

Case: Trib_2025/04

Opening of Disciplinary Proceedings

issued by the
Chairperson of the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit's Tribunal,

on
13 September 2025

against
Mr. Khamza Avezov (Azerbaijan), the Azerbaijan national team's coach
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Accused Party

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Accusing Party

Decree:

1. The Accused Party is informed that the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit's ("**BIIU**") Tribunal ("**Tribunal**") received a written complaint (the "**Complaint**") from the International Boxing Association ("**IBA**" or the "Complainant") Head Office on 10 September 2025. The Complaint presents that, in relation to EUBC Schoolboys & Schoolgirls European Boxing Championship (IBA-sanctioned event), held in Zlatibor, Serbia from 23 to 27 July 2025, on 27 July 2025, during the 2nd round of the Schoolboys' final bout (weight category 75 kg) between Viktor Majstorovic (SRB) and Yusif Aghakishiyev (AZE), Mr. Khamza Avezov (the "**Accused Party**") physically assaulted the bout's referee, Mr. Stefan Cubalevski (MKD), and therefore, the Accused Party is alleged to have committed a breach of the following rule:
 - **Article 17(c) of the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code adopted by the IBA Board on 08 December 2023 ("DEC") – Misconduct towards a Competition Official.**
2. Subsequent to the abovementioned Complaint, and in accordance with the Tribunal competencies as per Article 6 DEC, the Chairperson of the Tribunal is hereby formally opening disciplinary proceedings against the Accused Party based on Article 9.1 of the BIIU Procedural Rules adopted by the IBA Board on 25 August 2023 ("**BIIUPR**").
3. Pursuant to Article 24.2 BIIUPR, the BIIU Managing Director appointed on 12 Sep. 2025, Mr Giulio Palermo (Italian lawyer based in Geneva, Switzerland) as an Investigation and Prosecution Officer ("**IPO**"). The IPO is empowered to investigate and prosecute this case in accordance with the BIIUPR, including collecting evidence, summoning experts, examining witnesses, as well as anyone it deems appropriate. Upon the investigation stage, IPO shall provide the Tribunal with the motivated written submission, in addition to all relevant evidence and proposals on any possible sanction, and this no later than **24 October 2025 at 6:00pm (CEST)**, extensible once subject to the Tribunal Chairperson's approval.
4. The Chairperson of the Tribunal considers that, based on the evidence available, it is obvious that an infringement has been committed by the Accused Party; however, a final decision on the merits cannot be rendered with sufficient urgency. Physical assault towards a Competition Official should not be tolerated.
5. Given the foregoing, the Chairperson of the Tribunal resolves, *ex officio* and without the obligation to hear any of the Parties at this stage, that the imposition of a defined-term provisional measure is both necessary and proportionate in light of the seriousness and urgency of the situation. Accordingly, and pursuant to Article 17.3 BIIUPR, the Chairperson hereby orders the **provisional suspension of the Accused Party from all EUBC and IBA-related activities, in any capacity, for a period of ninety (90) days.**

6. This decision shall be notified to the Parties as of its date of issuance and the provisional suspension shall be immediately enforceable.

Yours sincerely,



Boxing Independent Integrity Unit's Tribunal
Malek Badri, Chairman

There is no independent right of appeal against this decree.

Attachments:

- IBA's Complaint dated 04 August 2025 about alleged violation of IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code by Mr. Khamza Avezov including 4 Exhibits.

Copy by email to:

- Boxing Independent Integrity Unit (BIIU), Managing Director: director@biiu.sport
- International Boxing Association (IBA) represented by its CEO and Secretary General: info@iba.sport **as Complainant**
- Boxing Federation of Azerbaijan: sg@abf.az; info@abf.az