

All 36 boxing officials from Rio 2016 banned from Tokyo 2020 Olympics

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All 36 boxing judges and referees from the Rio 2016 Olympic Games will be banned from officiating at Tokyo 2020 next year, an International Olympic Committee task force has announced.

A number of referees and judges were sent home during the competition after several questionable decisions in Brazil, with some allegations that fights had been fixed.

An investigation by the Amateur International Boxing Association (AIBA) in 2017 determined that there had been no interference in results, but it recommended that the Rio judges be reconsidered on a "case-by-case" basis.

As a result, officials will be selected from a pool of AIBA certified judges and referees, who have been vetted to make sure they meet the selection criteria, which makes all the Rio judges ineligible for Tokyo.

The task force said, following discussions with athletes, that every fight will display the end-of-round score and include other measures aimed at increasing clarity, transparency and integrity.

Boxing task force chair Morinari Watanabe said: "The main objective of the IOC boxing task force is to ensure the completion of the mission of delivering events, while putting the boxers first, and with transparent and credible sporting results and fair play."

Officials for each match will be selected randomly, while an independent firm supervises the

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whole process.

After his defeat at the Rio 2016 games, Irish boxer Michael Conlan said in his post-match interview: "I came for gold and I've been cheated. I'll not do another Olympics. I would advise anybody not to compete for the AIBA. I've been robbed of my Olympic dream."

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