

To the attention of:
All IBA National Federations

Lausanne, 17 August 2026

International Boxing Day, 27 August 2026 – Honouring our Champions, Inspiring our Future

Dear Presidents, Secretaries General, Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Members of the IBA Family,

As we prepare to celebrate International Boxing Day 2026, we do so with immense pride, gratitude, and optimism for the future of our sport.

This year's celebration carries special significance. It marks an important milestone in the journey of the International Boxing Association (IBA), a Congress year, and the culmination of six years of dedicated work, transformation, growth, and collaboration across our global boxing family. Together, we have strengthened our foundations, expanded opportunities for our athletes, supported our National Federations, and reaffirmed our commitment to boxing and its people worldwide. Building upon previous International Boxing Day celebrations that highlighted unity, progress and the global boxing community, we now look towards an even brighter future.

The theme for International Boxing Day 2026 is: *"Honouring our Champions, Inspiring our Future"*

This theme recognises not only the extraordinary achievements of our champions inside the ring, but also the countless individuals who contribute to the success of our sport every day. Our athletes, coaches, referees and judges, medical personnel, volunteers, administrators, supporters, and National Federations all play an essential role in shaping the future of our beloved sport.

As part of our worldwide celebrations, we invite every National Federation to create and share short video reels and digital stories showcasing:

- a. The impact of boxing within your country and communities.
- b. The achievements of your boxers, past and present.
- c. Stories of collaboration between athletes, coaches, clubs, schools, and federations.
- d. How boxing inspires young people and creates opportunities for future generations.
- e. Moments that demonstrate the values of respect, courage, inclusion, friendship, and excellence.
- f. The people behind the scenes who help make boxing possible every day.

We encourage you to be creative and authentic. Let the world see what boxing means to your nation and how our collective efforts continue to change lives.

When publishing your content across social media platforms, please:

- Tag IBA @iba_official on all posts
- Mention International Boxing Day celebrated on 27 August in the caption
- Mention the theme of celebration "Honouring Our Champions, Inspiring Our Future"
- Encourage athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, and supporters to participate and tell their story.

International Boxing Day is far more than a celebration of sport. It is a celebration of people. It is an opportunity to showcase the strength of our community, the resilience of our athletes, and the positive impact boxing delivers in every corner of the world.



As we enter this important year, let us demonstrate what can be achieved when the global boxing family works together with a shared vision and purpose. The achievements of the past six years belong to all of us, and the opportunities of the next four years will be built through the same spirit of unity, collaboration, and ambition.

We look forward to seeing your stories, your champions, and your vision for the future as we celebrate together on 27 August 2026. You can start posting with no delay marking the next days to the celebration with incredible stories of boxing family who make your nation proud.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our sport and to the millions of people whose lives are enriched through boxing.

Together, let us honour our champions and inspire our future.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Roberts OBE

IBA Secretary General & CEO

For and on behalf of Mr. Umar Kremlev, President of the International Boxing Association

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