cost.
- III. Reject any compromise that goes against justice and honesty in the ring, in the offices, and in the gym.
- IV. Expose corruption of any kind wherever discovered.
- V. Oppose discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, and religion, and act forcefully to counteract it, never cooperating with those who practice it.
- VI. Uphold the constitution, laws, and regulations of all countries affiliated with the World Boxing Council Muay Thai, and never be a party to their evasion.
- VII. Uphold and respect the Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and principles of the WBCMT at all times. Failure to do so is failure to the sport and the organization of the World Boxing Council.
- VIII. Never – whether you are a boxer, manager, promoter, trainer, matchmaker, official, commissioner, or any member of the WBCMT – use the communications media to slur, slander, libel, or otherwise defame, humiliate, or insult other members of the boxing community and thereby damage the sport itself, but instead expose, respectfully, actions by persons who unfairly hurt others.
- IX. Devote best efforts to our sport as expected and deserved by the public, and expect the same from promoters, managers, boxers, and all the people of boxing.
- X. Refrain from unethical behavior that may bring disgrace to many people involved in the sport.
- XI. Never seek monetary profit at the detriment of the boxers, who should always be fairly paid for their efforts.
- XII. Pursue absolute equality for the people of Muay Thai by always respecting the rights of others, disregarding wealth or power as influencing factors on any decisions.
- XIII. Never use misrepresentations or other means to deceive others, but instead always present the facts and the truth in goodwill to solve problems.
- XIV. Never engage in business or activities that might constitute extortion, create a conflict of interest, or present an unfair restriction of competition.
- XV. If a boxer, behave as a good sportsman in and out the ring, in public statements, and in attitude towards all members of the public, the boxing community, and media.
- XVI. If a boxer, shake hands before the commencement of the contest and at the beginning of the final round, and show respect for their opponents before and after the contest.
- XVII. Subject only to valid protest in accordance with this Constitution and the WBCMT Rules & Regulations, regard decisions of the referee and judges as final.

**ARTICLE “B”**  
**A WORLD CHAMPION**

A WBCMT world champion is not only an excellent fighter in the ring and the best boxer in his division; this boxer is also a lady or gentleman who has won this title cleanly and fairly, and is willing and ready at all times to defend it against any qualified opponent.

A WBCMT world champion is a true example to the youth of the world, in and out of the ring. Our champion is always committed to respect, support, and comply with the WBCMT Constitution and its Rules & Regulations, and always carries the representation and world championship of the WBCMT with sportsmanship, dignity, loyalty, and pride.

A WBCMT world champion is a boxer who is true to their vocation, to the rules of the sport, and to their commitments... she is a lady, and he is a gentleman.

**ARTICLE “C”**  
**EQUALITY OF RIGHTS**

The WBCMT shall be a body dedicated to promote equal rights at all times in Muay Thai, impartially, honestly, and fairly. The WBCT shall engage in tireless efforts for the betterment of boxing all over the world as its goal. The WBCT shall not accept any inequalities based on race, religion, politics, or nationality, and will further oppose all organizations and persons who advocate or conduct themselves so as to promote such inequalities of rights.

It will be a prime objective of the WBCMT to strive for equality in Muay Thai and to fight against such conditions that damage the free practice of professional Muay Thai, including discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, or religion by any country or organization as unethical and contrary to the principles and spirit of the WBCMT.

## ARTICLE I – NAME AND NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Council, establishing as WORLD BOXING COUNCIL founded the WBC Muay Thai Committee to rate fighters worldwide, and to sanction WBC Muay Thai Title events. Police General Kovid Bhakdibhumi was appointed the WBC Muay Thai Chairman in Phuket, Thailand in 2004, this committee of the World Boxing Council shall be known as the WORLD BOXING COUNCIL MUAY THAI (“WBCMT”). The WBCMT is a nonprofit body dedicated to serving the sport of Muay Thai and to implement safety measures for the protection of all boxers. Each member of the WBCMT dedicates him or herself to the service of the sport of Muay Thai as a vehicle of opportunity for Muay Thai boxers around the world. Each member of the WBCMT shall be dedicated in his service in all matters to the principle, “He who does not live to serve, does not serve to live.”

