



Members of Boxing Canada,

In recent weeks we have received a number of inquiries from athletes and coaches regarding Boxing Canada's participation in the upcoming Men's World Championships. Similar to the Women's World Championships, our decision to participate in this event has been based on information and discussions with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), as well as several other Boxing federations. On March 28th 2023, the IOC released a document outlining the conditions under which Russian and Belarussian athletes could compete in international competitions. The Women's World Championships as well as the upcoming Men's World Championships in Tashkent Uzbekistan are in direct violation of the Olympic Movement as well as the recommendations outlined in the attached document. Specifically, the IBA are allowing Russian and Belarussian athletes to compete under their own flag banner and anthem as part of these competitions.

Given the ongoing defiance of the IBA and their unwillingness to cooperate with the IOC, the Board of Directors of Boxing Canada have decided to uphold the decision of the IOC and the values of the Olympic movement and not participate in the 2023 Men's World Championships. We understand the implications that this decision will have on our national team athletes and we are working diligently alongside our HPD and national team coaches to find a suitable replacement tournament to continue developing our HP athletes in preparation for the Pan American Games Qualifiers as well as the 2024 Paris Olympics.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Boxing Canada,

Ryan O'Shea

Boxing Canada President