



World Boxing Championships, Liverpool 2025

Independent Steering Group Members – Candidate Pack

About the Championships

LIVERPOOL in England has been selected as the host city for the inaugural World Boxing Championships 2025 for Elite men and women.

The Championships, which will take place from 4 – 14 September 2025 at the M&S Bank Arena, will be the first Elite-level global championships hosted by World Boxing, the new International Federation which has been set-up to ensure that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement.

The action will feature competition in 10 weight classes for both men and women and will be the first time ever that male and female boxers have competed in Olympic-style boxing for the title of world champion at the same event.

The bid to host the World Boxing Championships 2025 was developed by a group of partners including England Boxing, GB Boxing, Liverpool City Council and the M&S Bank Arena and is supported by the National Lottery and UK Sport.

Liverpool has a long history of staging major international events and was the location for the European Boxing Championships in 2008. More recently it hosted the 2019 Vitality Netball World Cup and the 2022 World Gymnastics Championships at the M&S Bank Arena and The Open Golf Championship at Royal Liverpool in 2023. The arena also hosted the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023.

The privilege of hosting the World Boxing Championships extends beyond the realm of sports. It is a unique opportunity for a country to showcase extensive social impacts to communities across Merseyside and beyond, and set the benchmark for sustainable major event delivery the world over.

World Boxing, the international governing body for Olympic-style boxing, is committed to safeguarding the sport and keeping it at the heart of the Olympic Movement. The event will have a clear focus on upholding competition integrity and promoting inclusivity.

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About the Championships steering group

The Championship Steering Group will oversee the delivery of the strategic goals and associated objectives of the Championships. The board will be made up of representatives of Liverpool City Council, GB Boxing, England Boxing and UK Sport, plus two independent board members one of which as a former boxer will be the athlete representative, and an independent chair.

The board will have the following responsibilities (but not limited to):

- Setting the strategy and objectives
- Monitoring and where appropriate approval of event budget and financial planning
- Monitoring & managing risk
- Stakeholder management and liaison
- Monitoring operational progress and readiness
- Post event review

About the roles

Through this process, we are looking for 3 independent board members, one as Chair and one as the athlete representative, who understand the role that elite sport, participation and major events can play in society.

Candidates could come from a wide variety of backgrounds with relevant skills to enhance the board's ability to support the delivery of a successful championships. We are specifically looking for individuals with expertise in the following areas:

- Marketing and Communications
- Commercial & Sponsorship
- Social Impacts
- Event Delivery and Spectator Experience

The stakeholders are keen the board is diverse. Thus, we are particularly focused on achieving better female, black, Asian and minority ethnic and disabled representation.

Previous Board experience is not essential, training and mentoring can be provided.

The post is not remunerated, though reasonable expenses will be paid. Meetings are expected to take place bi-monthly, and will take place at venues in Liverpool, Sheffield or virtually. We would hope that appointees would be willing to make contributions/provide advice, within reason, outside of the Board cycle of meetings.

Role description

Title	Independent Chair of the Championships Steering Group & Independent Member of the Championships Steering Group
Time Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend up to 6 board meetings, plus reading of the associated board papers • Attend up to 6 sub-group meetings • Press and media interviews as requested in the run up to the Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at some PR activity in the run up to the event • Attendance at some activity during the Championships in 2025
Remuneration	All reasonable travel expenses will be covered
Length of Term	The term of office will begin in Autumn 2024 and shall last until after delivery of the Championships. This date is likely to be December 2025.
Overview of the role	The board is responsible for the oversight and planning of the Championships as executed by GB Boxing Events Ltd.

<p>Main responsibilities of the Independent Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that the Group is effective in discussing and setting the company’s strategic direction in delivering the Championships. • To act as a member of the Group, offering guidance, support, expertise and an objective perspective on the key matters of strategy, governance, commercial and financial affairs, and risk management. • To sit on specialist sub-groups of the Group as appropriate and agreed, particularly in respect of the specific skills and experience that each director brings. • To play a key part in the decision-making process on strategic and governance issues • To ensure that the organisation is run in a transparent and equitable manner • To act in accordance with the Championship Steering Groups Terms of Reference • To help identify and manage any conflicts of interest that might arise within the Group. • To offer advice and guidance in a consultative capacity to the executive as required, helping to ensure that the organisation has a robust, workable and viable operational strategy, and monitoring the performance of the organisation (and the executive management) against that strategy. • To maintain positive relationships with major external stakeholders • To advise on the athletes’ experience and experience when considering event delivery, sport delivery and legacy
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Appointment process and how to apply

In line with best practice the event partners are recruiting the role via an open and transparent process.

To apply for either role, please provide the following:

- A copy of your CV
- A cover letter (not exceeding 2 pages) explaining why you are interested in the role and how you meet the key skills and experience required.

Please send the application documents to hr@gbboxing.org.uk

The provisional timetable for the role is as follows:

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| • October 2024 | Applications open |
| • 4 th November 2024 | Closing date for applications |
| • Mid November 2024 | Interviews and appointments |
| • December 2024 | Induction period |
| • January 2025 | First board meeting |