The WBCMT adhere to the rules and regulations of the Sports Authority of Thailand. Each championship bout certified by the WBCMT shall be designated a “WBCMT Championship”. Every WBCMT- recognized champion, and every person involved in with matchmaking, promoting, and the conduct of WBCMT- recognized bouts, and all those who request certification of such bouts, understand and acknowledge that the right to the title and designation “WBCMT Champion” is owned exclusively by the WBCMT. WBCMT certification of a match as a “WBCMT Championship” and the designation of “WBCMT Champion” are privileges and not rights of any kind or nature, vested or otherwise, and all boxers, promoters, and their representatives must comply with this Constitution, Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and rulings of the WBCMT in order to qualify for or maintain such certification or designation.

The WBCMT World and World International Championships, the WBCMT Youth World and the WBCMT Female World Championships, the WBCMT International Championships, and any other present or future title that is authorized to carry the WBCMT name and certification, shall be subject to the terms of this paragraph.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of the WBCMT shall be as follows:

- A. Uniform Control and Supervision of Muay Thai. To promote and obtain efficiency and harmony in the control and supervision of professional men’s and women’s Muay Thai throughout the world, through the development and implementation of uniform standards and rules applicable to the sport worldwide.
- B. Develop and Institute Best Medical Standards. To institute and develop the best available medical standards, procedures, and rules to ensure the safety of the boxers and of the sport.
- C. Encouragement of Muay Thai as Sport. To encourage Muay Thai as an activity conducive to physical fitness and as a sport that is a source of wholesome entertainment for the public.
- D. Encouragement of Public Appreciation of Muay Thai. To encourage greater public appreciation and patronage for the sport of Muay Thai.
- E. Promotion of Clean, Fair, and Equitable Competition. To keep professional boxing, and all activities connected therewith, clean, fair, and equitable to all parties concerned.
- F. Promotion of Boxers’ Safety and Welfare. To make professional Muay Thai as safe a sport as possible for boxers, and to promote their welfare.
- G. Recognition of Champions. To recognize the best boxer in each division as the champion of the world, having won such title in the ring, in compliance with all provisions of this Constitution and the Rules &

Regulations of the WBCMT.

- H. Certification and Recognition of Championship and Elimination Bouts. To certify and recognize championship bouts in each weight division for WBC championships, provided that such bouts are held in compliance with this Constitution, and the Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and rulings of the WBCMT.
- I. Promotion of Competition in Muay Thai. To promote, enhance, and establish quality competition in Muay Thai, with WBCMT-recognized champions defending their titles against qualified opponents on a regular basis.
- J. Elimination of Discrimination in Muay Thai. To prevent discrimination by reason of race, religion, or national origin, which is an abhorrent affront to human dignity and, as such, incompatible with the purposes and principles of the WBCMT as embodied in this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations of the WBCMT. Consequently, apartheid and/or discrimination is prohibited and shall be penalized accordingly.
- K. Mediation to Resolve Controversies. To mediate in controversies whenever and wherever possible, with the goal of making Muay Thai a clean business, with ethical competition and respect for the rights of everyone involved.
- L. Promotion of Cooperation and Respect among WBCMT Representatives. To ensure that mutual cooperation and respect is maintained among all affiliated with the WBCMT, respecting the decisions and territories of each other, and that the solutions created by the WBCMT are applied uniformly around the world.

### ARTICLE III – FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

The WBCMT shall have the following functions and duties:

- A. Powers. The WBCMT shall have all powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities generally accorded to a nonprofit corporation. In addition, but not by way of limitation, the WBCMT shall have the power to enter into license agreements, own stock in for-profit corporations, and donate funds to charitable organizations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the WBCMT shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization that is exempt from Kingdom income taxation as an organization of the Revenue Department of Thailand, or any such similar law in jurisdictions of other nations of the world where WBCMT bouts are held.
- B. Promotion of the Best Interests of Muay Thai. To do all things conducive to attaining the purposes of the WBCMT and the promotion of uniformity, safety, and fair competition in Muay Thai throughout the world in the best interests of boxing, including:
  - 1. Support proper training worldwide of Muay Thai boxers, trainers, ring doctors, ring officials, and affiliated commissioners in the proper techniques, tactics, training, physical conditioning, safe and scientific / medical weight loss, and other elements of the sport.
  - 2. Endorsement, support, and adoption by the WBCMT of worldwide standards for the protection of health and prevention of injuries in the sport, with a pledge to do everything within its power to foster and enhance the field of sports medicine and to employ this expertise in service of the best interests of boxers, the public, and boxing itself.
  - 3. Endorsement, support, and adoption of an International Muay Thai Boxers Traveling License, including a yearly medical certificate and a boxer ID card to be carried by all boxers, which

should contain their records of medical examinations and comments by the ringside physicians after every bout, as well as all additional information necessary for the strict supervision of the health and safety of traveling boxers throughout the world. The WBCMT will also encourage the use of the Internet and other future technologies to make information regarding boxers' health available to authorities around the world.

