Another Stripe for the AIBA

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The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has just added another stripe to its already loaded suit of irregularities: the World Series of Boxing (WSB) Season VIII won’t have quarter-final leg.

In a previous commentary we already noticed that this event, pretty useful for Cuban boxing, is running a serious risk of disappearing because of the lack of seriousness of the AIBA when setting the rules, especially in the decisive instances, precisely those that claim it the most.

It all turned out perfectly in its first editions, but in the last ones they agree something in the technical congress of the event, but then another is done, when the moment of truth arrives.

First, when they said that the final would be in the country of the best qualified team of the regular leg, but it did not happen like that, and last year the title match was hardly held of budget problems.

Money issue seems to be the one that keeps the Series agonizing, although the AIBA, which in addition still has serious problems of governability, hasn’t recognized it publicly.

Consequently, teams such as Uzbek Tigers that thought to take part in the postseason, will no longer have chance to the throne, hence their preparation plans will be disrupted.

According to a draw recently held with no justification because there was a global ranking of the Series, the semifinals will include Cuban Tamers vs. French Fighting Roosters on one hand, and British Lionhearts vs. Astana Arlans Kazakhstan on the other hand.

Firstly, they will fight in the C-2 format and then in the C-1 one (Cuba closes the Series at home) on May 18 and 25, and in case of a draw at the end of the ten fights of the regular schedule**,** the tie-breaker will be an extra bout in the 69 kg division.

You'd better do not ask me how and where the final will be held. The brainy executives of the AIBA will already be thinking how to close the event in the best way, and surprises are not ruled out.

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