



CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE AIBA CODE OF ETHICS

The strength of every sport organization resides in the integrity and trustworthiness of its members. In the summer of 2016, this trust was called into question both internally and externally by allegations of corruption. In August of 2016, upon receiving word of the alleged corruption, AIBA President Ching Kuo Wu authorized a Special Investigation Commission (SIC) to investigate the allegations of corruption. President Wu instructed that all resources of AIBA be made available to the SIC for this investigation, and that the SIC had the authority to investigate all members of AIBA, reminding them that no one was above the law. The President authorized the Commission to use every available disciplinary authority to prosecute any and all contributors to corruption in AIBA, including if necessary, the Swiss legal system.

Initial results of the SIC investigation have indicated that AIBA is immersed in a culture of perceived corruption at best, with indications that a small percentage of AIBA membership may have participated in corrupt practices. The SIC noted that this perception of a “culture of Corruption”, has been allowed to flourish because a small but significant number of AIBA Executive Committee and National Federation leaders, AIBA staff members and AIBA competition officials who are entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the organizations trustworthiness, have failed to act honorably, or hold others to the standards and principles that are stated in the AIBA Code of Ethics.

The AIBA Ethics Code is rooted in the principle that the AIBA Executive Committee, AIBA Staff, and AIBA Competition Officials are all honorable people who can be trusted. That these individuals are beyond reproach, and that their actions and practices overtly demonstrate that they are both honorable and trustworthy. Implicit in the AIBA Ethics Code, is an Honor concept which infers that all AIBA members who assume positions of leadership roles in AIBA will act honorably and with trustworthiness at all times, and will not tolerate anyone who would lie, cheat, misrepresent or bring dishonor to themselves or the AIBA organization. Sadly, as the SIC has discovered, not all AIBA members in roles of leadership have acted honorably.

It is time for every AIBA leader to look themselves in the mirror and ask the question, “am I honorable”! If you have acted honorably, then you will have no problem signing the Certification of Compliance with the AIBA Code of Ethics. If you have not acted honorably, then we request that in the best interest of the sport of boxing, you NOT sign the **Certification of Compliance with the AIBA Code of Ethics!**