- C. Establish Weight Divisions. To establish and/or recognize the champions in weight divisions with the following limits:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Kilograms</u>
Minimumweight	105	47.727
Light-flyweight	108	48.988
Flyweight	112	50.802
Super Flyweight	115	52.163
Bantamweight	118	53.524
Super-bantamweight	122	55.338
Featherweight	126	57.153
Super-featherweight	130	58.967
Lightweight	135	61.235
Super-lightweight	140	63.503
Welterweight	147	66.678
Super-welterweight	154	69.853
Middleweight	160	72.575
Supermiddleweight	168	76.364
Light-heavyweight	175	79.379
Cruiserweight	200	90.892
Heavyweight	over 200	over 90.892 with no upper limit

- D. Establishment of Ratings. To establish and promulgate ratings each month in each weight division, and to recognize an outstanding boxer or boxers monthly and annually.
- E. Adoption of Rules, Regulations, and Standards. To prescribe the rules and regulations that will govern every championship or elimination bout, and to establish rules and standards for the conduct and scoring of every Muay Thai contest in order to attain uniformity throughout the sport.
- F. Mediation in Disputes. To act upon, decide, settle, and mediate in disputes between member federations, boards or commissions, boxers, managers, promoters, and other licensed boxing people, and other disputes and appeals that may arise in the sport of Muay Thai, whenever the local commission, board, or member federation shall have been unable to resolve them, as well as to mediate in any disputes involving the WBCMT or any of its champions, challengers, or their managers, promoters, or other interested parties.
- G. Resolution of Grievances and Appeals. To resolve grievances and appeals as they arise in the sport of Muay Thai.
- H. Coordination of the WBCMT with Commissions and International Representatives. To coordinate all activities and actions of Representatives and commissions worldwide, so that all actions of the WBCMT regarding suspensions, revocations of licenses, and other penalties or sanctions enforced lawfully by Representatives or commissions against any boxer, manager, trainer, or other Muay Thai person shall be enforced and respected through the world.
- J. Withdrawal or Suspension of Recognition. To suspend or withdraw WBCMT recognition from any champion and challenger for any violation of this Constitution, the Rules & Regulations, or the rulings of the WBCMT, or for such other cause which, in the opinion and discretion of the Board of Committee,

justifies such suspension or withdrawal of recognition.

#### **ARTICLE IV –ADMINISTRATION**

- A. Officers. The officers of the WBCMT shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, the Executive Advisor, the Executive Coordinator. Each officer must be a member of affiliated representatives or an active national, state, provincial, county, or local boxing council, commission in good standing with the WBCMT, unless the proposed officer has been a member of the WBCMT Committee for at least three (3) years or has served as a Muay Thai boxing commissioner in any capacity for no less than five (5) years, and is appointed by majority vote of the Committee upon nomination by the President.
- B. Budget. Funds of the WBCMT shall be expended according to an annual budget, which shall be prepared by the Treasurer, and which shall be approved by the President.
- C. Official Decisions. Any action or position voiced or taken individually by any officer shall not be construed as the position or action of the WBCMT, unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Committee, other than actions of the President pursuant to his power and authority to act in the best interests of Muay Thai under this Constitution and the WBCMT Rules & Regulations.
- D. Vice President. The Vice President positions shall whenever possible be occupied by persons from different International members in order to provide a broad basis for representation.
- E. Advisors. The Advisors shall be respected professionals and/or general Muay Thai experts nominated by the President and elected as voting members of the Board of Committee to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President.
- F. Chief Legal Counsel. The Chief Legal Counsel, who may be designated as either Chief Special Counsel or General Counsel, if appropriate, shall be nominated by the President and approved by majority vote of the Board of Committee. The Chief Legal Counsel shall be a practicing attorney at law admitted to the bar of a country affiliated with a member Representatives.
- G. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President.
- H. Commencement of Duties and Removal. All officers shall assume the duties of their respective positions immediately upon their designation or appointment by the President.

## **ARTICLE V – POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- A. President. The President shall have all the obligations, rights, and duties customary to his position and all such power and authority as shall be granted to him pursuant to this Constitution and the WBCMT Rules & Regulations, including the following:
1. He shall have full power and authority to interpret this Constitution and the WBCMT Rules & Regulations, and to issue and apply such rulings as he shall in his sole discretion deem to be in the best interests of Muay Thai.
  2. He shall be the official representative and spokesman of the WBCMT with respect to final decisions of the Board of Committee or other matters related to the WBCMT.
  3. He shall appoint as many committees as he deems necessary. Such committees will report directly to him, and their decisions are subject to the WBCMT President's approval.
  4. He shall have the right to appoint judges and referees and the WBCMT representatives to all WBCMT certified contests, and will have the right to agree on such with the local Muay Thai boxing Commissions.
  5. He shall resolve, without seeking a vote, all routine matters, based on this Constitution and the WBCMT Rules & Regulations.
  6. He shall mediate in matters of controversy, at the request of the parties, or at his discretion, when it is deemed convenient to help resolve such controversies and problems.
  7. He shall organize and supervise the functions and work of the officers and committees that he appoints, and he will be responsible to the highest authority in the WBCMT.
  8. He will be responsible to represent or appoint representatives to any activity related to the WBCMT.
  9. He shall be empowered to use his office and best efforts to pursue commercial affiliations toward the ends of: promulgating a positive image of the sport of Muay Thai generally, and the WBCMT specifically; garnering funds to support the objectives of the WBCMT in Muay Thai safety; aiding promoters with WBCMT-sanctioned events, work diligently to get the best boxers and the best fights to be under the WBCMT auspices, and increasing public awareness of the sport as well as of the WBCMT.
- B. Vice-President. The duties and responsibilities of the Vice-President include acting as substitute for the President and/or other Vice-President's when necessary and to perform all activities duly designated by the President. They will be responsible for strengthening the position, participation, and image of the WBCMT in the countries of the member representatives that they represent, as the highest WBCMT officer in his area.
- C. Executive Secretary. The duties of the Executive Secretary are to assist the President and Secretary General in any role or function possible.
- D. Secretary General. The Secretary General shall be nominated by the President and shall hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President. The Secretary General shall be the officer who supports the President in the accomplishment of his responsibilities, reporting directly to the President's office, located in Thailand; he shall report to the President and shall:

1. Act on matters in representation of the President and the WBCMT Executive Office
  2. Supervise all activities of the WBCMT.
  3. Be in charge of distribution and amendments to the WBCMT Constitution and Rules & Regulations.
  4. Assist the President to administer and control the meetings at conferences and conventions.
  5. Perform all responsibilities attendant to his position, and, in case of a vacancy in the position, or incapacity of the Chairman, organize a meeting of the members to elect a successor, within ninety (90) days of the day on which the vacancy or incapacity occurs. The meeting will be chaired by the Secretary General, who will have no vote except in the case of a tie.
- E. Deputy Secretary General. The Deputy Secretary General shall be nominated by the President and shall hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President. The Deputy Secretary General shall be the officer who assist Secretary General, and acting as substitute for the Secretary General when necessary and to perform all activities duly designated by the Secretary General.
- F. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee may be nominated by the President to hold office for the remaining scheduled term of the President. If elected, the Executive Committee shall be the officer responsible for the general administration of the WBCMT at the direction of the President, and shall supervise and have authority as the President shall determine. The Executive Committee shall have such duties and powers as shall be assigned or delegated by the President or provided for under this Constitution.
- G. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:
1. Supervise and control the financial affairs of the WBCMT, including income and expenses, and prepare an annual budget for approval by the WBCMT Finance Committee.
  2. Prepare and present to the President and the Finance Committee a budget for expenses relating to the annual conventions.
  3. Prepare and present to the President and the Finance Committee, within six (6) months after the annual convention, an accounting of the actual expenses incurred and paid by the WBCMT relating to the convention.
  4. Countersign checks with a designee of the President. Reimburse all expenses made by the President, members of the Board of Committee, officers, and other persons who represent the WBCMT in any activity, including but not limited to insurance.
  5. Register the WBCMT account on the Treasury Departments of the nations where the WBCMT has financial business, where required.
  6. File tax returns to the fiscal authorities where applicable.
  7. Perform all additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the office of the Treasurer.
- H. Legal Counselors. The Legal Counselors will advise the President on all matters concerning the interpretation of this Constitution and the WBCMT Rules & Regulations. They will not be voting members of the Committee and will represent the WBCMT in all judicial and administrative matters.



- I. The WBCMT Executive Office. The WBCMT Executive Office shall be staffed by the Executive Secretary and such other staff employees as the administration of the WBCMT requires. They shall report to the President and their function shall be the administration of all WBCMT businesses.

## ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The WBCMT shall have such committees as are deemed necessary and appointed by the President. Each committee shall have a Chairman, who will be appointed by the President. Among others, the WBCMT shall have the following permanent committees: Championship; Ratings; Ring Officials; Finance; Regional Affairs; Public Relations; Administration and Medical Advisory Board as well as such other committees that the President may deem necessary. Each committee will have a vice-Chairman from each affiliated members.

The permanent committees shall have the following structures and duties:

- A. Championship Committee. This committee consists of three senior members of the WBCMT ratings committee, with a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen and will have the authority to sanction world and International championship contests, before final approval is sent to the President.
- B. Ratings Committee. Will promulgate the monthly ratings based on monthly bout results, as well as the ratings standards and additional criteria approved by the Chairman. This committee will name the Boxer of the Month and will recommend the Boxer of the Year to be named by the President, with a majority voting. It will also recommend the Fight of the Year to the President, but this accolade is restricted to WBCMT-recognized world championships, as they are the only bouts which will be viewed by a number of the members of the WBCMT Committee, and which are conducted under the supervision, Constitution, and Rules & Regulations of the WBCMT.
- C. Ring Officials Committee. The Ring Officials Committee shall promote and strive for uniformity and enhancement of the standards of all officials; coordinate world seminars on officiating, and issue certificates to WBCMT qualified and approved officials, as well as other related matters.
- D. Regional Affairs. The regional affairs will be run by the Secretary General who will be responsible for coordinating with all WBCMT representatives around the world
- E. Public Relations. The public relations committee will have the responsibility to enhance news media across digital and print media relating to all WBCMT activities in Thailand, and around the world
- F. Administration. The administration secretary will be responsible for liaising with all day-to-day admin duties from the President, right down to all global representatives.
- G. Finance Committee. Will consist of such members, including a designated Chairman, as shall be appointed by the WBCMT President. The functions of the Finance Committee will be:
1. To review and approve the year budget and other financial plans of the WBCMT;
  2. To review and approve non-budgeted expenses of the WBCMT;
  3. To produce programs to generate revenues in order to support and promote the WBCMT and its activities.
  4. To arrange special events to raise such funds as may be required;
  5. To meet at least once a year to review financial matters of the WBCMT; and
  6. To have the authority to supervise and audit the accounting records under the responsibility of the Treasurer.

- H. Medical Advisory Board. Shall advise the WBCMT on all matters pertaining to the health and safety of boxers, and shall advise Muay Thai federations to the extent possible, of all preferred and/or necessary procedures to enhance the safety of boxers, and shall execute any medical program of research and development to find the safest way for the protection and treatment of injuries of boxers.

The remaining committees whose functions are not specifically set forth shall have those duties as are assigned from time to time by the President.

#### **ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

The executive office of the WBCMT shall be located in Bangkok, Thailand

#### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

- A. Annual Meetings. The Committees and the countries representaives shall meet at least once a year to review, amend, and vote on any and all matters related to professional MuayThai within the WBCMT.
- B. Special Meetings. Between annual conventions, depending on the convenience and ability of its members, the Committee may meet on such dates and in such places, as the President shall designate, subject to the consent of the majority of the members of the Committee. Meetings may be held in person or by teleconference.
- C. Date and Place of Meetings. The Chairman, or his designee on behalf of the Chairman, shall set the date and place of all meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – EXPRESS AGREEMENT**

All parties involved in reaching an agreement as to a WBCMT contest shall fully accept and agree to abide by this Constitution and the Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules and rulings of the WBCMT. Regardless of whether or not such document has been executed and returned to the WBCMT, all boxers, managers, promoters, trainers, and all other parties transacting business with the WBCMT are deemed to expressly agree to be bound by and comply with the Constitution, Rules & Regulations, Championship Rules, and all rulings of the WBCMT in all matters pertaining to the conduct of such business, in order to participate in any dealings with the WBCMT. The expression of any party of a lack of knowledge of the WBCMT Constitution, Rules & Regulations, or Championship rules will not be a cause for any exception in regard to this rule.

The WBCMT Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and Championship Rules are available on the WBCMT web page on the Internet. Upon request to the WBCMT Executive Offices, a copy of the WBCMT Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and Championship Rules will be furnished.